

weather report

17°  
noon  
Monday

Today

Sunset, 5:16 p.m.  
Saturday  
Sunrise, 6:45 a.m.  
Sunset, 5:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 31 degrees  
• Humidity 67 percent  
• Sky cloudy  
• Winds north 17 mph  
• Barometer 30.09 inches and rising  
• Record High today 78° (1976)  
• Record Low today -22° (1933)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 33°  
Low Sunday 28°  
Precipitation 0.01  
This month 0.10  
Year to date 0.28  
Below normal 0.23 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with patchy fog after 11 p.m., a high near 25, winds out of the northwest at 5 to 10 mph switching to the south and a low around 10. Wednesday: Partly sunny with patchy fog before 11 a.m., a high near 32, winds out of the south at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 17.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 41 and a low around 21.  
Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 44 and a low around 23.  
Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 47 and a low around 23.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.86 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.91  
Corn — \$3.01 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.28  
Milo — \$2.72 bushel  
Soybeans — \$8.31 bushel  
Posted county price — \$8.36  
Millet — \$5 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$14.35 cwt.  
Confection — \$28/\$15 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)  
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures. )

inside today

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Cowboys beat Indians

Cowboy Dillon Trachsel tossed the ball into a teammate last week against Burlington. The Cowboys won their fourth game of the season at St. Francis on Friday, 50-47. See story, photo on Page 11.

# Verdict in: Guilty on all charges

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The week-long trial of the State vs. Steven Moyer came to an end Friday with a verdict of guilty on all five charges.

The jury began deliberation at 10:30 a.m. Friday and met again at 3:17 p.m. to announce findings of guilty of acts of Aggravated Criminal Sodomy on or about Oct. 2, 2008; Criminal Sodomy on or about Feb. 19, 2009; Aggravated Indecent Liberties With a Child on or about Feb. 19, 2009; Criminal Sodomy on or about March 23, to April 2, 2009; and Criminal Sodomy on or about April 3, 2009.

The difference between aggravated criminal charges and criminal charges is determined by the age of the victim at the time of the offense, according to information offered during the trial.

The case for the State was presented by attorneys Amy Hanley and Christine Ladner

of the Attorney General's Office on Tuesday and Wednesday before resting Wednesday afternoon. (See page 1 story "Courtroom drama unfolding" in the Friday, Feb. 5 Goodland Star News for Tuesday and Wednesday testimony.)

Defense Attorney Jeff Mason presented one witness, Merle J. Hodges, M.D., Wednesday afternoon before testimony ended for the day.

Thursday morning Mason called Goodland realtor Terry Richardson of Homestead Realty who testified he had sold Moyer a house in Goodland in August 2008. The home needed "lots of TLC" because it sat vacant for a year and a half, Richardson said. He had financed the sale. Since the sale he had not entered the home and had no idea whether repairs had been made, Richardson said. He testified that at one point Moyer had fallen behind on house and utility payments when he lost a job.

Moyer

Sherman County rancher and business owner Richard Bursch testified that at the time of his arrest Moyer leased a truck from him and was employed by Bursch Trucking as a grain hauler five days a week and occasional Saturday mornings. The tractor trailer rigs were kept at Frontier Ag and Moyer's duties were to deliver grain and grease the trailer weekly. Bursch further testified Moyer was usually late for work and fuel consumption records showed he drove too fast trying to make up for lost time. There had been complaints from elevator operators about his late deliveries and Moyer had been banned from some grain elevators because he showed up when they were closing, Bursch said.

Grant Junior High Principal Steve Raymer testified the victim was a good student who had participated in basketball and was quiet and not a discipline problem. At one point she had problems with her math grade, but it had improved, he said.

Mary Kratky, who teaches physical education and health and is activity director at Grant

Junior High, testified she teaches health including different systems of the body at the seventh grade level and human reproduction at the eighth grade level. She did not teach sex education, she said. She said the victim had been on the basketball team for a time and was "a pepper," but not a cheerleader.

