

weather

report

35°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 4:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:30 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 28 degrees
- Humidity 59 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 12 mph
- Barometer 30.38 inches and falling
- Record High 65° (1980)
- Record Low -1° (1962)

Last 24 Hours\*

High	20°
Low	11°
Precipitation	0.01 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 10-15, sothwest winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high 40-45, low 10, west winds 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: dry, high 35, low 10. Friday: dry, high 35, low 10-25. Saturday: dry, high 30, low 10-15. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Christmas visitors



Passersby were greeted by this scene of Santa Claus and his sleigh along with Mrs. Claus holding a tray of cookies at the home of Ron Harding, 916 W. 10th in Goodland, during the Christmas season.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Grain moves over holidays

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Elevators are selling more grain this holiday season, which marketers say is typical for this time of year.

So far, they say, the sale of grain stored in area elevators seems to be running about average other than having less to sell with lower yields this year.

As of today, bids in Goodland were \$2.86 per bushel for winter wheat, \$1.88 for corn, \$3.20 for milo and \$5.85 for sunflowers.

While the price dipped a little over the holiday weekend, it has been trending up a little.

"The price is supposed to open higher this morning," said Merwin Jensen, head of grain marketing with Frontier Equity Exchange.

He said the only difference with sales this year, when compared with other years, is the drop in yields from having such a dry growing season. This means less product to sell.

"Other than that, there isn't much difference this year," Jensen said.

Tom Stewart, operations manager at

Mueller Grain Co., said a drop in the price of grain during the holidays isn't uncommon, but within the next few weeks the price should go back up some.

"There isn't anything exciting going on right now to make the prices go up," he said.

Grain sales are average for this time of year, he said.

Storage shouldn't be a problem during harvest in June, said both Stewart and Jensen, with the crop from last year clearing out in time for next year's harvest.

Jensen said there will be two problems with harvest next year despite the amount of storage.

The cost of fertilizer has risen and the cost of natural gas has also risen — which will affect the cost of irrigation. Both of these factors will boost the cost of production next year.

The Hi-Plains Co-Op in Colby didn't have figures worked up to tell if grain sales were up or down for this time of year, but a representative said she didn't have any concerns yet for storage next year.

Evolution controversy voted top story of 2000

TOPEKA (AP) — The evolution controversy that split the state Board of Education has been voted the top story of 2000 in Kansas for the second straight year.

Associated Press newspaper and broadcast editors across the state gave the nod to the evolution story by a narrow margin over the decision by the Menninger Clinic to leave Topeka and the weeks of hot, dry weather that shriveled Kansas crops.

The state board's decision to adopt science standards that de-emphasize evolution was voted the No. 1 story in Kansas in 1999, but the elections that changed the majority on the board were voted the No. 1 story in 2000.

The defeat of two board members who had favored the de-emphasis on evolution and the retirement of a third member left opponents of the revised standards with a 7-3 majority, making a reversal a virtual certainty. The board was expected to take up the evolution question at meetings in January.

The decision to move the Menninger Clinic, a world renowned psychiatric facility founded 75 years ago in Topeka, was voted the No. 2 story of the year in Kansas. Walter Menninger, the clinic's chief executive officer, said the move to Houston was necessary because of a decade of financial problems, which he blamed on the rise of managed care programs.

The move came despite efforts by the state and prominent Kansas City leaders to put together a \$100 million package of incentives. The clinic plans to move by 2002.

The No. 3 story selected by Kansas editors was the 2000 harvest, a disaster for many farmers. Only corn did well before a late summer drought shriveled fall crops and delayed planting of the 2001 wheat crop. The Kansas soybean harvest was down 30 percent; grain sorghum was down 32 percent.

About the only Kansas crop that seemed to hold its own this summer was corn, down just 1 percent at 416 million bushels. More bushels of corn were harvested in Kansas this year than wheat — but only because the earlier wheat crop did so poorly, down 20 percent to 347.8 million bushels.

The state's No. 4 story started with the arrest of John E. Robinson at his Olathe home for aggravated sexual battery, but it soon escalated with the recovery of the bodies of two women in barrels at his property near LaCygne and finally with the discovery of three more women's bodies in barrels in a Raymore, Mo., storage locker. At year's end, he faced murder charges in the deaths of six women, including one whose body was never found, and numerous other charges.

"I'm staying." With those two

words, Roy Williams, the popular University of Kansas basketball coach, ended a week of suspense with the announcement July 6 to a crowd of more than 16,000 at the Kansas football stadium that he would not return to North Carolina. Editors voted the story on his decision to stay at Kansas No. 5.

Other stories selected in the Kansas Top 10:

6. An April 19 tornado ripped through the Parsons area, damaging more than 600 homes and 110 businesses. More than two dozen people were treated for injuries, mostly minor, and there were no deaths, but four Kansas counties were declared disaster areas.

