

weather report

36°

10:30 a.m.  
Monday

Today

- Sunset, 4:58 p.m.
- **Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:24 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:37 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 46 degrees
- Humidity 73 percent
- Sky cloudy with light rain
- Winds east 12 mph
- Barometer 30.09 inches and falling
- Record High today 83° (1934)
- Record Low today 16° (2000)

Last 24 Hours\*

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|---------------|------------|
| High Sunday   | 52°        |
| Low Sunday    | 25°        |
| Precipitation | trace      |
| This month    | .26        |
| Year to date  | 18.87      |
| Above Normal  | .20 inches |

The Topside Forecast

Today: Cloudy with an 80 percent chance of snow with new accumulation of 2 to 4 inches, a high near 31, winds out of the north at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 22. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 37, winds out of the north at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 21.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 50 and a low around 27. Friday: Sunny with a high near 55 and a low around 31. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 57 and a low around 33.

(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

10:30 a.m.

Wheat — \$6.65 bushel  
Posted county price — \$6.59  
Corn — \$6.36 bushel  
Posted county price — \$6.32  
Milo — \$5.99 bushel  
Soybeans — \$10.65 bushel  
Posted county price — \$11.33  
Millet — \$5.99 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$28.60 cwt.  
Confection — no bid  
Pinto beans — \$28  
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys wrap-up

Dax Ruhs was the Cowboys leading rusher with 878 yards for the season and four games of over 100 yards. Scott City eliminated the Cowboys in Class 3A. See photo, story on Page 12.



Veterans Day service on 11-11-11

Veterans Day is Friday, and the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars invite Sherman County veterans, family and friends to join them to celebrate the day during the annual service at 11 a.m., said post commander Marvin Cullens.

He said the annual event is always important, but this one is special being at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of the year 2011.

Veterans Day ceremonies traditionally begin at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month, marking the time when the armistice ending World War I went into effect and guns fell silent on the Western Front across

Europe in 1918.

Goodland's VFW Post 1133, located at 824 Main Avenue, has been holding a Veterans Day program since 1986. The VFW Auxiliary and American Legion Post 117 help present the service.

The Veterans Day speaker will be Police Chief Clifton Couch. Chief Couch served as a U.S. Marine, and moved to Goodland from Tallahassee, Fla., in August to be the police chief. Couch grew up, went to college and worked in the sheriff's department in Tallahassee before moving to Goodland.

"We hold the program to honor our veterans, those who have served and those who

are serving now," said American Legion Post Commander Dennis Musil.

Master of ceremonies will be Richard Liess.

The public ceremony will include a presentation by the VFW Color Guard, invocation by Musil, Pledge of Allegiance led by Liess, welcome from Cullens, Voice of Democracy winners announced by JoAnn Wahrman, a talk on the VFW auxiliary activities by JoAnn Wahrman, music by Danny Mangus and family, scripture reading by Chester Ross, Veterans Day prayer by Ken Baum, Legion service officer, retiring of the colors and closing prayer by Baum.

A reception with coffee and cinnamon rolls will be held before and after the program.

Veterans Day was first celebrated as Armistice Day proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919. It became a legal federal holiday on Nov. 11, 1921, and was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 by a proclamation from President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

All federal, state, county and city government offices, including the Post Offices in Goodland, Edson and Kanorado, the Sherman County transfer station and local banks will be closed on Friday.

Goodland Schools, Northwest Tech and most businesses will be open.



Members of the Ballet Chorus of the Opera includes Chloe Goodwin, Shayley Miller, Bracelyn Redlin, Mara Kling and Amy Floyd. They dance with Christine (above) early in the play. Christine's wannabe lover, Raoul, played by Holton Witman (right), sings about an antique music box from the Paris Opera House as he remembers his love from long ago.

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High School presents Phantom of the Opera

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Phantom of the Opera is an ambitious undertaking for a high school, but Goodland's students and adult support seem to be up to the task.

Thursday's dress rehearsal was a rough one, but with a week left to polish lines and hone the technical aspects, the Phantom cast will no doubt be presenting a gem to its audience on opening night Friday.

Andrew Lloyd Webber's musical version of the Phantom opened on Broadway in 1986, before this generation of thespians was born. And that's a good thing. At the time, the air, or certainly the airwaves, seemed saturated with "The Music of the Night" and all things Phantom. The student production comes at a time when even those who lived through the 80s can welcome a refresher course.

This production brings several strong points to recommend it. First, the voice of Abigail Jolly is up to the task of telling the story of Christine Daae, a promising young singer who attracts the attentions of the disfigured creature who lives in the cavern below the Paris Opera House. The acting talents of Caleb Fugleberg, who plays the Phantom, and Holton Witman, who plays



The Phantom (Caleb Fuglebert) sings to Christine Daae (Abigail Jolly) in the high school production of The Phantom of the Opera.

