

weather
report

51°

noon
Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 7:19 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:17 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:20 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 42 degrees

• Humidity 31 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds northwest 10-15 mph

• Barometer 30.11 inches

and falling

• Record High today 90° (1930)

• Record Low today 8° (1989)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 48°

Low Wednesday 28°

Precipitation 0.03

This month 0.28

Year to date 2.81

Above normal 0.46 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 67, winds breezy out of the north at 5 to 30 mph and a low around 37. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 74, winds out of east at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 41.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 77 and a low around 43. Monday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 74 and a low around 48. Tuesday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 67 and a low around 43.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$3.82 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.84

Corn — \$2.93 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.21

Milo — \$2.69 bushel

Soybeans — \$8.50 bushel

Posted county price — \$8.64

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$15.35 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.)

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today

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Cowgirls
split games

Cowgirls kristen Topliff was safe when she slid into second in the first inning at the first softball game against Liberal on Monday. The record for the Cowgirls is 1-3 for the season. See story, photos on Page 10.



In the eggonaut photo (left) David Murray prepared his egg o naut for launch. The goal is to launch the egg and recover it intact. In elevated bridge (above) Nick Thomas and Jeff House prepared to test their bridge at state and their bridge came in fourth in small schools and eighth overall.

Photos by Brian Coon/Science Olympiad Coach

Science team wins trophy at state

By Brian Coon

Science Olympiad Coach

The Goodland High School Science Olympiad team earned a third place trophy at the state tournament held Saturday at Wichita State University.

Fifteen Goodland students helped win the first ever team trophy at state in the small school's division — school's under 1,000 students. Overall, Goodland finished in ninth place out of 30 teams — a Goodland team best.

The team qualified for state by finishing first for the second year in a row at the regional tournament in Hays. (Complete results included below.)

Science Olympiad is a national organization promoting science education by sponsoring competitions. Each fall national rules and events are decided, and teams of high school students prepare to compete against other students from different high schools. Two different types of events are involved,

building and written. In the building events, students build projects within certain criteria before the competition. Written events test the students' knowledge within the various areas of science.

At the state tournament, four building events earned finishes in the top 10 overall.

Caleb Fugleberg and Jason Cowan finished first overall and earned a gold medal with their Trajectory project. This is an event where the students build a catapult capable of launching an object anywhere from 2-10 meters and at heights from 0-2 meters at 1 centimeter increments.

The Elevated Bridge, an event where students build bridges made out of balsa wood and competed based on efficiency. Therefore, the bridge that held the most weight compared to the weight of the actual bridge won. Nick Thomas and Jeff House made a bridge that finished eighth overall and was fourth in small schools.

"Mission Possible" is an event requiring

students to build a Rube Goldberg type machine. Parker Sieck, Garrett Giest, and Joel Linin made a machine that finished eighth overall and was fourth in the small school division.

"It's about Time" is an event requiring students to build a time keeping device accurate to a 10th of a second, and they are tested on the accuracy of their device from 10-300 seconds. The event requires a test about various aspects of time. Thomas and Michaela Garrett participated in "It's about Time" and finished 10th overall and were fifth in small schools.

In written events, Goodland won five medals, including two more overall state champions.

Hazen Deeds and Kayler Rietcheck showed off their knowledge of farming by finishing first and winning gold in Environmental Chemistry, an event about the chemistry of farming.

In "Write it, Do it," Brooke Lockhart wrote directions to build an abstract model made of

Legos, K'Nex, and Tinker Toys. From those instructions, Day Waugh built the model, and they finished first overall, winning gold.

In Forensics, Michaela Garrett and Carly McCracken finished second in small schools and second overall. In forensics, students do their best to impersonate crime scene investigation shows off television. The students are given a crime scene and must analyze fingerprints, plastics, fibers and other materials in order to figure out who committed a crime. Chantel Coates worked with the two students competing in forensics throughout the year in order to prepare for the event.

Michaela Garrett and Waugh competed in Ornithology, an event about bird knowledge and identification. They earned third place in small schools and were 11th overall.

In Ecology, the study of ecosystem, with emphasis in the taiga and grasslands, Waugh and Fugleberg received bronze, 13th overall.

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State Treasurer travels to give money back to citizens

