

weather at noon

Today Sunset, 4:42 p.m. Tomorrow Sunrise, 7:06 a.m. Sunset, 4:43 p.m.

Midday Conditions

 Soil Temperature 39 degrees • Humidity 35 percent Sky sunny • Winds north northwest 18-25 • Barometer 30.21 inches and rising • Record High 63° (1923) • Record Low -9° (1937)

Last 24 Hours*	
High	69°
Low	24°
Precipitation	none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low near 10, winds north 10 m.p.h. Friday: mostly sunny, high 35-40, low near 15, winds north 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: partly sunny, high mid 30s, low lower 20s. Sunday: mostly clear, high upper 40s. Monday: mostly clear, high mid 40s, low lower 20s. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high near 45, low mid 20s. Wednesday: partly cloudy, high mid 30s, low lower 20s.

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



Noon Wheat — \$3.48 bushel Posted county price — \$3.52 Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢ Corn — \$2.49 bushel

Two more meth labs busted here

By Michelle L. Hawkins

The Goodland Daily News In the second meth lab bust in Sherman County in the last three weeks, six people were arrested on Wednesday evening in two separate, but related raids.

This morning Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson said that as a part of an investigation which has been going on for months by the Quad County Drug Task Force, Kansas Bureau of Investigation, Sherman County Sheriff's Office and the Goodland Police Department, four arrests were made in Goodland and two in rural Sherman County.

Two search warrants were issued Wednesday afternoon, and officers raided the house of Justin Kibel, shortly after 7 p.m. Kibel's mobile wife Leslie, 24, and Jaqueline Bowlhome sits at the corner of 16th Street and Kansas Avenue.

Kibel, 23, along with three other session of narcotics and the producindividuals, Curtis Wiley, 31, his tion of methamphetamines.



The mobil home of Justin Kibel, at the corner of 16th Street and Kansas Avenue, was the location of the first of two drug busts made in the county on Wednesday evening. Six people were arrested in conjunction with the busts. Photo by Michelle L. Hawkins / The Goodland Daily News

ing, 21. All four were taken into custody and booked into the Sherman During the bust, officers arrested County Bastille on charges of pos-

bust was the rural home of Jimmy

The second house involved in the functioning in both residences. McClelland, 43, and his wife

McClelland. Whitson said during Elaine, 40, were arrested and taken the investigation, the two houses to the Bastille. They were charged were "tied in together" and it was with the cultivation of marijuana, have been set, but Whitson said he determined that meth labs were possession of narcotics and drug anticipates them to be set on Friday.

paraphernalia, and the manufacturing of methamphetamines.

Whitson also said two children, in their early teens, were at the Mc-Clelland residence. They were taken into protective custody and later released to their grandmother.

During the searches, Whitson said narcotics were seized from both houses. Since the labs were small, he said it was not necessary for the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to be called in for clean-up. A deputy from the Thomas County Sheriff's Office and an officer from the St. Francis Police Department, who are trained in the clean-up of meth labs, assisted local agencies by lending their expertise.

'Everybody involved did a fantastic in getting the job done," said Whitson.

He said all six individuals are awaiting the filing of formal charges by the county attorney. No bonds

Santa Claus being held in police storage

ment storage room along with the tion from the public through three Wise Men, Mary and Joseph Crimestoppers. and a snowman, waiting to be claimed.

the last month, police say, including kids. damage to Christmas decorations and vehicle windows being shot.

There have been around 15 reports of broken windows, said Police Chief Ray Smee, and about five rations and a Christmas tree, but of broken or damaged outdoor lights. The police have no leads, he Dec. 28 and Jan. 4.

NSI plant announces

Santa Claus is in a police depart- said, and are trying to get informa-

Although the vandalism has mostly happened during the school Officers recovered the yard deco-break for the holidays, the chief said rations after a run of vandalism in he could not be sure the vandals are

> "About the time I say it was kids," he said, "it'll turn out to be adults."

A man was arrested Dec. 8 for allegedly damaging Christmas decomore vandalism occurred between

And there have been a lot of windows shot by BB guns, pellet guns and paint balls during the first week of January.

A list of most of the crimes reported between Dec. 28 and Jan. 6 is in the matters of record on page three of today's paper; some crimes from that period were listed in the Thursday, Jan. 2, edition of The



Posted county price — \$2.31 Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢ Milo — \$2.26 bushel Soybeans — \$5.34 bushel Posted county price — \$5.26Loan deficiency pmt. — 0cMillet — \$10.00 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$10.15 cwt. NuSun — \$11.20 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢ Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt. Pinto beans - \$16 (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)



CHARLOTTE, N.C. - The cockpit voice recorder from the commuter plane that crashed has "very good" sound but there are a few problems with the other so-called black box, a federal investigator said today.

