


weather report

34°
10:30 a.m.
Monday



Today
• Sunset, 6 p.m.
Wednesday
• Sunrise, 5:46 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:01 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 33 degrees
• Humidity 79 percent
• Sky partly cloudy with light snow
• Winds northwest 36 to 51 mph
• Barometer 29.62 inches and rising
• Record High today 73° (1995)
• Record Low today -5° (1953)

Last 24 Hours*
High Sunday 48°
Low Sunday 28°
Precipitation trace
This month .38
Year to date .47
Below Normal .21 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 47, winds out of the west at 10 mph and a low around 24.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow at night, a high near 60, winds breezy out of the west at 15 to 30 mph and a low around 31.

Extended Forecast
Thursday: Partly sunny and breezy with a high near 44 and a low around 23.
Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 42 and a low around 21.
(National Weather Service)
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Wind and snow force I-70 closure

By Kevin Bottrell

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Blowing snow early Monday led the Colorado Department of Transportation to close Interstate 70 from Goodland to Denver.

The National Weather Service was predicting a blizzard for parts of the Tri-State Area. The heaviest part of the storm was expected to be in Kit Carson and Cheyenne counties in Colorado, heading north through northeastern Colorado and southwest Nebraska.

Areas south of Sherman County were expected to have winds up to 60 mph, while areas to the northeast were expected to have 45-55 mph

winds.

The snow got started early in Colorado, with at least a foot in the mountains and blizzard conditions on the plains. I-70 was closed westbound from Burlington at 7:15 a.m. Traffic cameras along that route show snow blowing across the road and low visibility. Other roads in northeast Colorado were listed as partially snowpacked or icy. It was closed from Goodland at 11 a.m.

Goodland started out the day with sun, blue sky and a stiff breeze. It began snowing lightly about 9 a.m. and the winds increased to about 37 mph with gusts up to 45. The snow got heavier later in the day.

Five wrestlers qualify for state

By Kevin Bottrell

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The Goodland High School varsity wrestling team qualified five players — three with first-place wins — for the state tournament at the Class 3-2-1A Regionals on Friday and Saturday in Lakin.

The team placed second overall with 133 team points, just one point behind Decatur Community High School. Scott City got third and Hoxie, fourth.

The state tournament will be Thursday and Friday at Fort Hays State University. Matches will get underway at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time) on Thursday and 8 a.m. Friday.

State qualifiers include:
Tyler Gastineau won the 182-pound championship, beating Scott Heimann of Thomas More Prep-

Marion by fall. Gastineau had a bye in the first round and then won by fall over Jacey Minkler of Phillipsburg and by a 12-2 major decision over Brice Mason of Leoti.

Laine Herl won the championship round at 195, pinning Jeff Shaw of Oberlin. Herl beat Kolton Harting of Norton by fall and by a 10-2 major decision over Cody Faulkender of Oakley.

At 220, Riley Oharah won by fall over Channing Fortin of Oberlin to get first place. Oharah beat Skyler Tebo of Ellis by fall and Michael McEachern of Scott City by a 6-0 decision.

At 152, John Peden got second place, losing a 7-0 decision to Dalton Snyder of Hoxie in the championship round. To get there, Peden

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Sherman County Fire Chief Brian James examined the scene of a wreck Friday involving a pickup and a sport utility vehicle as traffic flew by in the right lane of westbound Interstate 70.
Photo by Steve Haynes/The Goodland Star-News

Westbound pickup overturns on I-70 Friday

A Ford pickup rolled onto its top on Interstate 70 about 3:25 p.m. Friday after colliding with a Mercedes sport utility vehicle near the Thomas County line.

Rescue vehicles were called to the scene at 3:29 p.m. The collision occurred near mile marker 33, about three miles west of the Thomas County line.

The pickup came to rest on its top in the left westbound lane, while the Mercedes, largely undamaged, drove into the grassy median. The pickup's driver was taken to the Goodland Regional Medical Center by a Sherman County ambulance.

