

Weather forces cancellations

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as well. Meetings and events were canceled on Saturday in Sherman County and most motorists didn't chance venturing out. The Goodland Police Department didn't have any reports of accidents on Saturday, and the Kansas Highway Patrol and Sherman County Sheriff's Department reported just three accidents, one with minor injuries.

Yvette Ortega, 10, and her sister Fabiola Ortega, 9, both of Garden City, were killed Saturday when a car driven by their mother was rear-ended by a tractor-trailer on westbound I-70 near Arriba, just east of Limon, the Associated Press reported.

Their mother, Hilda Soto, 32, and another passenger, Edeimiro Rodriguez-Torrez, 33, were treated and released at a Denver-area hospital, Colorado State Patrol Capt. Jim Wolfenbarger said Sunday. Soto is also from Garden City. Rodriguez-Torrez's hometown wasn't released.

The driver of the tractor-trailer, Norman Osborne of Denver, was cited for careless driving causing death and injury, the patrol said.

Taber said the snow brought .08 of an inch of moisture to Goodland, but

Snow causes five-car accident

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported a five-car accident at 9:52 a.m. Saturday on snow-slick I-70 3.5 miles east of the state line in Sherman County.

The worst accident during the day's windstorm caused one minor injury. The accident occurred before the freeway was closed.

The patrol said Julio Sandoval, 38, San Diego, hit the back of a 2001 Buick with a 1995 GMC, causing the Buick to hit a 1986 Mercedes Benz. The Buick was driven by Lee Dungan, 58, Hermitage, Tenn., and the Mercedes by George Bott, 75,

Colorado Springs. All the cars were traveling west.

Before the Buick stopped on the south side of I-70 westbound, the report says, it struck the passenger mirror of a 2002 GMC, which was then hit from behind by a 1997 Ford. The GMC was driven by Kim Hong, 56, London, Ohio, and the Ford was driven by Goran Cabaravdic, 34, Maryland Heights, Mo.

Dungan was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center, where he was treated and released.

The sheriff's department reported that Ulibarri Raymond, 31, Phoenix,

was westbound at 7:30 a.m. in a 2000 Dodge on I-70 near Ruleton and was towing a car. The report said the car started slipping on the ice, disengaged from the truck and slid across the north ditch into a barb wire fence. The driver and a passenger, Gavin Quentin, 35, Phoenix, were not injured.

At 6:20 a.m. Saturday, William Ford, 48, Goodland, was driving on I-70 near Kanorado in a 1993 Dodge Dakota when he hit the guardrail at Exit 1. The report blamed the accident on a white-out. Ford was not hurt.

the moisture wasn't distributed evenly because of the wind.

The weather service received reports of damage, he said, including some street signs blown over and damage to trees and roofs on houses.

He said the service knew the storm was coming and issued a hazardous weather outlook on Wednesday, followed by a high wind watch on Thursday. He said a high wind warning was issued on Friday and that was upgraded

to a winter storm warning on Saturday morning.

"We were anticipating the event well in advance," he said, "and had it pretty well forecasted."

Taber said the weather was about back to normal on Sunday, with temperatures rising into the 40s. Most of the snow was gone by this morning.

"Ninety percent of the ground is bare now," he said.

Taber said the blowing dust was caused by the dry winter, allowing the wind to easily pick up the soil.

He said there has been 9.8 inches of

snow in Goodland this year and the moisture for the year has been .38 of an inch, which is .15 of an inch below normal. At this time last year, he said, Goodland had above-normal moisture.

Goodland received 17.08 inches of moisture last year, Taber said, which was 1.12 inches below normal.

He said it should stay dry for the next five days. A cold front will move in tonight, dropping temperatures back into the 40s. The weather will rebound Wednesday, he said, and the temperatures will be back in the 50s.

"It's going to be fairly quiet," he said.



Brad Koza, manager of Wal-Mart, was "arrested" Friday to help raise money for the American Heart Association.

Photo by the American Heart Association

Heartless judge's fines raise \$6,000 for charity

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland business and civic leaders were hauled to jail Thursday as part of the annual "Cardiac Arrest" fund-raiser for the American Heart Association.

Bars were put up at the city administration building, and 75 Goodlandites allowed themselves to be arrested. They raised over \$6,000 in "bond" money from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., down from last year's \$8,000.

Some of the arrestees were judged guilty of overeating, taking candy from a baby, and being a tightwad, said Randall Braden, regional director of the American Heart Association. The charges might have been trumped up a bit, he said, but it was all in good fun.

He said the fund-raiser was a success, even though not as much money was raised.

"We still expect some late money to come in," Braden said, "so there's no telling where we might end up at."

"The size of the turnout and the amount of money raised represents the fine spirit and generous attitude of the people in Goodland and Sherman County in fighting heart disease and stroke."

Lori Leonard, cardiac arrest committee member, said everybody had a good time, and almost everybody made the \$100 bond. Most contributors were individuals, she said, but some business helped too. Even if the arrestees couldn't raise enough money, she said, they got to go home.

"We didn't want to feed them," Leonard said.

Other committee members included Shirley Raile, Nina Mersch, Donna Fenner, Lynn Swayne, Brenda Cunningham, Shelley Brown, Dan Hayden, Annette Fairbanks, Peggy Warren, Dorenda Harrel, Debbie Reed and Donna Pickman. Pickman served as "parole warden" and Steve Evert handed down sentences as "Judge Heartless."

Goodland businesses which provided food and drink for the detainees were Subway, Frontier Equity, Coca-Cola, Cowboy Loop, Pizza Hut, Gambino's and Wal-Mart.

The money raised will help the association research biomedical techniques and provide educational programs to help people avoid heart problems. The group has raised \$1.7 billion dollars since 1949.

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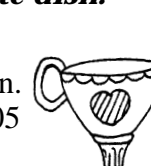
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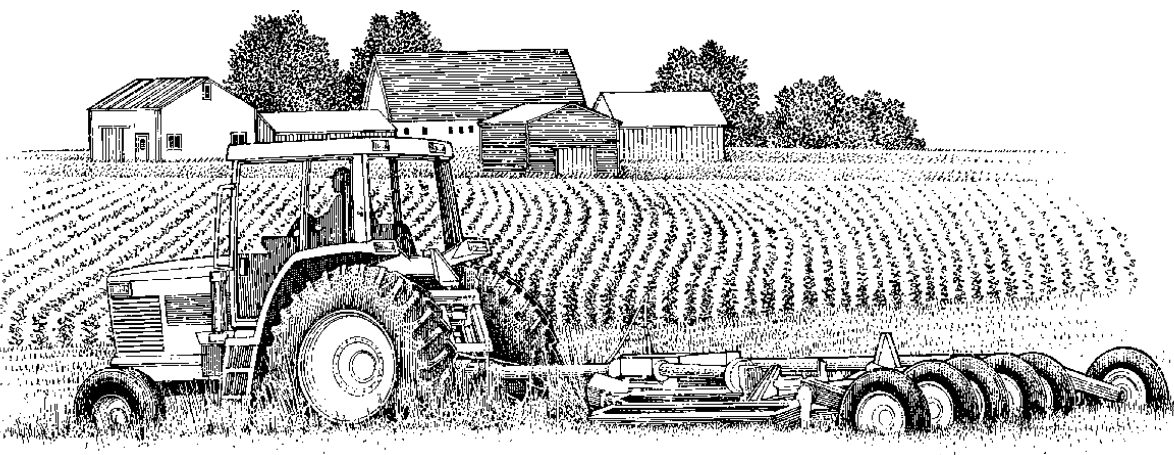
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