Christine's wannabe lover Raoul, make them strong favorites for a stellar opening night.

Watching vocal music instructor Randy Berls direct the rehearsal was an entertainment in itself as he took on parts of missing cast, pantomimed stage action and moved between backstage and at various places in the auditorium seemingly at just under the speed of light.

Worth mentioning is strong community support in the form of members of the orchestra, stage manager Gordon Pettibone, and Dave Floyd, who was managing sound Thursday evening but is not listed as a member of the crew.

Webber's production of Phantom drew strong critical praise for its stage effects. The student versions were still under construction Thursday evening, but if the "Phantom in the mirror" effect being tested that night is a good example, audiences should flock to this production to see how a Kansas high school can credibly pull off a Broadway classic.

Cast of Characters

The Phantom, Caleb Fugleberg; Christine Daae, Abigail Jolly; Raoul, Vicomte de Chagny, Holton Witman; Monsieur Firmin, Parker Sieck; Monsieur Andre, Jed Gray;

Meg Giry, Jess Klemm; Carlotta Giudicelli, Carly McCracken; Ubaldo Piangi, Joel Linin; Madame Giry, Brooke Lockhart; Joseph Buquet, Ian Bonsall; Auctioneer, Gerell Miller; Madame Firmin, Chantel Coates; Monsieur Reyer, Garrett Nemechek; Monsieur Lefevre, Tim Fugleberg; Slave Master, Ace Arteaga; Princess, Nicole Hendrich; Wardrobe Mistress, Kristina Stasser; Innkeeper's Wife, Elizabeth Wellmann; Christine Mannequin, Mara Kling.

Ballet Chorus of the Opera Chloe Goodwin, Shayley Miller, Bracelyn Redlin, Mara Kling and Amy Floyd.

Chorus Zach Miller, Jeff House, Trace Waugh, Kolt Trachsel, Britney Brown, Kegan Nothdurft, Courtney Cowan, Brandon Sissel, Hope Cochran and Ryleigh Paxton.

Ensemble Cheyenne Prevatt, Karen Moonen, D.J. McNeely, Kate-Lynn King, Raquel Tomsic, Sarah Baker, Makayla Kennedy, Aaron Avelar, Tanner Helton, Xavier Colby and Ryleigh Paxton.

Director, Randy Berls  
Artistic Consultation Carol Jolly and Jessica Cole

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Northwest Tech plans exploration day

Northwest Tech will be hold the annual "Technology Exploration Day" from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday.

Registration will be in the Northwest Tech Assembly Room located in the Student Union.

This event gives high school junior and senior students an opportunity to learn about technical and skilled trades as a possibility for their future career.

During the morning students will be able to browse through all of the program booths and visit with current students until they select a program they would like to tour. Each person will be able to choose two programs to shadow during the morning.

This event is free, but schools must pre-register online at www.nwktc.edu. Contact Tiffini Unger at tiffini.unger@nwktc.edu or (785) 890-1517 with any questions you may have.

National emergency test set for Wednesday

The Sherman County sirens will not sound at noon on Wednesday as part of the nationwide test of the Emergency Alert System.

The test on Wednesday is the first coordinated nationwide test by the Federal Emergency Management Agency with the Federal Communications Commission and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration of the Integrated Public Alert Warning System.

Locally Curtis Duncan, newsman for KLOE said the radio stations KLOE/KKCI/KWGB, and all other radio and television stations across the country are to activate their emergency test announcements at the same time. The test is scheduled to be at 2 p.m. Eastern Standard Time or noon Mountain Time.

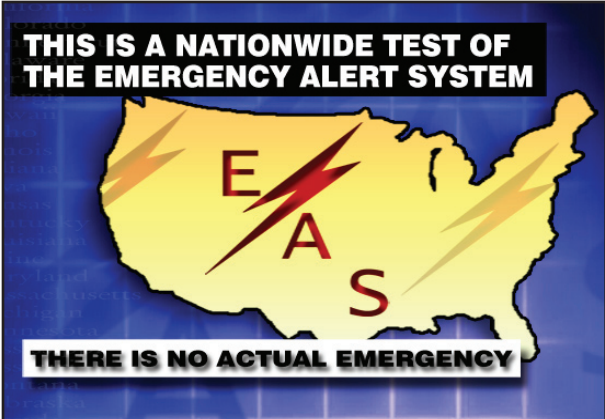
Sherman County Central Dispatch Supervisor Crissy Livengood said her office has not been asked to participate in this test.

Dave Floyd, Meteorologist and severe weather coordinator at the Goodland National Weather Service said the office will not do anything specific for this test.

The nationwide test is not a pass or fail measure, federal of-

ficials said, but it is an attempt to experiment to see how well a nationwide alert can be done and what needs to be improved.

System participants include all broadcasters, satellite and digital radio and television, cable television and wireline video providers who ensure the system is at a constant state of readiness.



Emergency test pattern to be seen on Wednesday.