

weather report



31°
noon
Monday

Today

- Sunset, 4:24 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:57 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 31 degrees
- Humidity 81 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds south 7 mph
- Barometer 29.99 inches and falling
- Record High today 77° (1939)
- Record Low today -18° (1961)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	21°
Low Sunday	15°
Precipitation	trace
This month	.18
Year to date	14.24
Below normal	5.30 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of snow before 11 a.m., a high near 26, a low around 13 and winds out of the north 10-15 mph.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 32, a low around 16 and winds southwest at 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 35 and a low around 13.
 Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 35 and a low around 14.
 (National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$8.88 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.76
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Corn — \$3.70 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.79
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Milo — \$3.49 bushel
- Soybeans — \$9.67 bushel
- Posted county price — \$10.23
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- 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



Rotary serves breakfast

Goodland Rotary Club member Trevor Linton carefully dropped blueberries into pancake batter in the high school kitchen Saturday morning for the group's annual Topside Tip-off pancake breakfast. See photo on Page 3.

Grand prize drawing on Saturday

Some luck shopper will win the Goodland merchants' big Christmas on Us \$1,200 grand prize at 1 p.m. on Saturday on 12th Street just east of Main, across from the Sherman Theater.

The ten \$50 instant prizes have been given out, but people can continue to collect tickets until Friday to win the \$1,200 grand prize. All the tickets will be collected on Friday to be added to those from the past weeks to have a chance at the grand prize.

Linda Fogo came in on Wednesday, the fifth winner to claim her instant prize. She got her ticket at the newspaper office, and said she would probably use the money for Christmas gifts. She said she was still hoping to win the big prize.

Debbie Fixsen came in Thursday with a winning ticket, saying it was her birthday. She said her husband Randall bought her a present at Mann's Jewelry, where he received Christmas On Us tickets. When he wrapped the present, she said, he put the tickets in with it.

What a thrill when she discovered a beautiful birthday present and an extra surprise — a winning ticket.

When asked what birthday it was for her, Debbie just smiled and said, "you gotta leave a little mystery."

What will she do with the ticket?



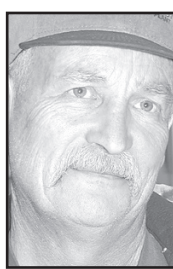
Fixsen



Fogo



Brack



Farris



Bateman



Johnson

"I'll probably go back to Mann's and buy a Christmas present!"

Gary Farris brought in a winning ticket Thursday that he got from Garcia's Home Furnishing and Appliance. He said hasn't decided what to do with his winnings.

Kim Bateman was the eighth winner and the third to come in with a ticket from the Conservatory Salon. She said the \$50 would

be great for Christmas shopping.

Etta Brack was the ninth winner. She got her ticket from McClung's Appliances, where she bought an upright freezer she said was "very nice."

Brack, who said she moved here from Denver five years ago, planned a trip to Klip 'N Kurl with the \$50 in scrip.

The tenth winner, Ana Johnson, was in at 7 a.m. on Monday. She said she was happy to get the \$50 prize, but still hopes to win the grand prize.

She said she got the winning ticket at Elliott's and plans to spend the scrip there.

"This will wrap up my Christmas," Johnson said. "I hope to win the grand prize and will shop at Elliott's if I win. They have nice things there."

Prize money has to be spent at participating businesses, including Garcia's, Elliott's Inc., American Communications, Mann's, Klip 'n Kurl, McClung's, Orscheln Farm and Home Supply, Antique Warehouse, the Stitch-n-Place, the Conservatory and *The Star-News*.

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 at the end of the week into a large bin.

The contest 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.
- 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 one extra ticket.

Ottawa, Colby Topside Tip-off champs

By Tom Betz

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The Wallace County Wildcats came within a foul shot of winning a Topside Tip-off championship in their first appearance on the boys side, but the Ottawa Cyclones took the title in overtime, 54-51, on Saturday.

On the girls side, the Class 4A State Champion Colby Lady Eagles won their first Topside championship, building an early lead against the Norton Lady Blue Jays to win 56-49.

The 19th annual tournament wrapped up Saturday night with the two championship games, then the presentation of girls and boys all-tournament teams and free-throw shooting and team spirit awards.

