

weather
report

49°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:18 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:42 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:19 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 30 degrees

• Humidity 24 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds west northwest 15

m.p.h.

• Barometer 29.92 inches

and steady

• Record High 78° (1962)

• Record Low -13° (1981)

Last 24 Hours*

High 37°

Low 20°

Precipitation trace snow

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low mid teens,

winds west 10-20 m.p.h. Wednes-

day: sunny, high upper 40s, low

lower 20s.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy, high

near 60. Friday: mostly cloudy,

high upper 30s, low lower 20s.

Saturday: partly cloudy, high mid

40s, low upper teens. Sunday:

partly cloudy, high lower 40s, low

upper teens.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Advance voting begins

Advance voting for the school board and Kanorado primary elections begins today in the Sherman County Clerk's office.

The primary will be held Tuesday, Feb. 25, to narrow the field for the election of Goodland school board members and for mayor of Kanorado.

The general election for these positions and for Goodland City Commission and Kanorado City Council will be Tuesday, April 1.

Advance voting will be available until noon on Monday, Feb. 24, County Clerk Janet Rumpel said. Voters may call the office at 899-4800 to request an advance ballot by mail.

To receive a ballot by mail the voter is required to sign a form and return it to the clerk's office as soon as possible. The ballot can be mailed out, but must be returned by election day. Ballots will not be mailed out after Friday, Feb. 21, Rumpel said.

Ten people have filed to fill the four positions on the Goodland school board, and three people have filed for Kanorado mayor. A primary is held when more than twice as many people file as there are positions open said Rumpel.

Hazel Estes, current Kanorado mayor, an insurance agent, is being opposed by Gerald Webber, a part-time postal contract driver, and Bob Handle, a self-employed businessman.

Current school board members who have filed for re-election are Eric Gray, a city water department employee; Ben Duell, a Ruleton farmer; Jane Philbrick, a farm wife and part-time employee at Mann's Jewelry; and Kathy Russell, county probation officer.

Danny Whalen, owner of Dairy Queen; Pamela Galindo, a daycare provider; Gary L. Smith, veterinarian at Prairieland Animal Clinic; Martin Melia, owner of KLOE, KWGB and KKCI radio; Fritz Doke, a service technician for S&T Telephone; and Burton Pianalto, an instructor at Northwest Kansas Technical College; have filed for election to the school board. The board is made up of seven members, and a chairman is chosen from the group.

All registered voters in the district are eligible to vote for the four school board seats, which are chosen at large. Those registered in Kanorado will vote on the mayor race as well as the school board.

The voters will cast ballots for four people for the school board positions, and Rumpel said the top eight candidates will move on to the general election. In Kanorado, people will vote for the one they want to be mayor, and the top two candidates will be on the general election ballot.

Rain rally planned

By Tom Dreiling

The Colby Free Press

The title of the event says it all: "Northwest Kansas Pray for Rain Rally."

The brainchild of Brewster area farmer Leonard Kinkade and his wife Zelma, the rally is scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, at the 4-H Building on the Thomas County Fairgrounds.

"We hope to see people from all over northwest Kansas, from Trego County west to the Colorado line and north to Nebraska," Kinkade said. "Farmers, ranchers, ag and machinery people, clergy, townsfolk — this first-ever Northwest Kansas Rally for Rain is for everyone."

"The purpose of this event is to pray to the Lord to break this

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Guardsmen rebuild engines



Sgt. Kathleen M. Zelenka, Pfc. Dustin W. McClanahan, Sgt. 1C Donald E. Gilmore and Spec. Benjamin C. Kearns (above) worked on an engine rebuild. Spec. Randy Lee of Goodland (left), Spec. Brian Emmot of Colby and Staff Sgt. Schmidtburger of Hays (below) inspected a transmission case prior to starting a rebuild. Sgt.

Jimmy Moore (left, assigned to the Goodland armory) worked in the machine shop. Moore, who is a machinist at his civilian job as well, was recognized as "Hero of the Day" for his expertise and skill at solving problems by the National Maintenance Training Center staff.

Photos by Sgt. Mark Reasoner / Kansas National Guard

Unit receives high marks

The Goodland National Guard unit has not been activated so far, but 19 members went to Camp Dodge, Iowa, in January for their two weeks of annual training.

Sgt. Mark Reasoner, armory manager, said 19 of the unit's 41 members made the trip to Iowa for the two weeks, Jan. 4-18. The Goodland unit is a detachment of the 170th Maintenance Co., which also has detachments in Colby, Russell and Norton.

Camp Dodge, in Johnston, a suburb

of Des Moines, is the location of the National Maintenance Training Center. Sgt. Reasoner said the Kansas unit passed its evaluation with good comments and compliments from the center staff.

During the two weeks, the guardsmen worked on rebuilding engines and transmissions for different military vehicles, including one for an M-1 tank, and rebuild of an engine for a Bradley fighting vehicle.



Patrol checking out child seat safety

By Michelle L. Hawkins

The Goodland Star-News

Kansas Highway Patrol troopers helped parents fasten down their car seats on Sunday as they did a child safety seat check at Wal-Mart for Child Passenger Safety Week.

This week has been set aside to promote proper child restraints and seatbelts by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. Troopers in this area will be watching all week to make sure children and adults are properly restrained in their vehicles.

On Sunday, the patrol set up a check lane at Wal-Mart to allow people to come and be sure that their children's car seats are safe and installed properly. Trooper Joe Green of Goodland said two officers, David Albers of Goodland and Brian Horney of Brewster, are certified to inspect safety seat installation and use. Both Albers and Horney were available Sunday to inspect seats for parents.

Horney said today 11 car seats were checked, and all of them needed some work. The officers gave a new seat to one family whose seat was over 10 years old.

"Three seats were not installed right, the others were in OK, but they were just loose," Horney said.

If someone missed the check lane



Trooper Dave Albers adjusted a child safety seat Sunday afternoon and explained to Susan Probis, mother of Hanna Probis, 2, about how to make sure it is properly installed and tight.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News

at Wal-Mart, they can call for an appointment with either officer to do an inspection.

"Children are our lives," said Horney. "We need to think about them first and make sure they are safe."

Green said officers will be spend-

ing more time around Goodland during this week enforcing seatbelt and child restraint laws. He said a driver can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees a child unrestrained in a vehicle.

Children should ride in the back

seat and up to age 4, they must ride in a child safety seat, regardless of their weight.

Green said 80 percent of all car seats are misused. He encouraged parents to have their car seats inspected by the certified officers to make sure they are installed correctly.

He said he had his child's car seat inspected by Albers, only to find it wasn't in properly.

"People think they have them in properly, but they don't," Green said. "There are many types and they often can be difficult to install."

Green said 40 percent of young riders go completely unrestrained in a moving car. If someone is pulled over for having a child unrestrained while driving, they will be ticketed, with a \$74 fine.

The troopers offered suggestions:

- Use a rear-facing child safety seat for babies from birth to 20 pounds and a year old.

- Use a forward-facing seat for children who are at least 20 pounds and 1 year old, to 40 pounds and around 4 years old.

- Booster seats are for children 40-80 pounds, less than four feet tall. Never use a seat with only a lap belt.

For an appointment, call Albers at 899-6697 or leave a message for Albers or Horney at (785) 827-4930.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.46 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.41

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.47 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.24

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.24 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.19 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.07

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$10 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.35 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.35 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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50 arrested in fund raiser

Gordon Colip was framed — framed to assist the American Heart Association in the Cardiac Arrest fund raiser held Thursday in Goodland. Colip was one of more than 50 who participated in raising money for the association. More details on Page 3.