The Sherman County sheriff's office, Kansas Highway Patrol and the Sherman County Fire Department responded.

Firemen blocked the left lane and slowed traffic down while they worked on the wreck. A Thomas County ambulance was sent to the scene but was turned around en route.

Troopers assisted, but Deputy Asa Stiles of the Sherman County sheriff's office handled the report. Details were not available Monday because the office was closed. An employee on duty said reports were locked up and the sheriff was not in the office.

local markets

10:30 a.m.

Wheat — \$6.45 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.27
Corn — \$6.21 bushel
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Milo — \$11.50 bushel
Soybeans — \$11.35 bushel
Posted county price — \$11.74
Millet — \$5.93 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$25.60 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 win at home

The Cowboys basketball team won its second straight game on Friday with a 50-41 victory over Hugoton.
The Cowgirls lost to the Lady Eagles 47-27.
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Repairing the sign



Sherman Theater owner David Branda and Randall Fixsen with Fixsen Electronics worked on the theater marquee Friday afternoon. The marquee had one panel that wasn't working.
Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Goodland team places first at Science Olympiad in Hays

Goodland High School finished first in the Regional Science Olympiad on Feb. 9 in Hays, its fourth straight win at the regional competition.

Goodland had 59 points in 21 events. They won by 38 points over Russell, who placed second. Third place went to Wichita County.

In the Science Olympiad, low score wins. Students receive one point for first place finishes, two for second, three for third and so on. Last year the team finished first with 65 points.

The team will go to the State Science Olympiad on April 7 in Wichita.

Individual results include:

First place and gold medals
Disease Detectives — Chantel Coates and Jarod Lake
Experimental design — Michaela Garrett, Berkley White and Brianna White
Fermi Questions — Jason Cowan and Berkeley White
Microbe Mission — Michaela Garrett and Chantel Coates
Rocks and Minerals — Chantel Coates and Amber Smith

2nd place and silver medals
Gravity Vehicle — Jason Cowan and Tanner Jones
Forestry — Carly McCracken and Courtney Cowan
Optics — Berkley White and Brianna White

Helicopters — Amber Perdeu and Berkley White (with help from Amber Smith)
Towers — Tanner Jones and Jason Cowan
Astronomy — Chantel Coates and Cheyenne Stegeman
Dynamic Planet — Carly McCracken and Courtney Cowan

Third place and bronze medals
Anatomy and Physiology — Amber Perdeu and Amber Smith
Write it Do it — Michaela Garrett and Tanner Jones

Students who earned fourth and fifth place finishes but did not medal were Ian Bonsall, Corey Davis and Brenden Fulcher.

Oberlin man bound over for trial for first-degree murder

An Oberlin man was bound over for trial on murder charges after a two-hour preliminary hearing Friday in Decatur County District Court.

Magistrate Judge John Bremer listened to witnesses questioned by both the state and the defense about the Oct. 16 shooting of a serviceman home on leave at a rural Decatur County home.

Since that date, Dylan R. Coryell Jr., 24, has been held in the Decatur County Jail on charges of first-degree murder, aggravated battery and aggravated burglary in connection with the fatal shooting of Airman 1st Class Corey Ryan Cook, 22.

Nicole Romine, an assistant attorney general who is prosecuting for the state, and Margaret Mahoney, a deputy Decatur County attorney, called four witnesses Friday morning, including Ryan McEvoy, Dakota Cook, Sarah Campbell and Everett Urban.

Defense attorney Justin Barrett said in closing that the state's evidence had fallen short of proving a murder charge is justified. All of the evidence, said Mr. Barrett, shows only the intent to cause a fight. This tragic accident is just that, he said, an accident.

He argued that the evidence doesn't show an inherently dangerous felony. Mr. Coryell, he said, had been told he could stay overnight at the house.

His intent at most was to commit a misdemeanor, Mr. Barrett said, and the felony murder charge should be dismissed.

Ms. Romine said the court needed to review the evidence in a light most favorable to the state. The defendant was hanging out that night, driving around with Killian Dellere and Mr. Urban, she said. There

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