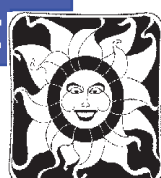


## weather report



**44°**  
noon  
Thursday

### Today

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

### Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:48 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 33 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds southwest 10 mph
- Barometer 30.00 inches and steady
- Record High today 73° (1970)
- Record Low today -3° (1985)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	42°
Low Wednesday	14°
Precipitation	none
This month	00.17
Year to date	14.06
Below normal	5.26 inches

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with a 60 percent chance of snow and freezing drizzle after 11 p.m., a high near 35, a low around 28 and winds out of the north at 10 mph. Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of snow and freezing drizzle, a high near 38 and a low around 21.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

- Wheat — \$8.24 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.07
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Corn — \$3.51 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.59
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Milo — \$3.30 bushel
- Soybeans — \$9.46 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 Scoular Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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## Basketball begins today

Junior Travis Angelos went for a layup on a fast break during the Soap Scrimmage on Monday. The Cowboys and Cowgirls open their seasons tonight in Imperial, Neb. See story, photos on Page 12.

# Holiday events fill busy weekend

The first weekend of December promises to be a busy one in Goodland, with a food collection, dinner and dancing, a holiday homes tour and a service honoring American troops serving throughout the world.

The action begins Saturday morning with the annual food collection for the Genesis Food Bank. Later that day, people can order chicken noodles and cole slaw from the St. Paul's Episcopal Church for pick-up or delivery. Saturday evening will feature Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce's second annual Christmas dinner and dance.

Sunday afternoon, the Carnegie Arts Center will hold its holiday home tour, and the Goodland Elks Lodge will have its annual Blue Star Banner program that honors families of those who have relatives serving in the armed forces.

### Genesis Food Bank

Boy and Girl Scouts and 4-H members will spread out across Goodland starting at 9 a.m. Saturday to pick up food for the Genesis Food Bank, which needs lot of goodies to stuff holiday boxes for families in need.

People can drop food off at the United Methodist Church fellowship hall, 1116 Sherman or put it out for pickup by the Scouts and 4-H'ers.

To donate food, put it in a sack by your front door or on the front porch, and the teams will pick it up. The food bank needs canned

goods and nonperishable items such as cereal, macaroni, gelatin and peanut butter, said Mel Pfau, Genesis organizer. They'd like to have things that can be used for a holiday meal such as cranberry sauce and pumpkin or stuffing mix, but can't take home-canned products or anything with an expired date.

To donate money, mail checks to Genesis, Box 703, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

The Sherman Theatre will have its Genesis movie, with admission being an item of food, a toy or \$1 to go to Genesis, at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. The movie is "How to Eat Fried Worms."

The theater has done the Genesis movie for several years. The movies are well attended and a good amount of food is collected, said owner Dave Branda.

### Chicken Noodle Dinner

St. Paul's Episcopal Church women will have their Chicken and Noodle Dinner — take out and delivery only — from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday. Quarts of chicken and noodles and cole slaw can be ordered for pickup or delivery by calling the church at 890-2115.

### Chamber Christmas Dinner

The Goodland Area Chamber Christmas dinner and dance will be Saturday at Goodland Elks Lodge. Tickets for the dance at 8:30 p.m., featuring the Jimmy D Band, are available at the door. Dinner tickets had to be

purchased in advance.

The Chamber will be giving a Christmas rocking chair away and doing a silent auction on Saturday with the chairs.

Sponsors of the rocking chairs have individually decorated them, and they have been on display in the participating businesses for about two weeks. People who got a punch card and went to all 12 locations will be eligible for the drawing to win one of the rocking chairs, and the others will be sold during a silent auction to raise money to help fund Chamber operations and events.

### Christmas Home Tour

The Carnegie Arts Center's annual Christmas homes tour will be from 1 to 4 p.m. on Sunday, stopping at the historic Ennis-Handy House, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, the home of David and Kay Younger and the center in the old library. A barbershop quartet will perform Christmas carols at the center and there will be refreshments. Tickets are on sale at the center at \$12 for members and \$15 for nonmembers.

Carriage rides from the Handy House to the Goodland Grind and Gallery are available for \$5.

