

weather
report

49°
at noon

Today

• Sunset, 4:31 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:32 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 32 degrees
• Humidity 30 percent
• Sky mostly cloudy
• Winds north 17 m.p.h.
• Barometer 29.71 inches and steady
• Record High 67° (1999)
• Record Low -10° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High 45°
Low 14°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy with flurries, low 10-15, winds north 10-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny, high 31-36, low 10s, winds northwest 5-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of snow, high 30s, low 20s.

(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.59 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.50
Corn — \$1.94 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.86
Loan deficiency payment — 13¢
Milo — \$1.66 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.64 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.69
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.23
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.85 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 67¢
Confection current — inquire
Pinto beans — \$19 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, 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.

U.S. captures more prisoners

WASHINGTON — American forces in Afghanistan took control of dozens more prisoners as the U.S. government considered whether to use military tribunals to try some of the terrorist suspects. Meanwhile, officials said they were planning to hold Taliban and al-Qaida prisoners at the U.S. naval base in Cuba.
Twenty-five more prisoners arrived at the U.S. base set up by Marines in the southern Afghan city of Kandahar, Pentagon spokeswoman Victoria Clarke said today.
That brought the number of captured al-Qaida and Taliban figures in U.S. custody there to 62 and overall to 70.
Eight, including American John Walker Lindh, were being held on the Navy's amphibious assault ship USS Peleliu in the Arabian Sea.

State court vacates death sentence

By John Milburn
Associated Press Writer
TOPEKA — The state Supreme Court vacated Gary Kleypas' death sentence Friday, faulting the state's capital punishment law for a form jurors used in considering special circumstances while deciding his fate.
The ruling may also affect three other killers, but ultimately may not keep any of them from the death chamber. Attorney General Carla Stovall said the sentences of all four could be redone using a revised form.
Immediately after the ruling, Stovall removed

the three other condemned men from death row. But she said the state would again seek execution for each defendant, saying the form could easily and quickly be rewritten — without legislative approval — and used when Kleypas and the others are re-sentenced.
The justices were unanimous in vacating Kleypas' sentence, but the court upheld his conviction and capital punishment's overall constitutionality. Stovall called the ruling "an outstanding victory."
Kleypas was convicted in 1997 of fatally stabbing Carrie Williams, a 20-year-old Pittsburg

State University student. He was sentenced to die, the first of four men to be put on death row since Kansas reinstated the death penalty in 1994.
The justices returned Kleypas' sentencing to Crawford County, where District Court Judge Donald Noland will be instructed to create a new jury for sentencing.
Kleypas will await the proceedings at the El Dorado Correctional Facility.
Similar scenarios are expected for the remaining inmates, whose attorneys were awaiting Friday's ruling.
"The death sentences of the other three defen-

dants occurred under the same statutory weighing equation that was found unconstitutional in Kleypas. Therefore, we believe their death sentences are invalid as well," said Rebecca Woodman of the Kansas Appellate Defender Office, who represented Kleypas and the three others on appeal.
In deciding Kleypas' case, the justices criticized the law, ruling that the form gives improper guidance for the consideration of mitigating and aggravating circumstances in deciding on death as

