

weather report



41°
 noon
 Monday

Today

• Sunset, 4:25 p.m.
Wednesday
 • Sunrise, 6:45 a.m.
 • Sunset, 4:25 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 37 degrees
 • Humidity 48 percent
 • Sky partly cloudy
 • Winds south 5 mph
 • Barometer 30.22 inches
 and rising

• Record High today 75° (1949)
 • Record Low today -10° (1952)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 51°
 Low Sunday 20°
 Precipitation none
 This month .17
 Year to date 14.06
 Below normal 5.20 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high in the mid 50s, a low in the lower 20s and winds out of the southwest at 10-15 mph. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy becoming partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of light snow, a high in the upper 30s, low around 14 and winds northwest 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a high in the lower 40s.
 (National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
 *Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$7.65 bushel
 Posted county price — \$7.84
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Corn — \$3.50 bushel
 Posted county price — \$3.58
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Milo — \$3.29 bushel
 Soybeans — \$9.48 bushel
 Posted county price — \$9.98
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Confection — \$30/\$19 cwt.
 Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
 (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News



Wrestlers getting ready

Freshman Seth Miller and junior Kade Sheldon practiced their moves in the pit last week. Their first wrestling competition will be at 5:30 p.m. (Mountain Time) Thursday in Hoxie. See photo, story on Page 12.

Holiday shopping begins in earnest

Win and Lorna Marshall of Burlington were shopping for Christmas gifts at Goodland's J.C. Penney store on Sunday. Lorna said they needed to buy gifts for 15 people and were just getting started. They plan to spend Christmas skiing with relatives in Colorado.

Photo by Pat Schiefen
 The Goodland Star-News



Two winners collect \$50 in Christmas on Us

Two lucky winners collected \$50 in the Goodland merchants' Christmas on Us promotion last week, and the contest continues this week with \$400 hidden in the pages of today's *The Goodland Star-News*.

Brad Schick came into *The Star-News* on Wednesday with his winning ticket from Klip 'n Kurl. He said he was not sure what he would do with the \$50 in scrip, but was sure he could make someone happy.

Friday, Rich Bateman became the second winner collecting his \$50 on a ticket his wife got at the Conservatory Salon. He said he would probably give his wife the \$50 in scrip.

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



Schick

Bateman

The 10th annual Christmas on Us promotion will spread a total of \$1,700 around to lucky shoppers over the four weeks.

The prize money has to be spent at participating businesses, including 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 and *The Star-News*.

Shoppers will have plenty of chances to win eight 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.

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, which means eight shoppers have a chance to win up to \$400 more, with the prizes given out on a first-come basis until all are gone. Numbers will appear today, next Tuesday and Dec. 11. All of the \$50 instant winners will be given out during the month.

The grand prize drawing for \$1,200 will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 15, on 12th Street across from the Sherman Theater.

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

- You must be 18 to participate.
- Employees of participating

businesses are not eligible to win 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 participating 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 winning 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 the newspaper.

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

Logan resolution prohibits planting ferrets in county

The day before a hearing in Shawnee County District Court, two Logan County commissioners approved a resolution "prohibiting introduction of the black-footed ferret or any other endangered species in Logan County."

Commissioners Carl Uhrich and Doug Mackley approved the resolution at their meeting on Nov. 19 with Commissioner Nick Scott absent.

Larry Haverfield, a Logan County rancher who is leading a group that wants to reintroduce the endangered ferret on their lands south of Russell Springs, said Sunday he did not find out about the county resolution until after he returned from Topeka, and was not sure what effect it would have on the ferret plans with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

He said he does not know if the federal agency knows about the resolution, and will have to talk to his lawyer to see what this latest wrinkle in a battle that has been going for more than two years would mean.

Haverfield said the nearly four-hour hearing before District Judge Charles Andrews was interesting, but he does not expect any decision until January.

The hearing was requested by Logan County to respond to a temporary restraining order preventing the county from continuing to use Phostoxin to poison prairie dogs on land belonging to Haverfield and a neighbor, Gordon Barnhardt, against their wishes. The judge granted a restraining order in September at the request of Haverfield's attorney after Logan County began

the poisoning in September.

Haverfield had objected to the use of Phostoxin, he said, claiming that it is especially toxic and kills everything in a burrow with poison gas.

Logan County hired Great Bend attorney Jim McVay, who is asking for a restraining order to prevent Haverfield from moving cattle into the area where the county is poisoning prairie dogs. The chemical can't be used around cattle, and the landowners have used their herds to block its use.

Even though the hearing was in Topeka, about a dozen Logan County landowners drove down to listen to the testimony.

Several attending the hearing have filed a lawsuit against landowners Larry and Bette Haverfield, Gordon Barnhardt and Maxine Blank over the prairie dogs. That lawsuit was filed by Hays attorney Don Hoffman, who initially represented the county in its lawsuit against prairie dog supporters, a case that languished for months before being settled behind closed doors in August. Hoffman stepped aside from the county case after the settlement.

The temporary restraining order was filed against Logan County and Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, which issued a permit to use the chemical. Logan County's current request covers virtually all of the 10,000 acres owned and managed by Haverfield.

Judge Andrews heard testimony from Uhrich that the "kill zone" for

Friday snow storm covers streets



Sherman Theater owner David Branda shoveled his sidewalk for the second time Friday afternoon as a winter storm dropped about 2.5 inches of snow on the area. The snow started about 10:15 a.m., turning heavy and accompanied by fog until about 12:30 p.m. Then it turned to light snow until about 6 p.m. The storm brought about .14 of an inch of moisture, bringing the total to .17 for the month and 14.06 for the year. The forecast is for partly cloudy skies today, becoming mostly cloudy Wednesday morning with a 20 percent chance of light snow. Lows tonight will be in the lower 20s and the high on Wednesday in the upper 30s. Wednesday night will be colder with a low of around 14.

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