

Naughty or nice?



Darin Richardson took a picture while Santa cuddled a poodle on Saturday at the old Schneider's building on Main Street. Richardson took pictures for pet owners who brought their animals to the event put on by the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

matters of record

Goodland Police Report
Nov. 29 — At 4:53 p.m., Austin's Conoco, 1802 Sandy Road, reported a gas skip, \$17.
Dec. 1 — At 3:13 p.m., Clint Gresty reported that a door was damaged and tools taken from his house at 1402 Cherry between 6 p.m. on

Nov. 30 and 3:13 p.m. on Dec. 1, \$2,095.
 At 2:10 p.m., Tina Perry reported that hub caps were taken from her vehicle at 509 Caldwell, between 10 p.m. on Nov. 30 and 2:10 p.m. on Dec. 1, \$300.
Saturday — At 9:13 p.m., Jeremy

J. Quistorff was arrested and held for the Department of Corrections in St. Charles, Mo.
Sunday — At 10:29 a.m., Dustin Dean Martin reported that his '83 Chevrolet truck was taken from 804 Eustis between 10 p.m. on Saturday and 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, \$4,500.

School board to celebrate Christmas

The Goodland School Board will meet early tonight, discuss a few things and then go to Sugar Hills Country Club for Christmas dinner.
 Members will meet at the administration office on Main Street at 5:45 p.m. for the annual board picture, which will be hung on the wall next to pictures of past boards.
 Besides regular business and reports, the board will decide whether to

continue participating in an interactive television program that involves 15 northwest Kansas districts and is based in Oakley.
 Superintendent Marvin Selby said the district pays about \$2,000 a month for the service, which allows students to attend other schools' classes through the television, but rarely uses it because Goodland is an hour behind in the mountain time zone.

"It's really hard to get hooked up with other schools," he said, "because of the time difference."
 The contract is up in January, the superintendent said, and the board will discuss whether to renew it. He said they could also decide to switch to a similar program based in Brewster that would allow students to take classes from schools in southeast Kansas.

Weather research can help predict storms

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the study, he said, were two major downburst storms, two low-precipitation storms, two tornadic storms and three supercells.
 One of the top cases, he said, occurred June 29, when researchers collected information on a supercell thunderstorm for more than two hours. Observation included excellent Doppler radar coverage, four balloon launches, T-28 penetration — an armored T-28 was a plane brought in by one of the Universities involved in the study and launched into the center of

the storms — and coverage by the mesonet unit, a unit of cars rigged with equipment to measure rainfall and wind speed. The drivers also observed some tornadoes that day. The lightning mapping system reported flash rates of one per second at times.
 Rust said very preliminary results from the study showed strong evidence that storms can have a completely inverted electrical structure throughout the entire storm depth. That causes a phenomenon called negative lightning which goes up rather than down.
 This discovery contradicted what scientists had previously thought about

negative lightning.
 "The analysis of the information collected will be discussed in presentation at meetings and in scientific journals," said Keli Tarp, public affairs coordinator with the administration in Norman.
 She said down the road, any applications to forecasting the researchers discovered during the study will be tested at National Weather Service offices.
 "Any findings from the study about electrical structure," she said, "will add to our basic understanding of lightning and thunderstorms in general."

West Coast energy crisis heightens

LOS ANGELES — An energy crunch continued to grip the West Coast as cold weather in the Pacific Northwest put an increasing strain on power supplies.
 The Northwest Emergency Response Team, comprising utilities and lawmakers from Oregon, Washington, Montana and Idaho, met Sunday and reissued a Stage Two warning for the region.
 Temperatures have been about 15

degrees below normal in the Northwest, and while the cold snap isn't expected to be as harsh as predicted, forecasters still expect temperatures to remain below normal this week.
 "Just about every degree above what was previously expected makes things a little bit better," said forecaster Jay Albrecht of the National Weather Service.
 The weather in the Northwest also

affects California because as the cold increases, natural gas that powers generating facilities there may be diverted to Washington and Oregon to heat homes and offices.
 The Independent System Operator, which manages the power grid that serves 75 percent of California, also issued a Stage Two emergency on Sunday and urged residents statewide to keep their holiday lights off until 7 p.m.

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