

weather report



51°
noon

Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:59 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 34 degrees

• Humidity 33 percent

• Sky clear and sunny

• Winds north 18 mph

• Barometer 30.13 inches

and falling

• Record High today 66° (1921)

• Record Low today -19° (1961)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 54°

Low Wednesday 16°

Precipitation none

This month 0.09

Year to date 20.32

Above normal 0.77 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a high near 49, winds breezy from the south at 10-35 mph and a low around 28. Saturday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of snow after 11 p.m., a high near 57, winds out of the south at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 25.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow, a high near 25 and a low around 5.

Monday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow, a high near 13 and a low around 11.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Grinch steals senior dinner show



By Pat Schiefen

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Sounds of the season were provided by the music department of Goodland High School for the annual senior citizen dinner given by the Goodland School District at noon Wednesday.

Diners were treated to a traditional dinner of turkey, potatoes and gravy, stuffing, green beans, rolls and pumpkin dessert. A total of 603 meals were served including 137 that were delivered. Diners were greeted by Family, Career and Community Leaders of America President Courtney Sheldon, Student Council President Kirsten Dutton and School Board President Chuck Wilkens. Andrew Shores was the entertainment coordinator.

Door prizes were drawn and given out. Those winning \$20 gift certificates from Wal-Mart were Keith Kenny, Mrs. Jess Webb, Vernice Leslie, John Collett, Margaret Baalman, Eilene Brenner, Darlene Walter, Jerry Mint, Geniveve Matthews, and Marilyn Winger.

Those winning \$10 gift certificates from On the Bricks Cafe were Mickey Ricker, Maxine Zollinger, Wayne and Pat Nelson, Vola Fenner, Bob Russell, Bob Daise, Cindy Musil, Ann McKnight, Lowell Cowan and Lavonne Glasco.

The \$10 gift certificates for Hanks were given to Gaylene and Dennis Shank, J.B. and Judy McClure, Dorothy Mangus, Kermit and Althea Morris, Harold VanVleet, Cliff Bostwick, Harold and Juanita Rico, Ed Miller, Evelyn Rhoads and Carl Nelson.

Those winning \$10 gift certificates from Butterfly Cafe were Barb and Wayne Aten, Carol Tupper, Lois Cossman, Lowell Guyer, Martha Gunderson, Jan and Clyde Lambert, Betty Zeman, Melba Curry, Gene Telleson and Bud and Pat Perrey.

Poinsettias were won by Ivan Parks, Sandy Smith, Jan Berringer, Stan Martin and Dale Ellison.

Students providing music were Katlyn Lammers, Riley Ohara, Jen Rome, Taylor McLemore, Devin Mangus, Tanner Ohara, Tyler Jones, Shores, Julica Bon-sall, Kaitlin Fugleberg, Kade Sheldon and Bryan Gray. Groups singing were 4 Guys and a Pitch Pipe, Black and Gold Choir, Mixed Chorale, X-Pressos and Mass Choir. The Goodland High School Jazz Band played two numbers.

Goodland High School music teachers for band are Deanne Langness and for vocal Randy Berls. The high school art department made the table decorations.

The dinner was served by members of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, National Honor Society and Girls Athletic Association.

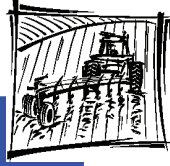


The Grinch (top) made a surprise visit to the senior citizen dinner given by the Goodland School District on Wednesday. Senior Tanner Ohara (bottom right) sang the song about the Grinch. Seniors Taylor McLemore (bottom left)

and Devin Mangus sang "Silver Bells" and "Winter Wonderland." Goodland High School music students provided the entertainment for the meal.

Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$4.51 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.47

Corn — \$3.05 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.12

Milo — \$2.40 bushel

Soybeans — \$7.17 bushel

Posted county price — \$7.58

Millet — \$7 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$13.95 cwt.

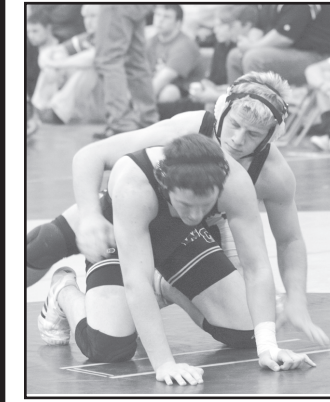
Confection — \$35/\$23 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys take second

Cowboys senior Ryan Taylor got ready to take on Ben Brown of Wichita County during the St. Francis tournament on Saturday. Taylor won 7-3 and the Cowboys finished second. See photo, story on Page 11.

