

weather report

48°
 noon
 Monday



Today

• Sunset, 4:34 p.m.
Wednesday
 • Sunrise, 6:29 a.m.
 • Sunset, 4:33 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 53 degrees
 • Humidity 32 percent
 • Sky mostly cloudy
 • Winds north 12 mph
 • Barometer 30.33 inches and rising
 • Record High today 79° (1999)
 • Record Low today 12° (1916)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 75°
 Low Sunday 32°
 Precipitation none
 This month none
 Year to date 13.89
 Below normal 5.01 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 71, a low around 29 and winds out of the west at 10-15 mph.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 51, low around 23 and winds out of the north 10-30 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 67 and a low around 32.
 Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 70 and a low around 33.
 (National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Soldiers train for duty in Iraq

By Ramona C. Sanders

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 About 120 soldiers from the 170th Maintenance Company of the Kansas Army National Guard expect to ship out for the Middle East next fall.

Under new Army procedures, the Kansas unit trained last month at Fort Riley for a direct deployment to the war zone.

The Mideast won't be new to many of the soldiers. Just under half of the company has deployed once with other units overseas or supporting Operation Enduring Freedom at Fort Riley with the 995th Maintenance Company, which repaired the equipment of an Army Reserve Engineer Battalion that had returned from Iraq. Of these, five have gone for two different tours.

In preparation for being sent to the Iraq area in October, supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom, the 170th is one of the first units to be trained under the new Army Force Generation Model, said Staff Sgt. Mark Reasoner of the Goodland Armory.

The new plan provides National Guard and Reserve units with training one weekend a month for a year, he said. This saves time, effort and resources and allows National Guard and Reserve soldiers to continue working for their employers until they leave.

In the past, units were on active



Staff Sgt. Ernie Gonzales (center facing) explained a piece of equipment during a training exercise at Fort Riley as (from left) Sgt. Hare, Sgt. Guy and 1st Lt. Wesley O. Topel, commanding officer of the 170th Maintenance Company, Kansas National Guard, looked on.

Photo by Staff Sgt. Mark Reasoner/Goodland Armory

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Genesis, Salvation Army change leaders

By Sharon Corcoran

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 People who need food for their family, help with utilities or gas for their car have gone to Genesis and the Salvation Army for more than 20 years, and that won't change, just the names and faces in charge.

And even they aren't new. Pat and Clark Jordan, who had led the organizations here for years, have retired from both, and Mel and Linda Pfau and Joy and Rich Hayden have taken over.

But the Pfau's aren't newcomers — they have been volunteers with Genesis since the 1980s, when it began as a church group collecting food to help people in need. As the need for help in Sherman County became evident, Genesis became an organization run by a board, and now it fills many needs, not just food. It and the Salvation Army effort here have been run by the same people for years, Linda Pfau said, and that will continue.

"We want to be the central location for giving," she said. "Otherwise, people would call Genesis, then the Salvation Army, then one of the churches and try to get help from all three. This way, we can keep track of how much is given out and where it goes."

Genesis started with concerns about people in Sherman County but were falling through the cracks in other systems, the Pfau's said. It went from a small group that gave a few boxes of food at Christmas time to a strong organization that helps well over 150 families throughout



Rich and Joy Hayden packed chicken donated to the Genesis food bank by a Goodland restaurant into zipper bags to get ready for commodities distribution Monday. The Haydens, along with Mel and Linda Pfau, direct Genesis and the Salvation Army here.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

each year with a food bank, money for utilities and government commodities.

"We realized the scope of the

need," Linda Pfau said, "and turned it into a year-around organization."

They have to limit the Christmas

boxes to 150 a year, she said, but that's not the total number of families who get help.

Many come in throughout the

year, Mel Pfau said, some with just for a one-time request.

Screening families for the Christmas boxes and toys is the group's biggest project, Linda Pfau said, but the organization has to verify whether or not they are employed and whether there is a need.

Genesis is known for its food bank, she said, but it is much more. The group also provides help with utilities, school supplies and even gas to get to a doctor's appointment.

Having the same coordinators for Genesis and the Salvation Army gives them flexibility in helping people, she said. If Genesis can't pay all of what a family needs, Linda Pfau said, sometimes the Salvation Army can.

This all started with the Jordans, she said; they carried the whole thing with just one other person for the Help Line. Now there are six people who answer the line, she said.

"Mel and I have been coordinating it about two years," she said, "and we have a large number of amazing volunteers who help us."

