

weather report

49°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 4:46 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:16 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:45 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil Temperature 52 degrees

• Humidity 68 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds northwest 25-29 mph

• Barometer 29.76 inches and rising

• Record High 78° (1988)

• Record Low 4° (1951)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 68°

Low 34°

Precipitation 0.42 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 30-35, west winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny high 50-55, low 25-30, northwest winds 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: dry, high 45-50, low 25-30.

Saturday: dry, high 60, low 25-30.

Sunday: chance of rain, high 50, low 30-35.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.72 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.25

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$1.88 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.73

Loan deficiency pmt. — 26¢

Milo — \$3.02 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.12 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.92

Loan deficiency payment — 98¢

Millet — price not posted; ask.

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.30 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.50

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.

Airline defends pilot's decision

TAIPEI, Taiwan — Singapore Airlines defended its pilot's decision to take off in heavy wind and rain, saying Wednesday he did not endanger the lives of the 179 people aboard the jumbo jet that burst into flames on the runway, killing 79.

Investigators searched for a mystery object that Flight SQ006 may have hit before catching fire and breaking into three pieces late Tuesday. Of the 47 Americans on board, at least 23 were killed.

As emergency workers pulled bodies from the charred, blue-and-tan wreckage, early speculation pointed to gusting winds as a possible factor in the Los Angeles-bound Boeing 747-400's accident. But the airline and Taiwanese aviation officials said the veteran pilot, Capt. C.K. Foong, wasn't reckless for deciding to fly.

# Seven twisters hit area

## Late-season storms highly unusual

The amazing thing wasn't that seven tornadoes tore across northwest Kansas on Tuesday — one damaging a Sherman County farm — it was how late in the year they came.

Seven tornadoes were reported across northwest Kansas on Halloween afternoon, leaving weather service staff searching for the last time a tornado touched down this close to November.

"We are still looking for another November tornado occurrence recorded in the past," said Kevin Lynott, a warning coordinator meteorologist with the National Weather Service office in Goodland, "but I can go on record as saying this is one of the biggest events we've had this late in the year."

The storms not only bred tornadoes, but large hail and rain.

Lynott said a total of about six or seven tornadoes were spotted in Sherman, Thomas and Decatur counties in Kansas and Red Willow County in Nebraska.

"None of the tornadoes hit towns," Lynott said, "and the only damage reported was four and a half miles south of Ruleton."

He said the weather service staff hadn't gotten a chance to survey the damage caused on Eddie and Monica Emig's ranch south of Ruleton.

The tornado damaged a barn, small building, trees and vehicles on the farm, and caused minor damage to the Emig's house.

"Without seeing the damage we can't rate the tornadoes," Lynott said, "but I can say that all of the tornadoes will probably be rated as either F-0s or F-1s."

An F-0-rated tornado produces winds that are 40 to 72 miles-per-hour and damage is usually chimney damage and broken tree branches. An F-1-rated tornado produces winds 73 to 112 miles-per-hour and can overturn mobile homes or push them off their foundation.

Hail from one inch in diameter to tennis-ball sized was reported all over the tri-state area, Lynott said.

He said rain accompanied the storms, with most areas getting two to three inches. Goodland, however, only received .42 inches of rain — though it was in a short time.

Lynott said after the sun went down the storm began to diminish and severe weather reports stopped.

"The conditions yesterday were set up just about perfect for tornadoes," he said. "It just goes to show you things like this could happen anytime, and we always have to be prepared."



Eddie Emig stood near the remains of a small building that had been his farm's "cat house" before it was destroyed Tuesday when a tornado passed through. The twister hit south of Ruleton, narrowly missing the family's home.

Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

# Tornado strikes farm near Ruleton

## High winds damage barn, vehicles, home

By Tom Betz  
The Goodland Daily News

When Monica Emig saw the boat soaring towards her home, she knew it was time to head for the basement.

A tornado ripped through Monica and Eddie Emig's farm 4 1/2 miles south of Ruleton at 2:45 p.m. Tuesday, as a series of violent storms swept across northwest Kansas and eastern Colorado. The twister brought a Halloween disaster blowing over trees and damaging a barn, trailer, pickup and small building on the farm.

"We didn't have time to get anywhere," Monica Emig said. "The last thing I saw was that boat coming at me."

Eddie was trying to go to his 91-year-old mother Helen, she said, while she was trying to get to the basement and they ran into each other.

"It looked like a large dirt devil and there was absolutely no warning," she said.

The tornado took the roof off of a sheep barn where Eddie had parked two pickups and a car. It also picked up a flatbed trailer, destroyed a couple of trees and blew apart a small building where the farm cats had been living.

The power line to the house was



Eddie Emig had rushed to get pickups and a car into a barn on his farm south of Ruleton Tuesday minutes before a tornado hit dropping part of the barn wall on one of the pickups.

taken down, but a repair crew from Midwest Energy had power restored within an hour.

"It was terrifying for about two seconds," Eddie said. "I knew it was go-

ing to hit and then it was over."

He said the eaves of the house were damaged and something hit and cracked a patio door. He hurried to get the vehicles in the barn, he said, because

of the reports of hail, but the tornado ripped the roof off. A car sitting outside had its back window broken out.

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# Attend banquet; help end hunger

By Rachel Miscal  
The Goodland Daily News

That 4 1/2 cents stuck between your couch cushions is enough to feed five starving children.

It's only spare change to you, but to the Goodland Rotary Club it's a way to help feed impoverished families thousands of miles away.

The Rotary Club is asking people to gather their spare change and attend the HungerPlus banquet at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Goodland United Methodist Church First fellowship hall on 12th and Sherman.

You can buy a \$4 ticket from a Rotarian or at the door.

"We're getting an opportunity at the local level to contribute to a humanitarian cause," said John Garcia, Rotary president and owner of Garcia's Home Furnishing and Appliance.

The cause is serious, he said, but the banquet will be fun. There will be food, entertainment and speakers.

Garcia said all of the money raised will go towards the independent HungerPlus program, initiated by Rotary International, which produces packages of dehydrated food and delivers them to starving people on every continent.

One four-ounce food package, produced by the Rotary-founded Breed-

love Dehydration Plant in Lubbock, Texas, costs 3 1/2 cents to produce, Garcia said, and a penny to ship to any place in the world.

He said no money raised goes towards administrative costs — or paying workers' salaries.

Garcia said the package, which makes a nutritious soup when mixed with water and heated, can feed five children.

If 4 1/2 cents can feed five children, he said, just imagine what a dollar can do.

"For every \$10 we raise," Garcia

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## Skeletons need food too



Ismel Garcia enjoyed a cupcake at the Northwest Kansas Regional Prevention Center on Halloween night. The center was a safe place for kids to eat treats.

Photo by Dana Sulsberger / The Goodland Daily News

## Hospital board to review early budget

The Goodland Regional Medical Center Board will review a preliminary budget for next year when members meet on Thursday night.

The board will hold their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the hospital board room at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

"The meeting should be fairly rou-

tine," said Penny Nemechek, with the medical center's administration office.

Board members will review the outpatient surgery and risk management plan policy manual, she said. Medicare requires all policy manuals to be reviewed annually and the board goes over a few each meeting.

The board will hear the hospital

administrator's report, she said, which is a summary of what was accomplished during the month.

In addition to looking at the preliminary budget, Nemechek said, board members will look at the monthly financial report. Finally, she said, the board will go into closed session to discuss personnel and risk management.