

weather report

27°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:09 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:50 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:11 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 43 degrees

• Humidity 71 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds northwest 26 m.p.h.

• Snow .034 precipitation

• Barometer 29.98 inches

and rising

• Record High 68° (1935)

• Record Low -15° (1985)

Last 24 Hours*

High 58°

Low 27°

Precipitation .01

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low mid teens. Wednesday: mostly sunny, high mid 30s, low lower teens.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy, high mid 30s. Friday: mostly clear, high near 40, low mid teens. Saturday: partly cloudy, high lower 40s, low upper teens. Sunday: partly cloudy, high mid 30s, low mid teens.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$3.40 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.42

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.42 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.24

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.19 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.16 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.09

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$10 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.50 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.50 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Pins shine for students

Ashley Engel lit candles for the National Honor Society induction at Goodland High on Thursday. Members were "pinned" into the group, for those who maintain "high scholastic standing... and untarnished character... and endeavor to be leaders." See Page 3.

shining the light on glass



Cindy Kickler (right) arranged 100-year-old pieces of glass she remade into a window. A customer brought the pieces in to be assembled into a "new" window after her husband broke the etched window from her grandparents' house. A broken lamp is also waiting for repairs. The lady with a hat (above left) is one of the Kicklers' own pieces that hangs in the window at their Ruleton home. Kenny Davis (above), a student in Kickler's Goodland class, assembled pieces of a sunflower Wednesday evening. Photos by Sharon Corcoran The Goodland Star-News



She's hooked on stained

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

A Ruleton woman who learned the art of hand making stained glass in a college class is now passing her stills on to students in a class through the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

When a college course in stained glass was offered 22 years ago, Cindy Kickler said, she took it. Kickler said she lived in Tribune and took the class as an outreach course from the junior college in Garden City.

She was hooked.

"It's just something I've always loved to do," the artist said.

Besides teaching the class Wednesday nights in Goodland, Kickler said, she teaches in Atwood on Thursday nights, makes projects by herself and with her husband Gary and works in grain accounting at Northern Sun Industries.

Operating as Kicklers' Stained Glass, Cindy said, she and Gary do projects on commission and make items to sell. There are so many, it's never-ending, from lamps to windows, stepping stones and candle holders.

Kicklers' daughters, Kari, who lives in Florida, and Kori, a massage therapist at

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Snow blesses area with some moisture

Winter returned to northwest Kansas on Sunday night, bringing some welcome moisture in the form of five inches of snow.

The cold and snow came a day after the temperature had reached a balmy 78 on Saturday, bringing out many people on motorcycles and bicycles to enjoy the first day of February.

It was a different story on Monday, though. City, county and state crews were out plowing and sanding. A stiff northwest wind whipped snow across country roads, piling up drifts in ditches and behind windbreaks.

Roads were open, and there were few problems reported despite many slick spots. By midmorning, the sun had come out.

Trent Smith, an intern meteorologist at the Goodland National Weather Service said the five inches of snow had. 34 of an inch of moisture, not quite double what was recorded in all of January (.19 for the month).

Smith said the year-to-date total

is .53, and this is slightly ahead of the average of .45.

Looking around the area, Smith said Cheyenne County had 2-4 inches, Rawlins County had 5 inches, Decatur County had an inch, Wallace County had 4-6 inches and east, the averages was 2-4 inches.

The snow was the most moisture the area has seen since 3 inches of snow fell on New Years Day, but that was much drier, bringing only .09 of an inch of moisture.

Smith said there was a storm in January that brought a trace of snow to bring the monthly total to .19.

The forecast for the rest of the week does not have any mention of snow or rain. Today is expected to be cloudy and cool with highs in the upper 30s, and lows in the mid teens.

Wednesday is to be mostly sunny with highs in the mid 30s. It will continue to be cold, with the low in the lower teens.

Thursday through Saturday are expected to be partly cloudy with highs in the mid to upper 30s, and the lows in the teens.

Art with class



Tina Goodwin, director of Carnegie Arts Center, hung watercolors from an elementary school class at the center Thursday. The art will be displayed through the first week of March.

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