The fiery crash Wednesday morning killed all 21 aboard.

The cause of the crash was not clear. FBI agent-in-charge Chris Swecker said there was no indication of terrorism.

The flight data recorder and cockpit voice recorder were both recovered Wednesday and sent to Washington for analysis.

"Not too long ago we received word back from Washington that we have a very good (voice) recorder," John Goglia, a National Transportation Safety Board member, said today on CBS'"The Early Show."



By Michelle L. Hawkins

The Goodland Daily News As was speculated in late November, Goodland's sunflower-seed crushing plant will be laying off 50 percent of its workers starting Friday.

Steve Boshoff, manager of the Northern Sun plant west of Goodland, wouldn't comment on the layoffs or the possibility of extended closure of the plant. He referred questions to Larry Cunningham, the senior vice-president of corporate affairs for Archer-Daniels-Midland, or ADM. They are the corporate headquarters for Northern Sun Incorporated and are located in Decatur, Ill.

Cunningham confirmed that roughly half of the 40 workers will be laid off and that the plant will no longer operate as a processing facility, but rather just a distribution center to fulfill current commitments to customers.

"With back to back years of drought, there are no sunflowers to crush." he said.

ADM owns Northern Sun and hundreds of other plants in 26 states and other countries. It also owns the Collingwood Grain elevator in Goodland and other elevators across the country.

Northern Sun buys sunflower seeds from farmers and crushes them to make animal feed and vegetable oil. ADM is a world-wide agricultural processing giant, and its plants process sunflowers, soy beans, cocoa, wheat and other grains.

Although in an interview in November Cunningham said he was not sure if the plant would be closing or workers would be laid off, he is now saying that the company is left with few options.

He did say ADM will continually evaluate the status of Northern Sun and hopefully with a little rain and some good crops be able to use the facility as a processing plant once again.

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The police have recovered some Christmas figures, Smee said, which no one has claimed.

The figures include Santa, a couple of snowmen and figures from Nativity sets, including Mary and Joseph, the three Wise Men, a shepherd and a donkey.

Someone took them, the chief said, and set them up at the fairgrounds, where the police found them between Christmas and New Year's Day.

So far, he said, no one has reported them stolen.

line Wednesday. The line-up wasn't of suspects but of missing "persons" found by officers over a week ago though not yet reported missing. Gillespie said the department also has a lot of bicycles in storage which have not been claimed. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Shirtsleeves in January



Lonnie and Amy Phifer of Goodland shopped at Jacque's Hallmark Wednesday afternoon, the weather was so nice, they just had to get out of the house. The temperature soared to 69 degrees Wednesday, but did not break the record of 74 set on the same day last year. Today the high is expected to be about 45 with a cold front moving through, but no moisture is expected. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Revenues hit mark in December, trail year

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer TOPEKA — State revenue collections met expectations in December but still trail the official forecast for the first half of the current budget year.

According to figures released Wednesday, smaller-than-expected corporate income taxes continue to be problematic, coming in well below the forecasts on which officials make budgeting decisions.

The Legislative Research Department reported overall collections in the state's general fund last month totaled \$405 million, about \$800,000 or 0.2 percent more than state analysts had predicted in their November forecast.

Revenue collections met the December estimate partly because the for December does not take away state didn't send \$16.7 million in promised aid payments to cities and counties.

That was part of the \$48 million Gov. Bill Graves withheld from local local governments to help the state avoid a budget deficit on June 30. Cities and counties have asked the Kansas Supreme Court to re- income taxes of \$5.7 million in Delease the money.

collections of \$2 billion in the first six months of the fiscal year that began last July 1. Actual receipts were about \$22 million below that figure, or 1.1 percent off the mark.

The December figures "may represent a little bit of a leveling out," said Senate President Dave Kerr, but he said he was hesitant to draw conclusions from one month's collections

"It at least provides a little glimmer of hopefulness," said Kerr, R-Hutchinson.

State Budget Director Duane Goossen said revenue collections must meet expectations — and make up some lost ground from previous months — just to prevent a budget deficit on June 30.

'Meeting the revenue projections from the gravity of this situation," Goossen said.

Forecasters had predicted that corporate income tax collections would total \$20 million in December and about \$45 million from July through December.

Instead, corporations paid total cember and \$24.4 million in the first Forecasters had predicted total six months of the budget year.