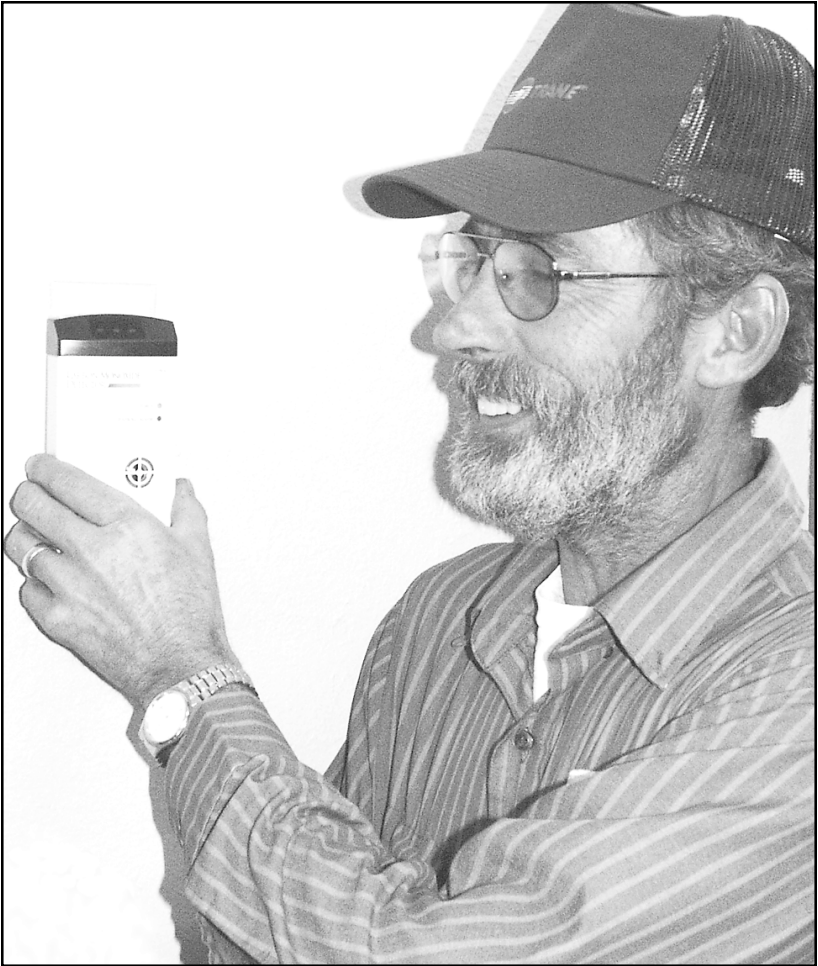
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Clean indoor air important on cold days

Carbon monoxide gas can odorlessly take life

By Pat Schiefen
The Goodland Daily News
As the weather gets colder, people need to be aware of the air quality in their homes. In winter, the air inside can be more dangerous than the cold outside.
Sources of air quality problems include cooking, humidifiers, ozone generators, and kerosene heaters, with carbon monoxide being the most dangerous.
Carbon monoxide is an odorless, colorless gas which can cause headaches, dizziness, nausea, faintness and, at high levels, death. The people who are at the highest risk are smokers, people with heart disease, elderly persons, pets, the unborn and infants.
The gas can be found in the home in small quantities, but becomes a problem from furnace or heater malfunction such as a furnace heat exchanger that allows flue gases to enter the heating system. Possible sources of carbon monoxide include furnaces, ranges, dryers, refrigerators, fireplaces and wood burning stoves and kerosene or gas space heaters.
The easiest way to know whether there is a carbon monoxide problem in a home or office is to purchase a carbon monoxide detector and install it.
"If the detector goes off, don't ignore it," says Keith Bowman of Bowman Heating. "I have had people call about an alarm and tell me it had been going off for about two weeks. They didn't think anything about it until they started having headaches."
Known as "the senseless killer," carbon monoxide kills nearly 300 people

in their homes each year, based on figures from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
Carbon monoxide enters the body through the lungs and combines with the red blood cells. This displaces the oxygen your body needs to survive. If you are exposed to carbon monoxide, the blood loses its ability to absorb oxygen.
The percentage of carbon monoxide in your blood stream depends on the level of the gas in the air and the length of time you are exposed. For example, if the level of carbon monoxide in the air is 100 parts per million and the length of time you have been exposed is 90 minutes, the level in the body will be 10 percent.
A level of 5 percent will have an effect on normal, healthy adults, but there is usually no awareness of symptoms until the level rises above 10 percent. Infants, children, pregnant women and their fetuses and people with heart disease experience the effects of carbon monoxide poisoning at lower levels.
The U.S. Occupational Safety and Health Association has determined that continuous exposure to level of 50 parts per million should be not be exceeded in an hour period. In looking for a carbon monoxide detector, it is important to find out at what level the alarm responds.
The detectors are available from several businesses and stores. The cost ranges from \$32 for a battery operated monitor to \$62 for one that plugs into the wall and has a digital a readout. Kevin Rasure of Rasure's Do-It-Center, said he favors the digital readout monitors because they actually show



