

weather report



33°
 10:30 a.m.
 Monday

Today

- Sunset, 4:27 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:40 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 38 degrees
- Humidity 75 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds south 12 mph
- Barometer 30.09 inches and steady
- Record High today 82° (1998)
- Record Low today -4° (1929)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	37°
Low Sunday	13°
Precipitation	none
This month	0.28
Year to date	18.89
Below normal	0.12 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 57, winds breezy out of the north at 20 to 35 mph and a low around 26. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 65, winds out of the south at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 32.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 63 and a low around 38. Friday: Partly sunny with a high near 56 and a low around 30. Saturday: Sunny and breezy with a high near 46 and a low around 25.
(National Weather Service)
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local markets



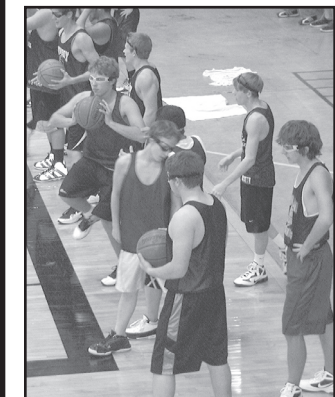
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- Wheat — \$6.21 bushel
- Posted county price — \$6.21
- Corn — \$5.79 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.97
- Milo — \$5.47 bushel
- Soybeans — \$10.14 bushel
- Posted county price — \$10.97
- Millet — \$11.50 hundred-weight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$29.15 cwt.
- Confection — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$28
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today



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Basketball practice starts

The Cowboys and Cowgirls have begun practice for the basketball season. The scrimmage will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 29 and the first game is Friday, Dec. 2 at Max Jones. See photo on Page 10.



The Max Jones Fieldhouse main floor was nearly filled with more than 40 vendors Nu Phi Mu food and gift extravaganza held on Saturday. A wide variety of local and outside vendors were present.

Saturday was busy shopping day

Hundreds of holiday shoppers were in town on Saturday for the 34th Annual Nu Phi Mu Food and Gift Extravaganza held at Max Jones Fieldhouse and the We Did It craft show held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

About 40 booths were on the floor at Max Jones Fieldhouse with a wide variety of items for those looking for Christmas gifts for that special person.

To help mothers a special babysitting service was available in the wrestling pit where the kids could play games and color while the parents spent time looking at the booths.

Santa was set up at one booth and was checking with kids about what they wanted for Christmas while Brittny's Photography took photos.

The Goodland Swim Team was taking orders for Krispy Kreme donuts and had a variety of food items available for sale to help raise money for the team next year.

Kris Wilson, owner of Joyful Noise Pre-School Make 'N Take was having kids decorate Christmas cookies.

Over at the VFW Hall the 16th Annual We Did It craft show had about 20 vendors who displayed and sold their wares.

Included in the vendors was the Good Samaritan Family Council selling Precious Moments ornaments.

Outside Buddy Williams tried to keep warm and sold bags of kettle korn to the people as the left the VFW. Inside Toni Williams was helped by her granddaughters who were visiting from Denver.

School board okay with helping college start basketball teams

By Pat Schiefen

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 The Goodland School Board supported the effort by Northwest Tech to add men's and women's basketball to its sports program by allowing them the use of Max Jones Fieldhouse.

"Only with the cooperation of U.S.D. 352 will we pursue admission to the Jayhawk Conference," said Northwest Tech President Dr. Ed Mills. The Jayhawk Conference is the sports conference for two-year colleges in Kansas. With its admission the college would become one of 25 school in the conference.

Superintendent Bill Biermann said, "I feel good about it and it's a great collaborative effort."

Dr. Mills said their Board of Control had voted to begin men's and women's basketball at its regular November meeting. The games are expected to be at 6 and 8 p.m. on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

The college and Goodland High School Activities Director Greg

Ferguson said they would work closely together to come to a schedule that would work.

The school board gave its approval for the college's use of Max Jones for three years. Dr. Mills said that would give the college some time to get started. Also if the school district decided not to continue with use of the Max Jones it would give them two years to make other arrangements.

Dr. Mills said the college would pay the district \$7,500 for the first year and \$5,000 per year after that. The gate would be the college's but the concession stands would be run by groups from the school district.

The college's basketball teams would not use the Max Jones for regular practice but would need to practice there some, said Dr. Mills.

He said that recruitment would be underway looking for coaches and players. Player sign up typically in February.

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Weather service radar to get technology upgrade

The National Weather Service Doppler radar located in Goodland and serving northwest Kansas, eastern Colorado, and southwest Nebraska will be enhanced with the latest dual polarization technology in late November and early December.

Dual polarization radar technology can better detect heavy rainfall in flooding events, improve hail detection in thunderstorms and improve classification of precipitation types such as rain, snow and ice, said Scott Mentzer, meteorologist in charge in Goodland.

It can detect the presence of airborne tornado debris, giving forecasters a high degree of confidence that a damaging tornado is occurring.

Meteorologists at the National Weather Service in Goodland are currently being trained on how to interpret and best utilize the new radar data, he said.

The upgrade to dual polarization in Goodland will begin Nov. 30, and installation will take about two weeks to complete, Mentzer said. The Goodland radar will be out-of-service during that time. During this period, adjacent National Weather Service radars at Dodge City, Pueblo, Denver, North Platte, and Hastings will provide coverage.

The upgraded radar should return to service on Dec. 9, Mentzer said.



Wendi Lea Elders of Little Stitches by Wendi Lea had a special rocking chair for a future farmer complete with teddy bear.
 Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



Santa Claus arrived on the Goodland Fire Department antique fire engine at the end of the parade held on Main. He talked to kids about what they want for Christmas at the Goodland Activities Center where the first one in line was Serena Craig. The Santa parade and visit were arranged by the Goodland Ambassadors.