7. The first death penalty case under the 1994 Kansas capital punishment law reached the Kansas Supreme Court in December — the murder conviction of Gary Wayne Kleypas for the 1996 slaying of Carrie Williams in Pittsburg. Kleypas' lawyers argued the law is unconstitutional. The state's last executions were in 1965, when serial killers George York and James Latham died on the gallows at the state penitentiary in Lansing.

8. The Environmental Protection Agency proposed taking over regulation of federal water quality standards in Kansas, bringing out hundreds of farmers and environmental advocates

to public hearings. All sides threatened lawsuits, and in December the Sierra Club and the Kansas Natural Resource Council made good on their threats. The EPA continued to review the comments and negotiate with state environmental regulators.

9. Two highly publicized mergers involving Kansas corporations — Western Resources and Sprint — dissolved during the year. Western Resources' proposed acquisition of Kansas City Power & Light Co. fell apart when KCPL backed out on Jan. 2, but Western Resources found another buyer late in the year — Public Service Co. of New Mexico. The proposed

merger of Sprint and WorldCom fell apart under strong opposition from U.S. and European regulators.

10. A Lindsborg man who claimed he was in a "mystical state" when he slit the throats of his three young children was sentenced to life in prison for their deaths and will be required to serve at least 50 years for each of the first-degree murder counts. In his statement to the court, Christopher Jones discussed "the pain and anger that I continue to awaken to each morning."

Balloting for the top stories of the year occurred before two separate multiple homicides in Wichita left eight people dead in December.

Old negatives to be turned into prints

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland's High Plains Museum has received a grant to have a collection of early 1900s glass plate negatives made into prints and film negatives.

Many of the 8-by-10-inch glass plate negatives in the 200-piece collection show deterioration of the emulsion, so they are being made into archival processed prints and copy film negatives.

The collection was donated to the museum about 10 years ago by Mr. and Mrs. Marion Parker of Goodland. The pictures were taken by Frank Horton, a lawyer and amateur photographer who lived in Goodland from 1900 to 1950.

Horton's diverse collection spans the years from 1909 to 1916 and captures views of agriculture, weather, architecture, the old Rock Island railroad and the people who were part of rural life.

Museum Director Linda Holton said the permanent collection is well-suited to help the museum carry out its mission to share the heritage of early settlers in Sherman County. These images are a vital asset to Kansas history and should be preserved for use, she said.

The museum received the \$3,250 grant from the Kansas Humanities Council, which is a non-profit agency that promotes understanding of the history, traditions and ideas of the state.

The grant was available through the Heritage Program, a program offering small grants in cooperation with the Kansas State Historical Society.

Holton, who has been director since January 1996, said the museum received the grant in the care of collections category. Such projects involve cleaning, preserving and providing for



This photo, taken between 1909 and 1916, shows a group of men who set up an early irrigation system in the area. It is one of the glass plate negatives from the Frank Horton collection at the High Plains Museum in Goodland that has been made into an archival print. It shows damage which points out the need to transfer the image into a more stable form before the historical view is lost.

Photo by Frank Horton/High Plains Museum collection

public use unique photographs, artifacts and manuscripts.

Holton said Wichita State University graduate students studied a random sample of the collection and developed a few representative prints. The negatives provide excellent reproductions, showing clear contrasts and fine details.

She said a good reason to have the glass negatives made into prints and copy film negatives is because in

glass form they are so fragile.

"Since these are the original copies, we need to get them transferred into a less fragile form," she said. "If we don't get them converted over, there's a possibility that we could lose them because of breakage."

After the museum received the grant, Holton sent the collection of glass plate negatives off to the state historical society in Topeka around the first part of December. There the collection will be

converted to fiber-base paper prints and copy film negatives. The glass plate negatives will be returned to the museum and kept there as part of their permanent collection.

Holton said once the project is complete, copy prints will be made and the museum will share the collection with the public by putting together a photo exhibit. A notebook of photo copies will be available for research as well, she said.

local

markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.86 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.74
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.00 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.97
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 2¢
- Milo — \$3.20 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.46 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.47
- Loan deficiency payment — 43¢
- Millet — \$9.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.83
- 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.

Plant on fire in Garden City

GARDEN CITY — An overnight fire caused severe damage at the ConAgra Beef Co. meat packing plant near Garden City. There were no reports of injuries.

As of midday Tuesday, firefighters were still working to extinguish the blaze, which started in the plant's rendering area just before midnight. No cause has been determined.

The plant's roof sustained much of the fire damage, Finney County sheriff's officials said. The entire facility was shut down.

"The extent of the damage is yet to be determined. That's going to be subject to quite a bit of review," said Bret Fox, a ConAgra spokesman. "But it does look like it's going to be fairly extensive."

The plant employs about 2,300 workers and is an important part of the company, Fox said.

