

weather
report

41°
noon
Monday



Today

- Sunset, 6:54 p.m.
- **Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 7:37 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:55 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 37 degrees
- Humidity 62 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds northwest 15-25 mph
- Barometer 30.42 inches and rising
- Record High today 82° (1908)
- Record Low today 7° (1928)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	40°
Low Sunday	32°
Precipitation	none
This month	1.58
Year to date	2.36
Above normal	1.47 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 60, winds out of north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 28. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 64, winds out of the north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 32.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain at night, a high near 65 and a low around 34. Friday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and snow, a high near 42 and a low around 25.

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local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.86 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.04
Corn — \$3.10 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.31
Milo — \$2.86 bushel
Soybeans — \$8.32 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.52
Millet — \$2.86 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$15 cwt.
Confection — \$28/\$15 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside
today

More local
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School books
delivered

Matt Hall used a pallet jack to move the books he helped deliver to the Manhattan armory. The books were collected by Goodland Rotary to send to "Help us Learn... Give us Hope!" project. See photo, story on Page 3.



25 years of guard history ending

By Staff Sgt. Mark Reasoner
Goodland unit administrator

The Kansas Army National Guard has been a strong presence in Goodland since a unit was first established on Oct. 31, 1985, but that history will come to an end at 2 p.m. on Thursday, when the facility will be transferred to the City of Goodland in a public closing ceremony.

A special closing ceremony will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday to lower the flag and present the armory formally to the city of Goodland. Several command members of the Kansas National Guard and former unit members are expected to attend the ceremony.

When the Goodland guard unit was first established soldiers met once a month upstairs at the Goodland Co-op building, and had only a small portion of the clothing and equipment they were authorized due to the lack of space.

Vehicles and equipment were kept in the fenced-off area at the City Power plant. When organized the unit was Detachment 1 of the 995th Maintenance Company, which had been previously stationed at the armory in Russell.

The unit was reorganized on Nov. 1, 1986, becoming Detachment 1 of the 170th Maintenance Company, which had its headquarters in Hays and a sister detachment, Detachment 2, located at the Colby armory.

The earliest recorded emergency service for the unit was in March 1987, when one soldier was mobilized to help transport stranded motorists and transport emergency personnel to and from emergency locations during a blizzard on March 28.

Construction of a the armory for the unit began in 1989, and it was officially opened to the public in

an open house celebration that took place in May of 1990.

The open house featured weapons familiarization on the indoor shooting range, vehicle and equipment displays as well as a helicopter fly-in that landed directly on the armory grounds.

Barely six months later, on Nov. 29, the unit was activated for service in Operation Desert Shield in response to the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. The armory was completely emptied so the unit could deploy to Saudi Arabia, and following training at Ft. Riley, the unit flew to Saudi Arabia on the Feb. 10, 1991.

In Saudi Arabia the unit served in various maintenance functions as well as moving supplies and water to soldiers on the front lines in convoys. During this time the unit was housed in a hospital building that had been constructed shortly before the outbreak of hostilities. It was for this reason that emergency personnel, who responded to the scud missile which landed in an airport hangar used to house a US Army Reserve unit, moved wounded personnel there, thinking it was still a hospital.

Many unit personnel, trained as EMTs in their civilian lives, saved a number of these wounded soldiers by providing emergency first aid while the proper medical facilities were located and notified of the pending transfer of casualties. Other unit members were used to cordon off and guard the hangar area or search the ruins of the hangar for unaccounted/deceased personnel.

When the hostilities ended the main emphasis of the unit shifted to cleaning and preparing equipment for the return trip to the states. The unit flew back to the States on June 18, 1991. On July 15, the 170th Maintenance Company was released from active duty.



When the Goodland National Guard Unit returned from Desert Storm in 1991 the town gave them a great reception and everyone signed a big welcome home banner that has hung in the Goodland armory for 19 years, and was left behind when the armory was closed. Former unit members and veterans are invited to the closing ceremony on Thursday.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

The unit was welcomed back to Goodland on Aug. 3, 1991, with a homecoming parade, a barbecue, formal dance and welcome home ceremony.

The unit's equipment returned eventually to the railhead at Ft.

Riley, where it was inventoried and returned to the unit's control.

Truly a part of the community, the unit assisted with the construction of the Topside Territory playground on the West School grounds by providing a crane, forklift, tools and

manpower during the playground construction phase that took place Aug. 26 through 30 of 1992.

Using supplies obtained from the demolition of other Guard and city

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Man found dead in field on Road 80

A 70 year old Sherman County man was found dead Wednesday afternoon in a field about a mile and half from his stuck pickup near the Cheyenne County line after a search was organized.

Cheyenne County Undersheriff Cody Beeson said a man called to say Royce Kellner's cattle were out, and he had not been able to contact Kellner.

Kellner, who lived on Sherman County Road 80 near County Road 2 had used his cell phone about 6 p.m. on Tuesday, and had not been heard from since then when the Cheyenne County Sheriff's office was called. The cell phone was found in the pickup.

Beeson said the pickup was found stuck in the mud with footprints leading away to the east. He said a search was being organized with volunteers from Cheyenne County and an airplane from St. Francis when Beeson found the body at a field fence about a mile and a half from the pickup.

The body was in Sherman County and Beeson called the Sherman County Sheriff's office about 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Sheriff Kevin Butts sent deputies to the scene and he drove Dr. Travis Daise, deputy coroner, to the scene to examine the body.

Sherman County Deputy Jason Showalter said the pickup was stuck deep in the mud when he arrived.

Sheriff Butts said his deputies and deputies from Cheyenne County were trying to track back to find out what happened, but felt Kellner had been out doors overnight and had died sometime during the night. He said the mud in the field road next to the body had started to set up, and said he and his deputies did not leave tracks as deep as those made by Kellner.

Sheriff Butts said Dr. Daise ruled Kellner had a heart attack and died of natural causes.

Kellner, who had a Kanorado address has a brother Elmer who lives in Cheyenne County, and the body was taken to Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis.



Police capture loose steer

Goodland City employees and police had a round up on their hands on Friday morning. A steer made a break from the Prairieland Animal Clinic, 204 N. Caldwell, and took a stroll to about 7th and Cherry when he was spotted by police. Police and city employees herded the escapee into an alley between 2nd and 3rd Street where the backyards were fenced and one end of the alley was closed off by the police and the other end by city employees. A stock trailer was lined up at one end and the city pickups formed a v. At the other end Police Chief Ray Smee and others herded the steer into the trailer. The escapee went peaceable.

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