

weather report

36°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:30 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 30 degrees
- Humidity 35 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds variable 5 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.10 inches and falling
- Record High 65° (1980)
- Record Low -5° (1996)

Last 24 Hours*

High 40°
Low 8°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low mid teens, winds southwest 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny, high lower 60s, low mid 20s, winds southwest 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: sunny, high lower 60s, low mid 20s. Sunday: partly cloudy, high lower 60s. Monday: partly cloudy, high upper 30s, low upper teens. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high lower 40s, low mid teens. New Years: partly cloudy, high upper 30s.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.60 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.56
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Corn — \$2.47 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.22
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.24 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.18 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.27
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Millet — \$10.00 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$10.75 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$16
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

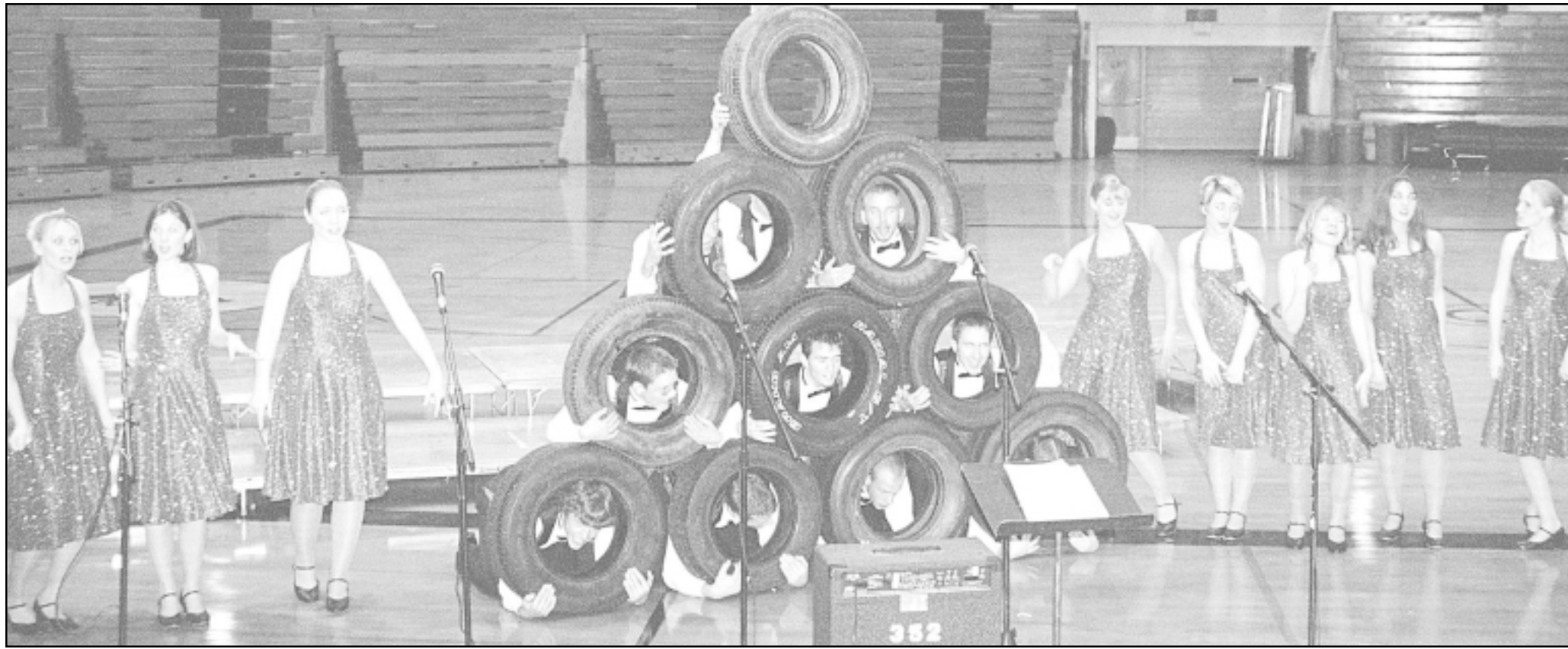
Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

