


**weather report**



**64°**  
noon  
Monday

**Today**  
• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
• Sunrise, 6:51 a.m.  
• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 35 degrees
- Humidity 14 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest 8 mph
- Barometer 30.22 inches and falling
- Record High today 74° (1965)
- Record Low today 1° (1955)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Sunday	46°
Low Sunday	16°
Precipitation	none
This month	trace
Year to date	14.06
Below normal	5.34 inches

**The Topside Forecast**  
Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 66, a low around 30 and breezy with winds out the west at 15-35 mph. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of snow after 11 p.m., a high near 52, a low around 27 and winds out of the north at 15-20 mph.

**Extended Forecast**  
Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow before 11 a.m. and a high near 39.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## Man survives house collapse

By Sharon Corcoran

What do you do when a man is trapped in a collapsed house?

The fire department, ambulance, police, even a front-end loader showed up. As it turns out, rescuers used a chain saw to cut a hole in the roof and pull Harold Johnson out.

Johnson, 56, Goodland, said he was tearing down an old house on 11th Street just east of Grant Junior High on Saturday, Nov. 10, when the roof collapsed. He said the property is owned by his friend, Elmer Jacobs, who told him he could salvage the lumber for a garage.

Johnson said he was waiting for a tow truck to come to pull the roof down about 3 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 10, when it fell on its own.

He said a teacher at the junior high heard the crash and came to see if he was all right. He told the man he was hurt and to call an ambulance. The teacher was Travis Witman, said Linda Enfield, secretary at the junior high.

Johnson remembers the teacher and a woman talking to him and thinks he was unconscious for awhile, and he remembers Officer Cary Amos from the Goodland Police Department trying to help. Another officer, the fire department, an ambulance crew, including Bruce Gleeson and Johnson's neighbor Crystal Hernandez, a front-end loader and the fire department showed up.

He said he had gone into the house and closed the door when the roof came down. Johnson said he ran for the west window to get out but didn't make it. He found himself trapped with his right shoulder under the roof. He ended up with a dislocated knee cap four inches higher than where it belonged, some broken right ribs, a fractured right scapula and torn ligaments in his right leg.

His wife Beverly, 52, a certified nurse's aide at Goodland Regional Medical Center, was at home and heard the calls on the scanner.

"It scared me to death," she said. "I didn't know what was happening."

She got a neighbor to take her to the collapsed house.

Mr. Johnson said Mike McGlone from Stage Stop Towing was five



A house on 11th Street next to Grant Junior High collapsed on Harold Johnson of Goodland the day he finished salvaging lumber from the house and was waiting for a tow truck to pull the roof down. The Goodland Fire Department had to cut a hole in the roof (above) with a chain saw to get him out. Johnson sat back in his bed (right) Friday recuperating while his wife Beverly looked through some of the memorabilia they had found in the house.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran  
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minutes away when it happened.

"He had something to do really quick before coming over," Johnson said, "or he would have been in there with me."

When the driver heard about the collapse, Johnson said, he was so upset he couldn't remember the address.

Johnson said Jacobs told him he was lucky to have made it out alive.

"I ended up sideways between



the beams," Johnson said. "Elmer said I was lucky. Usually there's a joist there where I was, but it was missing."

It could have been worse. The Johnsons have twin sons, Sean and

Heath, 11, and Sean planned to be at the house to help, Mrs. Johnson said, but he was playing games.

"Thank goodness he opted out," she said.


"No," Mr. Johnson said. "I didn't

want him to go that day."

Johnson said every time he went to the house, the teachers at the junior high waved at him, and that day,

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**local markets**



**Noon**

- Wheat — \$8.33 bushel  
Posted county price — \$8.28  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Corn — \$3.52 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.63  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Milo — \$3.31 bushel
- Soybeans — \$9.23 bushel  
Posted county price — \$9.83  
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.)

**inside today**



More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News

### Cowboys finish second

Senior Bob Doxon had the upper hand against Rawlins County's Shelby Wright Saturday at the St. Francis Invitational. Doxon was first in the 275-pound weight class and the Cowboys finished second. See photo, story on Page 10a.

## Holidays bring out more scams

By Tom Betz

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A new twist on an old scam surfaced here last week as a Goodland resident was asked to cash counterfeit travelers checks and send the money to a person in Florida could make bail and be home for the holidays.

