

weather
report

34°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:02 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 29 degrees
- Humidity 41 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds north 43-55
- Barometer 30.24 inches and steady
- Record High 76° (1979)
- Record Low -15° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High 58°
Low 7°
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear, low 10, northwest winds 10-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high mid 40s, low 20-25, southwest winds 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: chance of snow, high 30-35, low 20-25. Thursday: dry, high 20-25, low 0-10. Friday: dry, high 30s, low 5.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.71 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.54
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.96 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.87
Loan deficiency pmt. — 12¢
Milo — \$3.13 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.51 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.36
Loan deficiency payment — 54¢
Millet — \$9.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.95 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.00
Confection current — \$15/\$7 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.

Bush filling cabinet posts

WASHINGTON — President-elect Bush met with Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and congressional leaders on Monday for the first time since he wrapped up the election. “I’m excited about what we can do together,” Bush said after his meeting on Capitol Hill.

Senior advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the two-term Texas governor also planned to meet with three contenders for the Cabinet: former Sen. Dan Coats, R-Ind., for secretary of defense; Paul O’Neill, chairman of aluminum maker Alcoa, for treasury secretary; and Ann Veneman, former California agriculture director, a candidate for secretary of agriculture.

One of the sources said Coats, O’Neill and Veneman were not guaranteed to land the jobs but their chances were high.

Goodland woman wins grand prize

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

A jubilant Jo Hinger won the \$1,500 grand prize at Saturday’s Christmas on Us drawing sponsored by Goodland merchants.

Other winners were Eileen Fortmeyer of rural Goodland, who won the \$500 second prize, and Gudrun McClure of Goodland, who won an unclaimed \$50 “instant” prize. All prizes were paid in scrip spendable only at sponsoring merchants.

The drawing, scheduled to be held in front of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office in downtown Goodland, was moved to Central School on Main because of cold and wind that day.

Several hundred people stood in the gym or adjoining hall of the school to listen for ticket numbers and check to see if they had a match.

Steve Haynes, president of The Goodland Daily News, emceed the event, which is in its third year. He called for kids from the crowd to mix tickets, draw them out of the container and then read off the ticket numbers.

High school vocal director Randy Berls, along with three high school choir members, Scott Randolph, Josh Topliff and Doug Lalicker, entertained the people with Christmas carols before the drawing began and during the time that tickets were drawn. Other singers were tied up at a wrestling match and could not make the date.

Santa Claus mingled with the crowd and handed out treats to youngsters as the drawing started. A group of junior high students raising money for a trip to Washington sold baked goods and hot drinks to the crowd.

Hinger, who also won a \$50 instant prize in the first week of the contest, said she was surprised about winning the big prize.

“Pretty fortunate, I guess,” said the Goodland native.

Hinger said she had collected tickets from several businesses. As of Sunday night, she hadn’t spent any of the scrip money, which can only be used at participating sponsors.

“At this point, I’m not really sure where I will spend it,” she said. “I’ll probably buy some Christmas presents with it.”

Her winning ticket came from Frontier Equity Exchange.

“A little bit shocked and surprised,” Fortmeyer said about finding out she had won the second place prize.

She didn’t find out until Saturday night that she had won. Her daughter, Cindy Hutchins, was at the drawing with her tickets and claimed the prize for her because she was gone.

Fortmeyer’s winning ticket came from Knott Just Books. She said she collected tickets from several Goodland

businesses, but made no big purchases.

She said she just got tickets when she bought gifts for Christmas.

“I try to do all the Christmas shopping I can in Goodland,” she said.

Fortmeyer said she didn’t have plans on how she would spend the money.

“I’m sure we’ll figure out a use for it,” she said. “Probably not before Christmas, but after that. We have grandchildren and children in Goodland.”

“I’m very happy that I won the \$50,” said McClure, winner of an unclaimed weekly prize.

“As many people as were there, I was very surprised to win,” she said. “I didn’t have many tickets.”

McClure said she hadn’t won anything big in over 20 years.

She said she will probably use the money to get a Christmas present for one of her children after she looks up all the participating merchants. Her winning ticket came from Grass Roots Lawn Service.

“Thanks for the money,” she said.

Several ticket numbers were called that no one came forward on. For the \$50 prize, the ticket called before McClure’s number was called came from Garcia’s Home Furnishings (722283). On the second place prize of \$500, two numbers were called before Fortmeyer’s number. Of those two, one came from Aten Department Store (344069) and the other from Garcia’s (719646). Then on the \$1,500 grand prize, there were four numbers called before Hinger came forward. Of these, two came from Garcia’s (719683, 350994), one from Frontier Equity Exchange (711255) and one from Elliott’s (701058).