In the girls championship, Colby built a 12-point lead (16-4) over the Lady Jays, then held on in the fourth quarter to win 56-49.

Norton got to within 4 points at the end of the third quarter, 40-36, and cut the Colby lead to 40-39 in the first minute of the fourth quarter. However, Colby's Paige Stephens had 10 of her game-high 17 points in the final quarter, two field goals and six free throws.

Laura Lee Baird was the leading scorer for the Lady Blue Jays with 13 points, including 3 three-point baskets and 4 free throws.

The Lady Eagles faced the Goodland Cowgirls in the tournament championship last year, losing 47-43.

The Ottawa Lady Cyclones defeated the Goodland Cowgirls, 47-32, to win the consolation championship. The Weskan Lady Coyotes defeated the Wallace County Lady Wildcats 58-27 for third place, and the McCook Lady Bison defeated the Skyline Lady Falcons of Longmont, Colo., 47-33 for seventh.

In the boys championship, Ot-



Santa Claus himself stopped by the 19th Annual Topside Tip-off at Max Jones Fieldhouse during halftime of the boys championship game Saturday. He made a big hit, handing out candy canes, throwing some into the audience and posing for photos. While Santa made his round, Janet Redlin sang Christmas carols.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

tawa took an early lead, but Wallace County Wildcats battled back and were leading 16-14 at the end of

the first quarter. The Wildcats lead 26-20 at halftime.

Neither team had much luck scor-

ing in the third quarter, with Ottawa outscoring the Wildcats 9-7 to narrow the lead to 33-29.

Topside Tip-off All-Tournament teams named

One Cowgirl, Cowboy named to top teams

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When the championship games were over Saturday evening at Max Jones Fieldhouse, All-Tournament teams were announced and medals awarded in the 19th annual Topside Tip-off, with two Goodland players taking honors.

The first-place Colby Lady Eagles had three players on the all-tournament team, April Gee, Lissa Mazanec and Aubrette Stephens.

The Norton Lady Blue Jays had two, Laura Lee Baird and Hayli Bozarth. The Ottawa Lady Cyclones had Kara McFarland and Kristen Hendrickson.

Jade Herl of the Goodland Cowgirls, Weskan's Payton Walker and McCook's Lindsey Hazlitt rounded out the 10 members.

The champion Ottawa Cyclones had two boys on the all-tournament team, Jacob Sipple and Ian Matthews. The runner-up Wallace County had two, Jeff Hennick and Taylor Elder.

Rounding out the team were Goodland's Tanner Smith, Weskan's Drew Frasier, Longmont, Colo., Skyline's Dustin Wright, McCook's Cory Gaston, Colby's Levi Schlick and Norton's Logan Kats.

Wright set a new tournament record for the most individual three-point baskets with 16, beating 15 by Erik Viken of Burlington in 1997.

Thursday night, it appeared that Norton Lady Jays Baird had tied the record for most three-point baskets in a game with seven, but Dick Short, a member of the Topside board, said a closer check showed that Jessica Har-



Herl



Smith

ris of McCook had the record with eight three-point baskets in last year's tournament.

The Weskan Lady Coyotes won the girls' free-throw shooting award with 78 percent, hitting 39 of 50 tries. This was the third free-throw award for Weskan, which also won in 1996 and 1997. The

Norton Blue Jays won their first free-throw award, hitting 66.7 percent or 40 of 60 during the three nights.

The Ottawa Cyclones received the team spirit award for both teams and their cheerleaders and fans.

In the S&T Communications Long Distance Three-point Shootout, Weskan's Breanna Hilgemann hit eight in one minute to win over McCook's Melissa Lyster, who had six. On the boys side, Weskan's Cole Herschberger and McCook's Cory Gaston tied with

six each in the first round, but Herschberger hit eight to Gaston's six in the second.

Other records set in the tournament were the lowest total score for two teams with Norton, 35, and Goodland, 29, totaling 64, seven lower than the record of 71 set by Holyoke, Colo., 40, and Norton, 31, in 2005. The Norton winning score of 35 was a new record, five points lower than the 40 for Hugoton in 1989 and Holyoke in 2005.

During halftime of the boys championship, Santa Claus made an appearance and handed out candy canes, tossed some to the crowd, and paused for group photos while Janet Redlin sang Christmas carols.

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