County tax sale to be held end of January

By Tom Betz

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The long awaited delinquent property tax sale list will be published later this month, and the sale date will be late in January the Sherman County attorney and commissioners decided on Tuesday.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby told the commissioners her office and the county treasurer have collected more than \$300,000 in delinquent taxes through the past two months, and the number of properties in the tax sale has dropped from more than 100 down to 37 tracts plus a few mineral rights.

She said there are a couple of large tracts in the pieces left in the sale, but feels most of the ones left are smaller. She said the value of the properties being planned for the sale are about \$261,000, and that she is planning to have the first publication later this month.

She said in finishing the listing County

Treasurer Iris Scheopner came up with about 19 more tracts that have now gone three-years delinquent, and asked the commissioners if they would consider pushing the sale out to February to give her time to make contact with the new batch.

The estimated tax value of the ones that have now gone three-years delinquent is about \$50,000 she said.

The commissioners asked Selby about the first group and about the big ones she mentioned.

Selby said the biggest is the property owned by Jeffrey Harsh, which was the K-Inn, and that after the court and demolition costs that is about \$54,000. She said in the sale she will bid in the minimums for the county, and the county could end up owning quite a few of those tracts.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he thought the county has a good side on this as

it is land that has been cleared.

"We don't want to do a lot of clean up," Commissioner Mitch Tiede said.

Selby said the 19 new properties are three years old and could be added to the tax sale.

Rasure said he felt it might be good to do one in January with the existing list and consider doing a second in February with the shorter list.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked Selby if she was sending letters to the new list similar to those she sent out last fall.

She said she would send the letters even if the commissioners did not want to include the second list along with the completed list of properties. She said the potential from the new list is \$50,000.

"And some of that you could get in if you send out the letters," Thomas said. "You got half or two thirds from the first batch of letters."

She said the letters had helped collect more than half of the value in the first list.

Tiede said his recommendation was to do the original tax sale as planned and look at the other ones later.

Rasure said he agreed that was better than pushing the sale out another month.

"It would be better to go ahead and get it done," Thomas said.

"OK," Selby said. "We will send out the 19 new letters and proceed with the sale on the others."

Selby said Wednesday she would not have the petition filed in time to get the first publication in The Goodland Star-News this week, but should have it ready to be printed in the next couple of weeks.

The list has to be published three times and the sale is to be at least 30 days after the first publication.

Genesis Christmas collection ready for boxes

By Tom Betz

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Teams of adults and kids spread out over Goodland Saturday morning for the annual Genesis Christmas food collection, and the food has been sorted and counted to be ready for the boxing and distribution this month.

More than 60 people gathered at the Methodist Fellowship Hall early Saturday morning and Genesis board member Jeff Mason handed out maps with the 14 sections of the city for the teams to go out and pick up sacks and boxes of food donations.

Linda Pfau, Genesis coordinator, said they had a good response on Saturday, and that some food continues to come in.

"We can use more," she said, "and money would be good to help us fill in some areas."

People with food can call the Genesis at (785) 890-2299 and the Pfau's will make arrangements to either pick it up or meet the person at the church. She said people can drop donations off at the United Methodist Church or send money to Genesis, 324 E. 15th, Goodland, Kan. 67735. She said the money goes to Joy Hayden, who is the Genesis secretary.

Those who did not go out to collect food on Saturday began the process



Makayla Fitzgibbons, 10, (right) helped Linda Pfau start sorting the sacks of food donations that had been arriving at the Methodist

Fellowship Hall for several days and continued as teams brought sacks back from the collection on Saturday morning.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

of sorting and as more sacks came in they were added to the piles and were sorted into categories all around the walls of the Fellowship Hall.

"It was a change this year," Pfau

said, "and it saved us a whole day. In the past we would collect it all and then have to get people back to sort it before we came back to box it for distribution.

"We had plenty of help to get it sorted and it made it easy to count each category to know where we were.

"The kids loved it, and one little

girl was just having a ball pushing the cart around to help sort the stuff and then make sure it was stacked