Lacie Cowan, Jordan Johnson and Sydney Winston (above, front to back) mixed tickets on the stage at Central School in Goodland during Saturday afternoon’s Christmas On Us drawing. Jo Hinger of Goodland, (below left) the \$1,500 grand prize winner, walked towards the stage at Central School after her ticket number was called. Cindy Hutchins (below right) looked through tickets to make sure she had the right one after the number for the \$500 second place prize was called. Diana Spinney of Goodland (left) watched. Hutchins claimed the prize for her mother, Eileen Fortmeyer of Goodland, who was the ticket holder.

Photos by Tom Betz and Steve Haynes/The Goodland Daily News



Senator to chair committee

BY Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Sen. Stan Clark was one of 14 members chosen last week to chair a Senate committee, boosting the Oakley Republican in a position that will keep him in the public eye and show critics that he’s got a future in the Kansas Legislature.

A nine-member Republican panel — which Clark is a member of — picked the conservative to serve as chairman of the Utilities Committee for the next four years.

For the western Kansas senator, who represents Sherman and 14 other counties in the far northwest corner of the state, the chairman’s post completes a resounding victory over a powerful group of enemies who tried to get him out of public life.

He first came to the Senate as a replacement for Sheila Frahm, who had been elected lieutenant governor. His victory in a Republican caucus stunned moderate Republicans, who had planned to replace Frahm with one of their own, and they joined with statewide force to try to defeat him this year.

Clark, who has represented the 40th District for six years, said he was the logical replacement for Pat



Stan Clark

Ranson, who didn’t run for re-election this year, as he was vice-chairman of the committee for the past four years. But, the senator said, he didn’t have it clinched.

“It wasn’t a given,” Clark said.

The Utilities Committee, he said, deals with issues involving natural gas, electricity and conservation and oversees oil and gas drilling in the state. Clark said it hasn’t been decided whether his committee or the Commerce Committee will handle communication issues.

Clark is no stranger to the media, but said his new position will shove him into the public eye like never before because he’ll be dealing with rising natural gas prices — a topic that touches most people.

“There will be enough issues on natural gas prices this winter,” he said, “to keep a person busy and humble. I’ll be in the public spotlight on those issues. It’s something that’s been inherited.”

The new position may also show Clark’s critics that fellow legislators support his agenda.

The senator attracted attention last

year as a leader of a populist coalition that sought to limit large agribusiness corporations by strengthening anti-trust laws and giving more legal power to family farmers.

Influential state groups didn’t like some of the coalition’s goals and showed it by targeting Clark and Sen. Tim Huelskamp, a farmer-rancher from Fowler who joined the coalition, in this year’s elections.

The Kansas Livestock Association and the Kansas-National Education Association spent thousands of dollars on a primary campaign for Steve Mangan, a Tribune farmer and association president. The groups attacked the senator’s voting record and stand on education in constant mailings. Prominent moderate Republicans endorsed Mangan in slick fliers.

Though Mangan spent nearly twice what Clark did on his campaign, the incumbent defeated his opponent nearly 2-1 in the primaries. Clark easily overcame his Democrat opponent in the general election for another term.

While campaigning, the senator said he would probably be named as chair of the committee. Now, Clark said, the position could lead to big-

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Hospital fund-raisers start new campaign

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland Regional Medical Center’s fund-raising agency is launching into the first phases of a new campaign, hoping to pay for new equipment and provide a permanent base of support for the hospital.

The Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation will be starting a new campaign to help pay for equipment the hospital has purchased and start an endowment fund.

“We won’t be focusing on our usual ‘Caring Kind’ drive this year,” said Dale Schields, resource development director for the hospital, “and we won’t

be asking for money for any specific need like we usually do.”

Normally, in December, the foundation, which was started when the medical center was being built in 1970, has a “Caring Kind” fund drive which focuses on a specific need of the center and offers tax breaks for donations.

This year the hospital will instead start on their long-term fund campaign, “Commitment to Excellence,” with a capital campaign, asking hospital staff and board members to donate.

“We will be moving into the general public next year,” said Schields.

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County to talk about roads

Patty Eckhardt, who lives east of Goodland, is on the agenda to talk about the condition of a stretch of old U.S. 24 with the Sherman County commissioners when they meet Tuesday morning at the courthouse.

Eckhardt told the county she wants to talk about the section of highway within the city limits on the east side of Goodland, which has become rough and bumpy while the city and county have fought over which should fix it the

last two years.

Mike Schultz of Brewster is scheduled to speak about trash pickup for rural Sherman County citizens.

Members of the Goodland Regional Medical Center board will present next year’s hospital budget.

The commission is also to appoint a member to the hospital board to replace Randy Schoenthaler, controller at Frontier Equity Exchange, who resigned earlier this year.