

weather report

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noon
Thursday



Today

- Sunset, 4:32 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:31 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:32 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 45 degrees
- Humidity 35 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds west 10 mph
- Barometer 29.63 inches and falling

- Record High today 75° (1990)
- Record Low today -4° (1940)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 57°
- Low Wednesday 31°
- Precipitation none
- This month 0.74
- Year to date 20.14
- Above normal 1.24 inches

The Topside Forecast

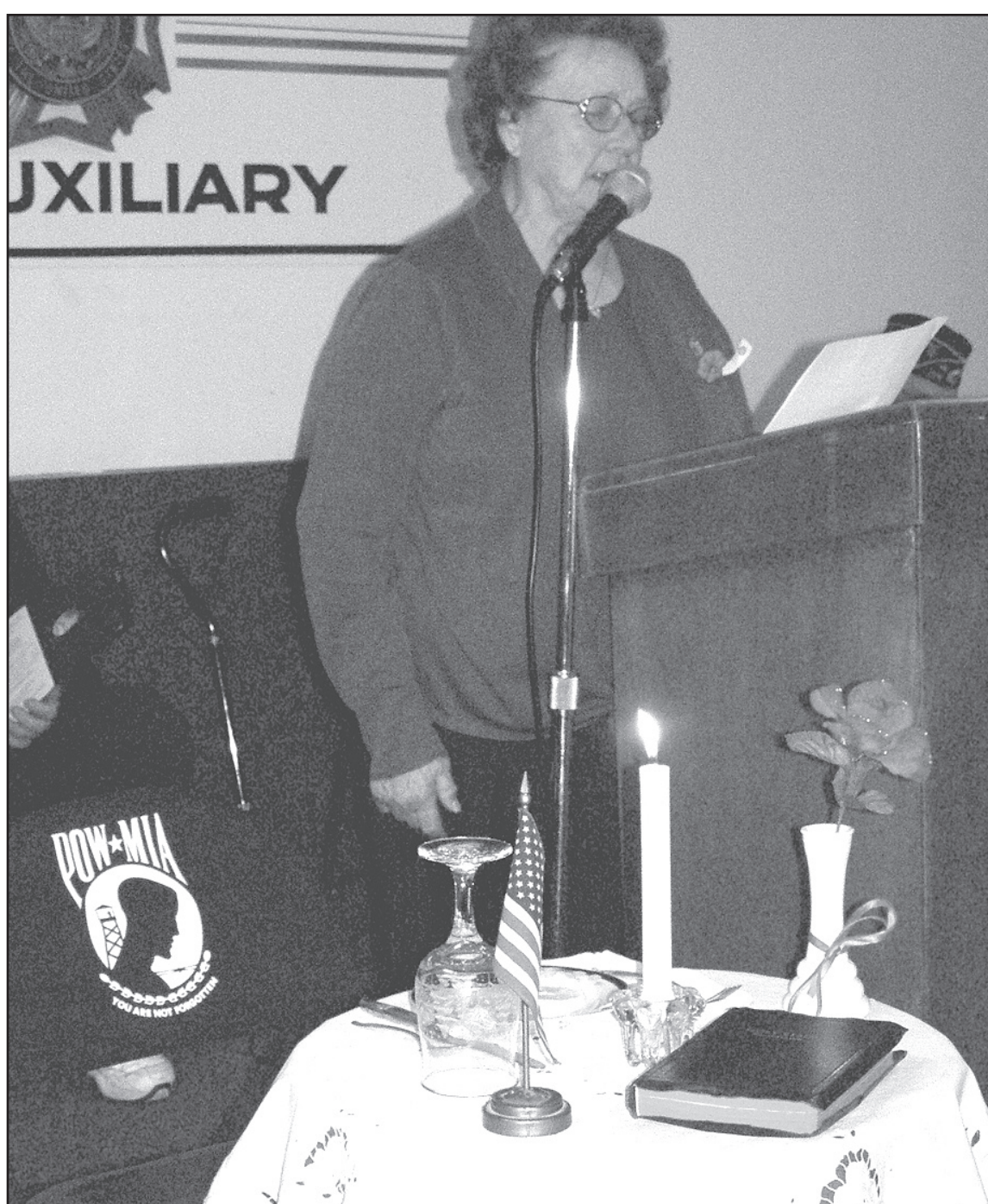
Today: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of snow showers in the morning, a high in the mid 40s, winds out of the northwest at 20 to 35 mph and a low in the lower 20s. Saturday: Sunny with a high in the mid 40s, winds out of the north at 10 to 30 mph and a low in the mid 20s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly clear with a high around 60 and a low in the upper 20s. Monday: Mostly clear with a high in the mid 50s and a low in the upper 20s.

(National Weather Service)
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*Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Service honors all who sacrificed



Mary Harper, president of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary, gave a special tribute to those veterans who have been prisoners of war or are missing in action during the annual Veterans Day ceremony Tuesday. The table and each of the items have special meaning as does the empty chair with the POW/MIA flag draped over it.

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The armistice signaling the end of World War I came at 11 a.m. of the 11th day of the 11th month in 1918, and more than 100 people gathered at the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars on Tuesday to mark the 90th anniversary of that event.

President Eisenhower changed the name to Veteran's Day, and services are held annually to remember those who died in service to the nation as well as those serving in the armed forces today.

Curtis Duncan, radio personality from KLOE/KKCI/KWGB, was the speaker for the day and he started by displaying a special American flag from his dad who served in the U.S. Navy in World War II. He said his dad did not talk a lot about his ex-

periences, but he was in the Pacific battles and was on a transport ship and delivered troops to the beaches in a landing craft.

Duncan said he had an uncle who was in the Navy and was involved in the war to retake the Aleutian Islands. Duncan said his uncle said it was very cold.