Keith Bowman of Bowman Heating demonstrates how to install a digital carbon monoxide monitors, which can detect the odorless gas and save lives.
Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

the level of the gas while the others simply set of an alarm.
"I have had one of the battery type go off without knowing if there really is a problem," Rasure said. "Then you have to call someone to come and determine the level of the gas, whereas with the digital the reading is clear."
Bowman agrees with Rasure that the digital monitors are the best, but they are also a bit more expensive than the others that operate on batteries or without a readout. Rasure said the gas com-

pany crew will test for carbon monoxide and the companies who sell heaters and furnaces can check the gas levels.
Running cars or other gasoline engines in attached garages can lead to toxic levels of carbon monoxide inside a house. During the winter, a car when started produces large amounts of carbon monoxide until the engine warms up. An attached garage cannot be sealed well enough to prevent the gas from

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Tips to keep breathing safe

A silent killer may be in your house: Carbon monoxide, a colorless, odorless gas created by incomplete combustion of fuels such as natural gas.
The symptoms of exposure are similar to the flu, but without the fever. They include:
• Dizziness
• Fatigue
• Headache
• Nausea
• Irregular breathing
Clues that can be seen:
• Rusting or water streaking on vents and chimneys.
• Loose, missing furnace panel.
• Loose or disconnected vent/chimney connections.
• Debris or soot falling from chimney, fireplace, or appliance.
• Loose masonry on chimney.
• Moisture inside of windows.
DOS
• Install appliances correctly.
• Inspect and service the heating system each year.
• Safely operate all appliances.
• Check vents and chimneys regularly.
• Pay attention to warning signs such as no hot water, furnace malfunction, sooting and funny odors.
• Install a carbon monoxide detector, similar to a smoke alarm.
DON'TS
• Burn charcoal indoors.
• Service appliances without proper knowledge and tools.
• Use the gas range or oven for heating.
• Never leave a car running in a garage.

Many places will close for holiday

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Daily News
State, federal, city and county offices and banks plan to close for New Year's Day, but several businesses will be open, as will a few restaurants.
The Sherman County Courthouse was to close at noon today to allow county employees to take care of year-end business and will not re-open until Wednesday. The landfill will be open this afternoon but will be closed Monday and Tuesday.
City, federal and state offices will be open regular hours Monday and Wednesday but will be closed Tuesday. The Goodland post office will be open regular hours Monday and mail will go out, but there will be no mail service on Tuesday.
The Goodland Area Chamber of

Commerce will close by 2 p.m. Monday and will be closed all day Tuesday. *The Goodland Daily News* will be published Monday, but the office will be closed and there will be no paper on Tuesday.
Bankwest, First National Bank and Western State Bank will be open regular hours Monday but will be closed on Tuesday.
Wal-Mart will be open regular hours Monday and Tuesday. J.C. Penney will be open regular hours on Monday, but only from noon to 4 p.m. on Tuesday. Alco Discount Store will be open regular hours Tuesday but will close an hour early on Monday. Dollar General will be open regular hours on Monday and will close an hour early on Tuesday.
China Gardens will be closed Monday and Tuesday. Pizza Hut plans to be

open both days, and Gambino's is open until 8 p.m. on Monday. Fast food stores generally will be open.
Kear's Quality Liquor will be open Monday but closed Tuesday.
Members of the Goodland High School Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) are sponsoring a slumber party to give children a safe and enjoyable environment while their parents celebrate New Year's Eve.
The party will include games from 6-9 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 31, and sleeping from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the West Elementary School gym.
Signed contracts must be turned in by the start of the slumber party. Call Richard Schwasinger at 899-3824 for a contract.
If you want to know hours of a business, call them for a holiday schedule.