### Blue Star Banners

The Elks Lodge will hold its annual memorial service at 1 p.m. on Sunday at the lodge, 1523 Arcade. At 2 p.m., the lodge will have its annual Blue Star Banner Program.

The banners are given to families of those serving in the armed forces to put in their windows.

### Skywarn Recognition Day

The Goodland office of the National Weather Service will hold Skywarn Recognition Day from 6:30 p.m. Friday through 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

Scott Mentzer, meteorologist in charge, said the day is something weather service offices across the nation get involved in to recognize the help the amateur radio operators provide during severe weather and disasters.

"It is kind of a fun thing for the radio operators," he said. "The radio operators will be contacting and talking to people all over the country and the world during the 24 hours."

Area amateur radio operators (Hams) will be making contacts across the nation and around the world during the 24-hour program he said.

Mentzer said the event is not really open to the public, but anyone interested in becoming an amateur radio operator can come out and see what it is all about and talk to someone about what the licensing requirements are.

Mentzer expects about 20 hams from Goodland and Colby will be at the weather service office during the 24 hours, and will be operating several radio systems, including sending messages from one computer to another through the radio waves.

## Eighth open to all traffic

Eighth Street between Cattletrail and D'Lao Drive was opened to two-way traffic Tuesday morning, marking the end of construction on that section. Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who has handled the city street projects, said completion of Eighth Street is the final piece of the city projects being paid for under the special city-county road program being paid for by a special one-cent sales tax. He said some additional concrete work is planned around the intersection of Eighth and Caldwell in the spring.

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# Schools facing statewide teacher shortage

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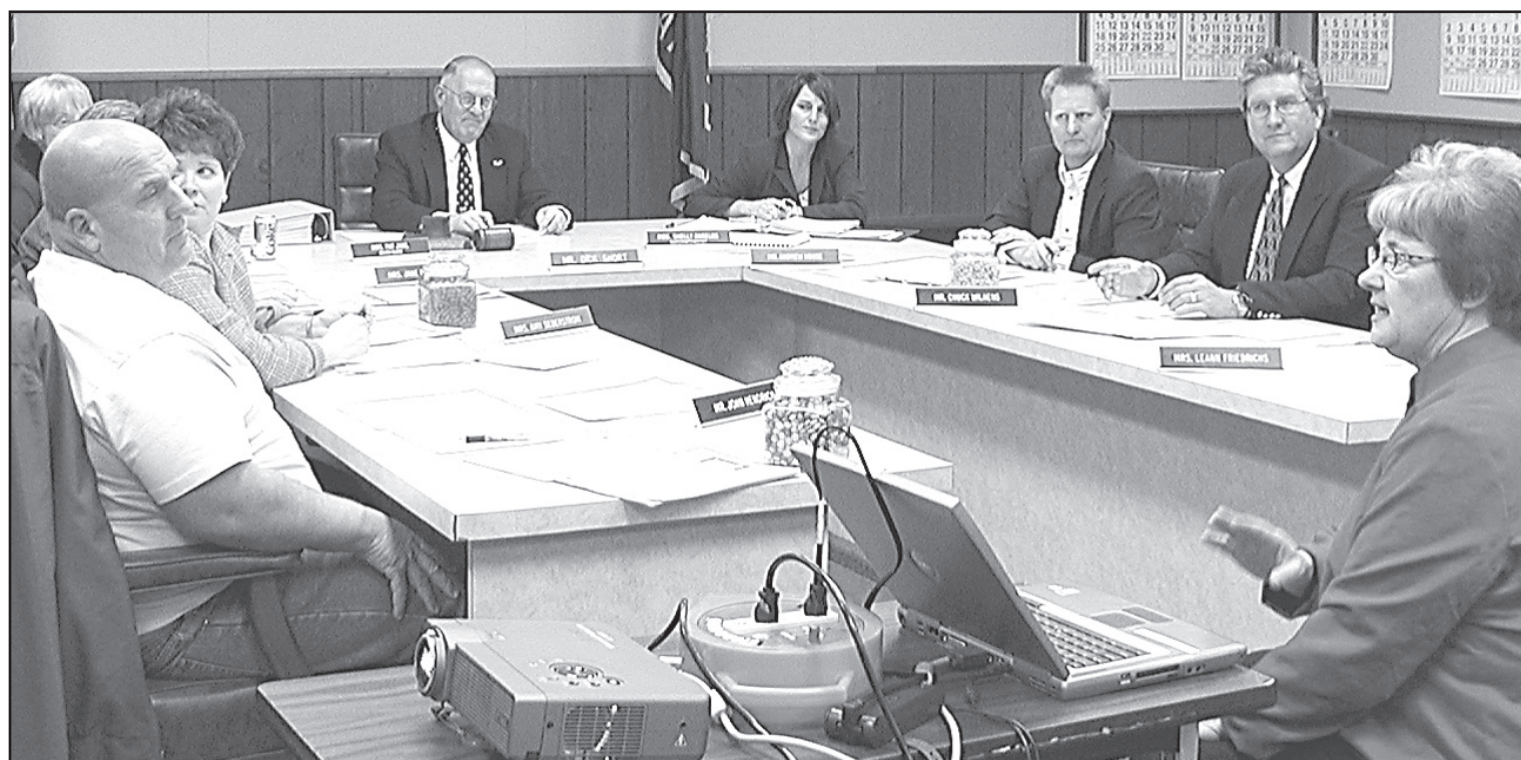
State Board of Education member Sally Cauble talked with the Goodland School Board on Monday about the state's growing teacher shortage and what the state board is doing about it.