Stephanie Beine of St. Louis, Mo., a forensic analyst for Genetic Technologies, Inc., testified she had done a case review of the KBI (Kansas Bureau of Investigation) tests for DNA and agreed with the KBI findings. After a review of the KBI case file including the search of the house, she testified she would have approached the scene in the same way the KBI had done.

However, she said, she found the KBI report unusual in that, given the charges in the case, no pertinent biological material had been revealed in searches of the house and vehicle. She confirmed KBI testimony that DNA testing did not specify when material

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## Storm brings light snow to area on Monday

Snowy skies greeted drivers on K-27 (above) and a snow plow worked along Business U.S. 24 (above right) Monday morning as a storm brought light snow and cold temperatures to the area. The forecast was for accumulations of about an inch of snow with temperatures to drop into the single digits overnight. Tuesday calls for sunny skies with the high in the mid

20s. Tuesday night it will become cloudy and expect patchy fog after midnight. Low around 10. Wednesday it is to partly sunny after the fog burns off in the morning with a high in the mid 30s. Thursday through Sunday the skies are to be partly cloudy with the highs moving into the 40s and lows around 20.

Photos by Jessica Corbin/The Goodland Star-News

# More good news for the movie crowd

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The Sherman Theatre in downtown Goodland is moving up in the world of technology.

While some things will remain the same, such as the comfortable seats and variety of treats, you'll notice something else unfold right before your eyes.

That something else is the way the movie will appear on the 32-foot wide, 17-foot high screen.

The Sherman Theatre will soon be installing the technology necessary to change the way movies are projected from the second floor booth onto the huge screen. It's called 'digital' and that will replace the old-fashioned analog system used for many years to entertain movie fans.

With digital, film is no longer necessary, making the need for the large reels onto which the film is rolled, extinct. The changeover being undertaken by the theatre's owner Dave Branda, is sort of like upgrading your personal Kodak camera that uses film to digital, where a chip or disc is used. The theatre's booth, where a new projector will soon sit, will project the images onto the screen via hard drive loaded into a player.

Branda said the viewer will notice a sharper, more focused image. He also said with the new digital system, the full exposure of the screen will be used. He also said the viewer will notice a richer, fuller sound because digital sound on a hard drive is uncompressed sound vs. compressed sound stored on film.

The changeover to digital will also allow the theatre to show 3-D movies, Branda said it is his hope that the first 3-D to be shown at the theatre will be the much hyped movie, "Avatar." Viewers will wear special glasses for the purpose of getting the full 3-D experience. He said he has an order in for nearly 1,200-1,500 glasses. He said the viewer owns the glasses when purchasing a ticket and can choose to discard them or properly clean

them for use at another 3-D movie.

When asked how he felt about this major change, Branda replied: "Excited, scared, apprehensive." But he said it is a matter of survival, indicating that if he didn't go with the flow he would be out of business in the near future. He said the industry is eliminating film for the purpose of showing movies. "I have too much invested in this business to just walk away from it," he said.

Branda has owned the theatre since 1990 and put on the new front in 1994. He said his interest in the theatre came about by answering a part time help wanted ad in the Goodland newspaper by one of the former managers, Bud Perrey. Branda was in the early years of teaching at Central Elementary School when he took the part time job which eventually resulted in year round employment. It was in his 16th year of teaching that he needed to make a decision because he felt boxed in holding down two jobs.

The auditorium holds 286 and the seats are just four years old. He lost some capacity when he chose to provide more leg room when the new seats were installed. He also made provisions for wheel chair patrons within the seating area.

The theatre has stood at the corner of 12th and Main since August 2, 1926 when a grand opening was held, complete with pipe organ. A four column article in the *Goodland News Republic* on July 29, 1926 gave details on decor, seating, curtains, refreshment stand, and a drinking fountain, mirrored, lighted,

In recent years Dave Branda (above) has been making improvements to the Sherman Theatre including opening the front and installing a new electronic marquee. Improvements have been made inside with seating and sound and the next step will be the installation of a digital projection system.

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