Duncan read several special poems about the liberty bell and freedom, and used quotes from famous people and the Bible to talk about special topics of freedom, bravery, dreams, honor, loyalty, patriotism and peace.

He said he tried to find time on the radio to play some patriotic music, and he was proud of the effort of the Kiwanis Club for their flag project and how good it looked to see them around town that day.

He said if people want to know more about the celebrations to go to communityofveterans.org, and that one of the special events of the day was the rededication in New York of the USS Intrepid aircraft carrier built in World War II.

JoAnn and Joe Wahrman presented the awards for the efforts of the young people who participated in the Patriots Pen and Voice of Democracy programs.

The Patriots Pen is for those in sixth to eighth grade and winners were Drew Dautel, Carly McCracken and Tanner Jones.

The two contestants in the Voice of Democracy were Brennen Clouse and Devin Mangus, Wahrman said with Clouse being the winner.

Clouse gave his speech for the audience and told about the service and sacrifice of his grandfather, and that it was through this service the freedoms and rights were given to the young people of today.

He said the freedoms let a person dream about what they want to become and truly with effort and work they can do it.

He said as a young person he has options growing up, and one of those is to join the armed forces.

"I live in the land of the free, because of the brave," he said in closing.

Auxiliary President Mary Harper gave a special tribute to those who were prisoners of war or missing in action.

Devin Mangus led a special quartet of Goodland High School students for several songs including Amazing Grace, Duke of Earl, one about the Cost of Freedom and led the audience in God Bless America. The other members included Tanner Oharah, Kade Sheldon and Brian Gray.



Curtis Duncan held a flag he got in memory of his father who served in the U.S. Navy in World War II.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.83 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.92
 - Corn — \$3.26 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.35
 - Milo — \$2.70 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$7.37 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$8.10
 - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
 - Confection — \$35/\$23 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)



A special barbershop quartet of Goodland High School students sang at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Tuesday morning as part of the annual Veteran's Day service. The quartet included (l to r) Kade Sheldon, Devin Mangus, Tanner Oharah and Brian Gray.

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Phone calls help schools, sheriff

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If you get a phone call and hear an automated voice on your phone maybe you should listen a few seconds before hanging up.

The Sherman County Sheriff's Department and the Goodland School District are both using different automated phone systems to notify people of weather closings and missing people.

The Goodland School District is using SchoolConnects to notify parents when school has been canceled because of bad weather, said Superintendent Shelly Angelos. Eventually it will be set up in each building to call when students haven't shown up for the day or are late.

The Sherman County Sheriff's Department joined AChild is Missing Alert system in October said Sheriff Kevin Butts.

The non-profit private system uses a neighborhood calling program that can generate 1,000 calls in 60 seconds near the location where a person has been reported missing. The numbers included in

the data base are listed numbers and do not include cell phone numbers, unlisted numbers, broadband or voice-over internet numbers and assisted telephone devices for the blind or deaf.

A Child is Missing Alert is not limited to children but assists in all missing cases Butts said besides stranger abduction of children the program includes other abductions, lost, wander-offs or run-aways plus elderly, mentally challenged, college students or disabled people. The system can cross jurisdiction lines to go nationwide if necessary. "It costs the sheriff's department nothing," said Sheriff Butts. "All we had to do was write a letter requesting to join the program."

To get a child listed on the Amber Alert the Kansas Bureau of Investigation makes the decision on who gets listed, the sheriff said.

On the A Child is Missing Alert system the sheriff deputy investigating a case makes the call to the groups' center at Fort Lauderdale, Fla. They use a satellite mapping program to locate the area and any

water or wooded areas.

Information included is the person's name, age, sex, race, height, hair and eye color, clothing the person was wearing and where the person went missing.

The first two or three hours are critical when someone is missing Butts said.

The organization keeps the reporting officer's cell phone number. After the recovery of the person the officers calls to stop the search.

The group faxes a form to the sheriff's department to fill out and send back. That documentation enables them to get funding to continue. Most of their funding is from grants and donations.

If you would like to add your number to their data base visit the website at www.achildmissing.org and click on "add your name" to enter your name, number and address.

"It's a fabulous program," said Sheriff Butts. "Wichita used it to find a little boy in a bad part of town."

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Santa Claus, parade coming to town

Santa Claus will arrive to open the holiday season at 1 p.m. on Saturday at Central Elementary School in Goodland.

The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce and Goodland Ambassadors have events planned for the afternoon with Santa seeing children from 1 to 3 p.m., and the Goodland High School State 3A Championship Cowgirls Golf team will be assisting as Santa's elves.

The Ambassadors will host a special public recognition for the Cowgirls golf team from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Central school.

The floats for the Christmas Parade of Lights will gather at the parking lot on the corner of Broadway and 11th (old Jubilee parking lot) where people can get a close look and vote for their favorites. A number of organi-

zations have indicated they are preparing special lighted floats for the parade including the Brick Top Cruisers car club.

The Christmas Parade of Lights will begin at 4:30 p.m. and the floats will parade south down Main Ave. from Eighth to 17th Street.

Several downtown merchants are planning special events and drawings Saturday including El Dorado Western Wear and Fashions, Prairie Rose Floral, Jeff's Junktiques, Applejack Restaurant, Mann's Jewelry, Smitty's Sports, Smittee's Video's, The Almond Tree, Beauty for Life, Jacque's Hallmark and the Word of Life Church will have a special display at 1102 Main.

The We Did It holiday craft show will be 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars 824 Main Ave.



Wiffleballs fly this week

Senior Chelsie Gausma pitched for the Fighting Rainbows, in the wiffleball tournament. The Rainbows beat the Black Knights 6-3. The tournament concluded Thursday evening. See photos on Page 12.