Cauble, Liberal, represents District 5, which includes Goodland and much of western Kansas. She gave the board some startling statistics:

- At the end of June, Kansas had 1,144 teacher vacancies.
- 42 percent of all teachers in Kansas leave the profession by the end of seven years.
- 36 percent of Kansas teachers are eligible for retirement.
- There are 25 percent fewer students going into the teaching profession today than there were six years ago.
- While there is an increasing need for special education, math and science teachers, higher learning institutions see fewer students going into those subjects.
- Kansas ranks 38th out of 50 states in teacher salary, with average pay at \$39,351 versus the nationwide average of \$47,602.

"Our state cannot compete, salary-wise," Cauble told the school board. "We're in critical times."

She said the state board might allow transitional licenses for out-of-state applicants and teachers who are retired or have expired licenses. The state is also looking at barriers to teaching, such as the Kansas Performance Assessment for teachers, which many students do not pass. And the board is looking at strengthening a mentorship program for teachers to help them



State school board member Sally Cauble (right) was at the Goodland School Board meeting on Monday to talk about the growing teacher shortage facing the state. Board members John Hendrich (left) and Amy Sederstrom (second from left); board President Dick Short (center); Superintendent Shelly Angelos (right of Short); and board

members Andrew House (right of Angelos) and Chuck Wilkens listened and asked questions about what the state board could do to help find more young teachers.

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stay in the profession.

Goodland board member Jane Philbrick said she worried that young people who want to go into teaching are faced with too many obstacles.

"How can we get Kansas kids to go into education?" Philbrick asked. "They have to pass the (teaching) test; a lot of those kids are not going to pass that. Why are we basing who gets to be a teacher based on this one test?"

Cauble agreed: "It's getting to where only smart kids can get into

education. We all know the world is run by 'C' students."

Philbrick said she fears that schools are being forced to recruit teachers from out of the state and out of the country.

"Why are we going out of state, out of country, when we have our own kids who want to teach?" she asked.

Cauble said the good news is Kansas students are still high achievers. She said Kansas students ranked fifth in the nation for state test performance and Kansas high school

students ranked in the top 10 percent of students nationwide for reading and math on the ACT college-entrance test.

Cauble said she would go to the state board with their concerns. She advised board members to talk to their legislators about the problem.

After the meeting, Cauble said expecting change from the state might be futile, given the political situation in Topeka.

"Not a darn thing is going to happen," she said out of the school board's presence. "The governor

has made so many faux pas, stepped on so many toes and snubbed so many people, there isn't going to be a darn thing done."

In other business, the board:

- Approved bills for a two-week period in the amount of \$67,086.
- Accepted the retirement of behavioral consultant Patricia Hansen effective at the end of the school year.
- Agreed the next board meeting will be at 6 p.m. on Monday, Dec. 10, at the district office, 1312 Main Ave.