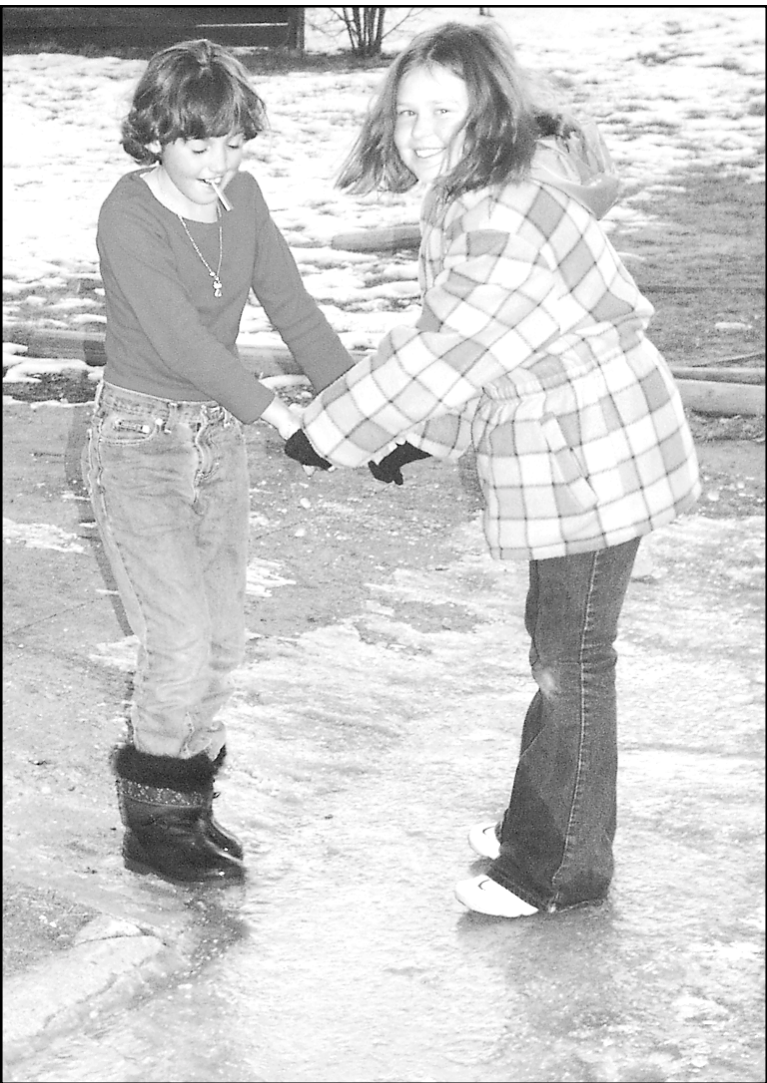
Merchants to shower first baby with gifts

By Eric Yonkey
The Goodland Daily News
More than 20 merchants and donors will shower the first baby born at Goodland Regional Medical Center in 2002 and his or her parents with great gifts.
The "First Baby" contest has been coordinated by the hospital for many years. *The Goodland Daily News* advertising department joined the efforts in 1999, in time for "First Baby" 2000. See the sponsors' ads on the back page of today's paper.
Recent "First Babies" have been Jordan Mustain, St. Francis, in 1999; Jesus

Alfredo Diaz, Goodland, in 2000; and Jayden Vallejo, Sharon Springs, this year.
Among the sponsors, the Goodland Regional Medical Center is giving a gift basket with formula, diapers, baby book, and more; McDonald's, a \$25 gift certificate; Unruh Family Chiropractic Center, free first adjustment for baby; Klip 'N Kurl, free first haircut; El Dorado Western Wear, \$25 gift certificate for the baby; Aten Department Store, \$25 gift certificate; Red Brick Road Promotions, up to five free imprinted "First Baby" coffee mugs; Bankwest of Kansas, baby's first \$50

savings bond; Wal-mart Supercenter, \$25 gift certificate; Jacque's Hallmark, \$25 gift certificate; Garcia's Home Furnishings & Appliance, 15 percent off a rocking chair or glider for the new baby; the *Daily News*, a six-month subscription.
Other donors include the United Methodist Church Quilters; B-E's Jewelry, Rasure Do-It Center, Alco Discount Store, Elliotts, First National Bank, Serendipity Flower Shop, Pizza Hut, and Knott Just Books.
Contact Dale Schields at the hospital in case we were unable to reach your business and you wish to make a gift.

Slip-sliding away



Elaine Reider and Natasha Hillman, both 9, slid on the ice on west 12th Street Thursday afternoon. The girls are enjoying their Christmas break from school. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News