

weather report

64°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:02 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:03 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:00 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 63 degrees
- Humidity 33 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds northeast 10 mph
- Barometer 30.16 inches and rising
- Record High 89° (1947)
- Record Low 22° (1982)

Last 24 Hours*

High 78°
Low 39°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 40-45, east winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Increasing cloudiness, high mid 60s, low 40-45, south winds 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: chance of rain, high 55-65, low 40-50.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.71/bushel
Posted county price — \$2.57
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.86/bushel
Posted county price — \$1.68
Loan deficiency pmt. — 31¢
Milo — \$2.78/hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.13/bushel
Posted county price — \$3.93
Loan deficiency payment — 97¢
Millet — ask
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.20/cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.45
Confection current — \$15/\$6/cwt.
Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Fight escalates in West Bank

NABLUS, West Bank — Defying an Israeli deadline for a truce, Palestinian gunmen and rock-throwers attacked Israeli soldiers at West Bank friction points on Friday. The Israelis returned fire, killing nine Palestinians in the deadliest day of fighting in two weeks.

The clashes, in which Israeli tanks and combat helicopters also fired on Palestinian positions near Jerusalem and Bethlehem, all but destroyed hopes that a cease-fire declared at an emergency Mideast summit earlier this week would hold.

Prime Minister Ehud Barak, speaking after the passing of a 4 p.m. deadline set by Israel for an end to the violence, indicated Israel would wait and see what happens at an Arab League summit this weekend.

Man says seeding effects not proven

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Two weeks before an election where voters could decide the fate of cloud seeding in northwest Kansas, an Oklahoma research scientist will come to Colby to talk about why the weather-changing process hasn't been proven to work.

A group formed to oppose cloud seeding — where storm clouds are injected with chemicals to increase rain and reduce hail — has invited Dr. Chuck Doswell, a retired National Weather Service researcher, to speak at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Colby High School Auditorium. The school is east of K-25 behind Wal-Mart.

Doswell's visit comes two weeks before Thomas County voters will be asked whether they want cloud seeding to continue, and in the midst of a debate that could soon come to a head.

The cloud seeding issue began heating up four years ago when a weather modification program started here as an extension of a 25-year-old program in southwestern Kansas. It started to boil over this year, as commissioners in Rawlins, Cheyenne and Decatur counties opted out of the program paid for by a regional agency and the state.

Rawlins and Decatur county commissioners declared the practice illegal, and Thomas County commissioners plan to ask constituents if they should

do the same in an "advisory" vote. Sherman County commissioners have discussed putting the issue to a vote as well, but have decided to hold off.

Doswell, a research scientist with the National Severe Storms Laboratory in Norman, said he will explain how different forms of weather modification, or cloud seeding, work and why meteorologists haven't found value in seeding programs.

"There's no conclusive information that says weather modification works or doesn't work," he said. "I will talk about why that is true."

The 55-year-old meteorologist, who

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Group seeks program end

Sherry Barrett said some farmers have had good experiences with cloud seeding and some have had bad. She's had only bad.

Barrett, a member of a group opposed to the controversial process, said she's watched airplanes carrying cloud-seeding agents fly into a storm cloud developing over her land in Thomas County. She said she's seen what happens afterwards.

One year before wheat harvest, Barrett said, she saw a cloud-seeding

airplane fly into a storm moving over one of her family's wheat fields. It had looked to be one of the highest-yielding crops in years, she said, until it was ruined by hail.

Minutes after the plane flew into the storm, Barrett said, hail began to fall and the crop was reduced from 60 to 20 bushels an acre. She blames the damage on cloud seeding.

"It's a little hard not to think that's

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Regular guy turns into hero

Men rescue woman from burning car

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

An ordinary drive down a county road turned into a heroizing experience for a Goodland man Wednesday night.

Dan Knitig was driving out to a friend's house that night when he saw flames coming from a car and pulled to the side of the road to help. What he did was save the life of a woman trapped in her wrecked car with a broken leg.

Knitig, who works at Elliott's as a sales representative, said he didn't see anything of the accident, which had occurred several minutes before he arrived, except the flames from Bonnie Thompson's car.

Thompson, 52, had been driving east on County Road 67, while her former high school classmate Larry Gutsch, also 52, was driving north on County Road 19. Gutsch was driving across the intersection when Thompson clipped the back of his vehicle near the back wheel, said Undersheriff Dee Albers.

Gutsch's truck rolled twice and landed in a ditch, said Albers, but Gutsch managed to get out. Later, he was taken to the Goodland Regional Medical Center, and Sondera Krayca with the nursing department said Thursday afternoon that he was listed in stable condition.

Knitig said Gutsch was standing on the roadside when he pulled up. Both cars were totaled and no tickets were issued, said Albers.

Cynthia Gutsch, Larry Gutsch's wife, said her husband had been trying to comfort and console Thompson, as he couldn't get her out of the vehicle.

"We were going to wait for the emergency vehicles," said Knitig, "but the fire kept getting bigger."

Gutsch and Knitig didn't want to injure Thompson more by moving her, he said, but when the fire got bigger, with no help in sight, he knew he had to do

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Ghosts invade Goodland lawns

Ghosts, goblins and ghouls are beginning to invade Goodland lawns as Halloween creeps closer. A ghost rose from a lawn at 416 E. 10th Friday morning, while Frankenstein hugged a telephone pole in front of 122 N. Caldwell and peeked out at passersby. A ghost at 1019 Caldwell scared people from a hedge.

Photo by Rachel Miscall
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Board to see reading lab and new class

The Goodland School Board will meet at Goodland High School at 7 p.m. on Monday to see a demonstration of the school's reading lab and a presentation of a new technical preparation class.

Members will gather in the high school cafeteria. The board meets twice a month, and during the school year usually devotes the second meeting to visiting schools in the district.

Harvey Swager, high school principal, will give a report on new policies and goals, and the board will hear an update from the Social Promotion Committee.

Quail population high here, low in southeast

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

The quail population in western Kansas is the highest it's ever been, which could mean a fruitful season for hunters here, but the story is different in the east, where populations have dropped enough to warrant a quail recovery program.

Though quail all over the U.S. are losing their homes to development, state experts say the high numbers here should make for a good quail season,

which runs in western Kansas from Nov. 1 to January 31.

"The problem isn't quite as bad in Kansas as it is over the rest of the United States," said Dr. Robert Robel, an ecology professor at Kansas State University in Manhattan.

While numbers are low enough in southeastern Kansas for a quail recovery program, said Randy Rodgers, a wildlife biologist with the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks in Hays, numbers in western Kansas are higher

now than anyone can remember. "The drought this year might have dropped numbers slightly," he said, "but the numbers are still thriving in the Goodland area."

Rodgers said the program in the southeast was started because of changes in farm practices, and a loss of quail habitat due to development.

Tom Glick, district wildlife biologist with the department and co-chair of the Southeast Kansas Quail Working Group, said the program, called the

Kansas Quail Initiative, was started by the group, which has members from the department, K-State Extension, the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Kansas Farm Bureau, Pittsburg State University and Quail Unlimited.

Robel said the program is meant to increase the population of bobwhite quail before it drops too much.

"The increase in quail populations

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