

weather
report

2°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:34 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:24 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:35 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 63 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds northwest 12 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.36 inches and steady

- Record High 75° (1989)
- Record Low -191960° (0000)

Last 24 Hours*

High	20°
Low	17°
Precipitation	3.1 inches snow

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Tuesday: cloudy with 20 percent chance of snow, high near 20, low 10-15, winds south 10-15 m.p.h. Wednesday: 60 percent chance of snow, high mid 20s, low mid teens.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly cloudy with chance of snow late, high upper 30s. Friday: cloudy with chance of snow, high mid 30s, low lower 20s. Saturday: mostly cloudy, high lower 40s, low near 20.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.38 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.36

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.36 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.18

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.13 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.13 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.17

Millet — \$10 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.30 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.30 cwt.

New crop NuSun — \$11.25

Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.

New Crop — \$17/\$10 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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today

More local
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Girls enjoy
being pages

Two Goodland High School seniors had a once-in-a-lifetime experience and learned a little about government last week while paging for state Sen. Stan Clark.

The students met Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, climbed over 700 steps to the top of the capitol and had lunch with the senator. See Page 3.

Welcome snow hits high plains

Chance of snow 60 percent tonight

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Snow swept across the High Plains on Sunday as a storm dropped anywhere from 1 inch to 8 inches across the area from Stratton, Colo., east.

Trent Smith, an intern meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Goodland, said an Arctic front brought snow all across the region, with the heaviest on a line through the northeast corner of Thomas County between McDonald and Atwood and down to Menlo, Rexford and Gem.

Goodland received 4-5 inches of snow on Saturday night with a moisture content of .3 of an inch, Smith said.

St. Francis received 4 inches with .2 of an inch of moisture; Colby 6-8 inches with moisture ranging from .4 to .5 of an inch; Sharon Springs 2 inches of snow with .1 of an inch of moisture. Over toward Stratton, Smith said, they reported 1 inch of snow and .04 of an inch of moisture.

"The outlook is for more snow during the week," Smith said, adding that there is a possibility nearly every day.

"The temperature will stay cold and there is a slight chance of snow today," Smith said. "Our best chance of snow is tonight and into

Wednesday. The weather models show good and measurable snow in the Goodland area and along the Colorado border.

"We have updated the forecast and increased it to 60 percent chance for tonight and Wednesday."

The forecast is for the temperatures to stay cold until the weekend, and Smith said there will be a slow warmup.

Monday was the coldest, with the high for the day hanging around the 7 degree mark, but today should be closer to the 20s.

So far, no temperature records have been broken, but Smith said if the high on Monday stayed below 9 it would be a record lowest high for that date.

The snow on Saturday was from an Arctic front that moved through over the weekend, he said.

"The next couple of weeks we will see small disturbances in the upper atmosphere that may give us enough lift to bring us some moisture," Smith said. "We could be looking at a couple of inches of snow by Thursday."

The moisture for the year was at .83 of an inch, total .09 above average for this time of year, Smith said.

"We were a little behind or at average until this last snow fall bumped us up a little," he said.



Gordon Rutherford bundled up and broke out the snow blower to clean up his driveway at Seventh and Arcade on Sunday afternoon.
Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Meth lab discovered in college students' home

By Darrel Pattillo

The Goodland Star-News

An attempt to serve an arrest warrant for a probation violation turned up marijuana and a meth lab last Tuesday night at the home of three technical college students.

Before it was over, officers from the Sherman County Sheriff's Office, the Goodland Police, the Quad-

County Task Force, and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation had been called in.

Sheriff Doug Whitson said a deputy went to the residence of Heath Paxson, 19, at 512 W. 14th Street, with an arrest warrant for Thomas Alvis. Alvis, 21, was wanted for probation violation in Graham County.

"When they opened the door," Whitson said, "the deputy smelled marijuana smoke. He got a search warrant, and during the search, discovered a meth lab."

A third man, Jonathan Ruthstrum, of Edmond, who turned 23 on Friday, was at the residence. All three are students at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Whitson said that after the deputy smelled the marijuana, he detained the three men and sealed the house while the search warrant was prepared.

"That's so they couldn't go back in and destroy the evidence while the deputy was getting the warrant," he said.

The Kansas Bureau of Investiga-

tion was called in to clean up the lab. All three men were arrested and are being charged with manufacturing methamphetamine, possession of ephedrine, possession of drug paraphernalia, and possession of marijuana.

They are being held at the Sherman County Bastille on \$50,000 bonds.

Students celebrate month of U.S. Presidents



Celebrating February as President's Month, the first and second grades at West Elementary put on a program Friday morning to a standing-room-only crowd. They sang about the Constitution (left) and the freedoms it guarantees. Hannah Blake, (above left) a sixth grader, sang the national anthem, and Alyssa Mason presented her Voice of America speech. The students waved American flags (top) and recited the list of U.S. presidents from George Washington to George Bush. Then George Washington (above right) made a special appearance to talk about the beginnings of the country.

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