The Jordans were with the Salvation Army 31 years, Mel Pfau said, and with Genesis from the beginning, when they had the idea at a Sunday school class at the Methodist Church.

Everyone who works with the organizations is a volunteer, Mrs. Pfau said; there are no salaries. Besides the regular volunteers, she said,

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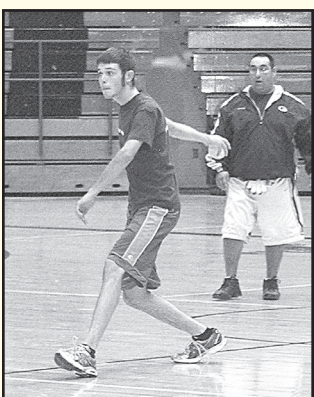
local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$7.11 bushel
 Posted county price — \$7.17
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Corn — \$3.40 bushel
 Posted county price — \$3.55
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Milo — \$3.24 bushel
 Soybeans — \$8.75 bushel
 Posted county price — \$9.30
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
 Posted county price — \$17.97
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
 (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News



Wiffle ball fills buffer with games

Chris Geeseka, a Goodland High School senior, pitched in the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's wiffle ball tournament last week. See story, photos on Page 11.

Newspaper to hide \$400 in ads for 'Christmas on Us'

Starting next Tuesday, there will be \$400 hidden in the pages of *The Goodland Star-News* for people who have tickets with eight winning numbers in area merchants' annual "Christmas on Us" promotion.

Be sure to collect your tickets at participating merchants beginning today, and you may be one of those who find your number hidden in the ads inside next Tuesday's paper.

The 10th annual "Christmas on Us" promotion will spread a total of \$1,700 around to lucky shoppers over the next month. Today is the first day to collect tickets for all prizes.

The Christmas season kicks off at 3 p.m. on Saturday with the arrival of Santa Claus in a parade down Main Avenue to the Goodland Activities Center. Two craft fairs are set for that day, Nu Phi Mu at Max Jones Fieldhouse and "We Did It" at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

Michelle Owens, Goodland, won the "Christmas on Us" grand prize last year while

Avis Alcorn of Goodland won the second prize.

The contest starts today, with businesses handing out tickets to customers, and will end on Saturday, Dec. 15, when the grand prize of \$1,200 and any remaining prizes will be given away downtown.

Shoppers will have plenty of chances to win 10 or more \$50 "instant prizes" along the way. Participating businesses will hand out one ticket for every \$10 a customer spends, with a limit of 250 tickets per transaction. If you ask at *The Star-News* office, we'll give you one free ticket each week. No purchase is required to win.

The customer takes half of each ticket and the other side is dropped into gift-wrapped collection boxes, which are emptied once a week into a large barrel. The *Star-News* staff will pick tickets each week and hide the winning numbers in "Christmas on Us" advertisements, which will run every Tuesday.

Winners have four days, until noon each Monday, to bring their tickets to *The Star-News* office, 1205 Main, and collect \$50 in scrip, which can be spent at participating businesses.

At least ten \$50 instant prizes will be given out over four weeks, for a total of \$500. Eight winning numbers will appear in ads on the first Tuesday, which means eight shoppers have a chance to win up to \$400 in the first week. Numbers will appear on Tuesday, Nov. 20 and 27, Dec. 4 and Dec. 11. All of the \$50 instant winners will be given out.

It's simple, but there are a few rules.

- You must be 18 to participate.
- Employees of participating businesses are not eligible at their workplace, but can collect tickets from other sponsors. *Star-News* employees and their immediate family are not eligible.
- All prizes will be awarded in scrip, which can be spent only at sponsoring businesses.

• The last day to collect tickets is Friday, Dec. 14.

• Winners must be present at the grand prize drawing and be able to show their ticket.

• All winners agree to have their name and photo published in *The Star-News*. Winners of major prizes must provide their tax identification number, and agree to be interviewed and photographed for publication in the newspaper.

• Be sure to remind the clerk if you're not offered tickets. If that happens, you get one extra ticket.

Participating businesses so far are Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliance, Elliott's, American Communications, Mann's Jewelry, Klip 'n Kurl, McClung's Appliance and Furniture, Orscheln Farm and Home Supply, Antique Warehouse, the Stitch-n-Place, the Conservatory Salon and *The Star-News*. There is room for more sponsors, but hurry. Call Jordie or Jessica at 899-2338 today.