Of course, the victim would have been left with a \$3,500 loss, said Sheriff's Deputy Jason Showalter.

Sheriff Kevin Butts said the person who received the travelers checks brought them to the sheriff's office saying they thought the checks were not real.

Showalter said the Goodland resident received a UPS package from Tallahassee, Fla., and inside were \$3,500 worth of Visa travelers checks, each for \$500.

"The person was to cash the travelers checks at a bank and send the money back to Florida so the sender could bail himself out of jail," Showalter said.



Citizens and businesses are being warned by the Sherman County Sheriff to watch out for counterfeit VISA travelers checks such as these that were brought to the Bastille last week.

He said he did not know how the original contact was made with the Goodland person, but he said the checks were so good several area businesses and at least one bank told him if they had been signed, they probably would have cashed them.

"These were high-quality counterfeits," Showalter said. "We are telling all the banks and business people to be on the watch for these."

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## Family Christmas planned on Main

Goodland churches are inviting people to come to Main Street downtown from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday to enjoy a Family Christmas.

The street will be closed from 11th to 12th for the activities, said Travis Blake, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

Blake and the Rev. Jane Rothman of Emmanuel Lutheran Church said plans are to have the block filled with family activities. This is the first year for the program, and the two pastors said they hope people come out to enjoy the activities.

"The community is invited to hear the Christmas story told in many ways, while shopping at downtown

merchants," said Rothman. "All activities will be free of charge and a gift to the community from Goodland area churches."

Activities will include music by choirs, with representation from Grant Junior High and Goodland High School. Blake said there will be a bell choir and some smaller groups singing Christmas carols.

There will be a living Nativity Scene, crafts for the kids, a family photo booth, story hour, an inflatable carnival ride for the kids to enjoy and refreshments, he said.

Blake said the Goodland Ministerial Alliance has helped organize the program, plus a few other churches that are involved.

## Genesis food collection delayed due to weather

Freezing rain and cold winds Saturday caused Genesis Food Bank organizers to postpone the annual food collection for one week.

Scouts, 4-H members and adult volunteers will spread out across the city starting at 9 a.m. Saturday to pick up food for the bank, which needs lot of goodies to stuff holiday baskets for families in need.

People can leave food on their front porch for pickup or drop it off at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church, 1116 Sherman.

To put food out for pick up, put it in a sack by your front door or on the front porch, organizers said. The food bank needs canned goods and nonperishable items such as cereal, macaroni, Jell-O or peanut butter, said Mel Pfau of Genesis. They'd like to have things that can be used for a holiday meal such as cranberry sauce, pumpkin or stuffing mix, but can't take home-canned products or anything with an expired date.

Anyone who wants to give money can mail it to Genesis, Box 703, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

## Frontier Ag adds Quinter group

By Tom Betz

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The purchase of Quinter-based Midwest Cooperatives became official Saturday, making Goodland-based Frontier Ag the largest farm cooperative in northwest Kansas.

Frontier Ag is assuming a purchase contract for Midwest Cooperatives that had been set up by the privately held investment firm that owns Dakota Beef, a Howard, S.D., organic beef operation. It made the purchase from Midwest Grain LLC, a corporation set up by Dakota Beef.

Dakota Beef contacted Frontier about managing the Quinter-based operation, said General Manager Brad Cowan, and that led to the purchase agreement.

With the acquisition, Frontier Ag will become the largest farm cooperative in the region based on the number of elevators.

"There will be 24 locations," Cowan said. "It reaches from Ruleton, which is about 10 miles (west of Goodland), to Ogallah (east of WaKeeney) now."

Frontier Equity Co-op of Goodland and Co-Ag of Oakley merged

in March to create Frontier Ag, with elevators in Bird City, Brewster, Goodland, Ruleton, Breton, Grinnell, Menlo, Mingo, Page City, Seguin, Winona and Oakley. The co-op also has fertilizer operations in Bird City, Ruleton, McDonald and Atwood.

Midwest Cooperatives has elevators in Bogue, Collyer, Grainfield, Hill City, Morland, Ogallah, Park, Penokee, Quinter, Studley, Voda and WaKeeney.

Cowan said all the terms of the

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