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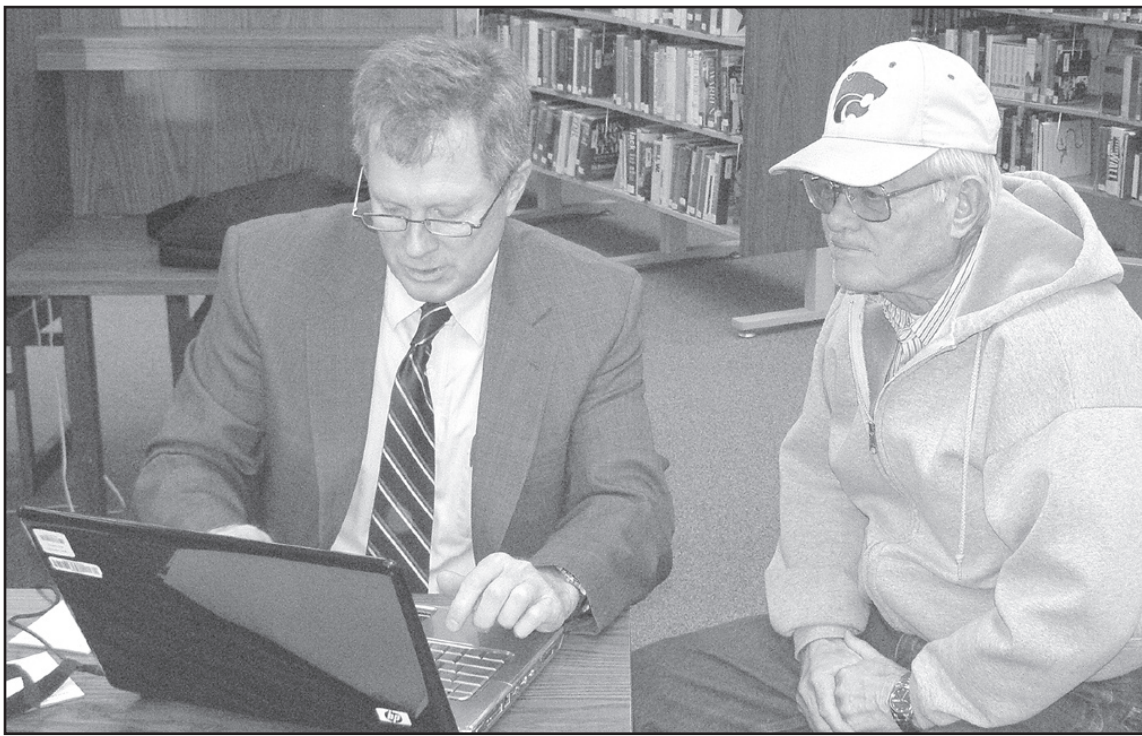
A steady stream of Sherman County citizens filed into the Goodland Public Library Wednesday morning to find out if the State of Kansas had a secret hoard of cash with their names on it they could claim.

The event was part of three-day trip through northwest Kansas by State Treasurer Dennis McKinney trying to search out citizens who have unclaimed property being held by his office in Topeka.

The trip began Tuesday and McKinney was in Norton, Oberlin, Atwood and St. Francis. He spend overnight in Goodland and was heading to Colby and Hays. The last stop of the tour was to be in Great Bend.

McKinney said he has had good turnouts at the different towns, and he hopes to give as much of the \$200 million in unclaimed property back as possible.

"Especially in this economy I want to help people find any money



State Treasurer Dennis McKinney searched the Kansas Cash web site to see if Sherman County resident Alan Pickett or a relative of his had money or property in the unclaimed listing. McKinney and two helpers toured northwest Kansas stopping to do similar searches and were at the Goodland Public Library Wednesday morning.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

or property we might have," he said as he set up his computer in the Goodland library.

He had a printout showing the state has \$155,453 in unclaimed property belonging to 1,849 Sherman County citizens.

McKinney said his office handled a record 38,000 claims through June of last year. He said his staff surpassed that mark in March.

Karen Gillihan, library director, said she had a lot of calls from people asking about the program. She said she and the library staff helped look up some of the people to let them know if they were on the list or not.

McKinney and his two helpers Aaron Otto and an intern Alex Reineke, each had a laptop computer and connected to the wireless network at the library to search for names on the Kansas Cash web site.

McKinney said people can visit www.KansasCash.com or call (800) 432-0386 to search for themselves or people they know.

Sherman County Census returns at 60 percent

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Census questionnaires continue to be mailed in from Sherman County, and the return rate had reached 60 percent on Thursday, but the national rate is up to 63 percent.

Count Day was April 1, but people can continue to mail in their U.S. Census forms with a deadline of May 1.

The latest return figures bring Sherman County within 5 percent of the 65 percent returned for the 2000 census, but the goal is to get the county closer to the 85 to 90 percent return rate.

Sherman County goal 85-90 percent return

The Kansas return rate is up to 68 percent. Other counties in northwest Kansas include Cheyenne 65 percent, Rawlins 55 percent, Decatur 57 percent, Thomas 65 percent, Sheridan 65 percent, Wallace 60 percent, Logan 65 percent, Gove 68 percent and the highest in the neighborhood Trego 74 percent.

Sherman county has a "Questionnaire assistance center" where questions associated

with the 2010 Census can be answered and extra forms are available at the Goodland Public Library, 812 Broadway Ave. The contact person is Bonnie Thompson, (785) 844-5461 and she will be at the library from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday.

Beginning Monday any Kansan who did not get a Census Questionnaire may call (866) 872-6868 and request a 2010 Census Questionnaire. Upon one's request, an extra form will be mailed to his/her home address said Charles Gordon of the Kansas City Regional Census office.

After May 1, the largest field operation

associated with the 2010 Census will begin, he said. For every residence where a Census Questionnaire was not returned, an enumerator will come to that physical location and attempt to secure a completed Questionnaire.

Gordon said the Census needs to hire almost two dozen enumerators in Sherman County. Anyone interested in finding out more about these jobs can call (866) 861-2010 or go online to www.2010censusjobs.gov.

An interactive Google Maps showing mail back participation rates for your county and its municipalities can be seen at http://2010.census.gov/2010census/take10map/.