One ticket wins jackpot

DES MOINES — Someone who bought a lottery ticket in West Virginia won the \$314.9 million jackpot in Wednesday's Powerball drawing, a lottery official said. Multi-State Lottery Association drawing manager Sue Dooley said no other information on the winner would be released for now. An unexpected Christmas Day run on Powerball tickets pushed the already whopping \$280 million jackpot to \$314.9 million just before numbers were drawn, making it the lottery's largest prize ever. The numbers in Wednesday night's drawing were 5-14-16-29-53 and the Powerball was 7. The prize would be the third-largest lottery jackpot in U.S. history. Powerball, the nation's largest lottery, is run by the Multi-State Lottery Association and is played in 23 states, the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

Cowboy band heads for San Antonio



Band plays Saturday at Alamo Bowl

The Goodland High Cowboy band boarded buses about 4 a.m. this morning and headed south to San Antonio, Texas, to play and march at the Alamo Bowl on Saturday.

They should arrive at the Double Tree Hotel in San Antonio about 6 p.m. Friday morning, the band will head for St. Gerard High for rehearsal, and there will be a mass band rehearsal after lunch. That evening, there will be a dinner and dance at the San Antonio Convention Center.

Saturday, the band will head for the Alamo Dome at 7 a.m. for a mass band rehearsal. They will return to the hotel about noon, and have some time to relax or check out the surrounding area. At 3:30 p.m., they will head back to the Alamo Dome in full uniform for the game, which is set to kick off at 6 p.m. The contest is between the University of Colorado and University of Wisconsin. The mass bands will perform during the game, which may be seen on ESPN.

Sunday, the band will travel to Burbank High School for a concert band performance at noon, followed by a jazz band performance at 1:15 p.m..

That afternoon, the band will spend some time at the San Antonio Riverwalk.

Monday they will be up early, boarding the buses by 7 a.m. for the return to Goodland. They are expected to arrive here about 7 p.m. that day.

The Goodland High School Expressos (above) performed "Grease Lightning" from Grease at their program Thursday, Dec. 19. The Goodland High School band (below) performed the Latin Fire Medley they will be playing during the halftime of the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas, on Saturday. The game can be seen at 7 p.m. on ESPN.

Photos by Liz West / The Goodland Daily News



Man arrested for murder and '93 Colby rape

By **Patty Decker**

Colby Free Press

A serial rapist and alleged murderer arrested in Wichita earlier this month

is suspected in the 1993 rape of a Colby Community College student.

Police Chief Randy Jones said Douglas S. Belt, 41, was charged with first-

degree murder in Wichita, and is alleged to have committed multiple rapes across the state.

The case in Colby, Jones said, took

place on March 4, 1993, and the victim has been notified of developments.

A spokesperson for the Wichita Police Department said Belt was arrested

Dec. 4 in the decapitation of Lucille Gallegos, 43.

Jones said that Wichita and Colby police, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation and other police agencies now believe Belt is responsible for the rape in Colby, along with others in Salina and Wichita. In one of the Salina cases, the women were severely injured in the attack.

Jones said officials linked Belt to the crimes through DNA matches by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation lab.

In the Colby case, he said, Belt was a suspect, but was never charged, after police were notified that a woman had been raped in the 1100 block of South Franklin Ave.

After the incident was reported, Colby police asked for help from residents since the attacker fled on foot from the 20-year-old woman's apartment. People were asked to watch out for a man that might have been walking or fleeing in the College Drive area in the late afternoon that Thursday some nine years ago.

Jones said the victim was injured but was treated and released from Citizens Medical Center.

Other charges pending against Belt may include robbery, Wichita police said. He is being held in the Sedgwick County Jail.

Jones said he would provide more information as it is made available.

Kanorado lighting winner



Victor Delgado's decorating won first place in Kanorado's lighting contest, which was judged Thursday evening by Ryan and Tammy Franz

from Burlington. Second place ended in a tie going to Jon Sheldons and Phil Garcia.

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