


### weather report



**34°**  
10 a.m.  
Monday

**Today**

- Sunset, 5:53 p.m.

**Saturday**

- Sunrise, 7:09 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:52 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 53 degrees
- Humidity 78 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds north 16-25 mph
- Barometer 30.21 inches and rising

• Record High today 88° (1959)  
• Record Low today 16° (1997)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Wednesday	53°
Low Wednesday	32°
Precipitation	0.08
This month	0.41
Year to date	9.02
Below normal	9.22 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of snow before noon, a high near 43, winds out of the northeast at 5 mph and a low around 23. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 52, winds out of the south at 10 to 15 mph switching to the northwest and a low around 28.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 55 and a low around 35. Monday: Sunny with a high near 65 and a low around 39. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 65 and a low around 41.

(National Weather Service)  
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## Senators face off at debate

By Kevin Bottrell

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Incumbent state Sens. Ralph Ostmeyer and Allen Schmidt debated topics ranging from water policy to the state retirement system live on Smoky Hills Public Television on Wednesday.

The debate will re-air at 4 p.m. Sunday and as part of an election marathon starting at 1 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 4.

Moderator Chapman Rackaway, associate professor of political science at Fort Hays State University,

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asked the candidates about water policy, since Gov. Sam Brownback has brought water policy to the forefront in the past several years.

"For my 18 years, all we've done is talked," Ostmeyer said. "The past two years is the first time we've had

a governor that's said water is going to be an issue in the campaign."

Ostmeyer said the state has made good strides, especially with the Local Enhanced Management Area, which allows local landowners to have more of a hand in developing a conservation plan.

"It's working in the Sheridan County Six," he said. "Now, we have to sell it to the public. Expand it. We all have to buy into it for kids and grandkids."

Schmidt agreed on the need to preserve water for future genera-

tions, especially since the bedrock industries in northwest Kansas, agriculture, oil and gas, need it.

Getting rid of the use it or lose it doctrine – which before had defaulted water rights to the state if they went unused – and instituting the five year flex plan – which allows farmers to decide how much to pump each year within a five-year total – are good steps.

"It's voluntary action," he said. "We're seeing it for the first time."

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## Man killed in accident Tuesday

A Goodland man was killed Tuesday after being hit by a car while walking at 17th and Broadway.

The Kansas Highway Patrol handled the accident. The report said Jeffrey Badgett, 46, of Goodland walked into the roadway at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday and was struck by a 1993 Jeep Cherokee driven by Sean Smith, 31, also of Goodland. Badgett was pronounced dead at the scene.

The report said Smith was wearing a seatbelt at the time and was not injured. The accident was not listed as a hit and run.

## West school playground to get new equipment

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board agreed to accept the proposal from Cunningham Recreation of Kansas City, for a new playground at West Elementary School. The playground proposal was for \$64,828, which did not include the pea-sized gravel or other material under the equipment.

The design Cunningham submitted was a much better playground, said Superintendent Bill Biermann.

The district is pursuing a 65 percent grant from Kansas Department of Health and Environment. The design will keep the existing trees.

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### Chilly morning



Goodland residents woke up to below-freezing temperatures and a light dusting of snow on Thursday. Though the sun was out later in the morning, the temperature didn't rise much above 40 degrees. The National Weather Service is predicting a slight chance of snow Friday.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

### local markets



**10 a.m.**

Wheat — \$8.62 bushel	Posted county price — \$8.40
Corn — \$7.48 bushel	Posted county price — \$7.50
Milo — \$7.11 bushel	
Soybeans — \$14.70 bushel	Posted county price — \$14.76
Millet — \$14 hundredweight	
Sunflowers	
Oil current crop — \$26.95 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.)

## Elks spread drug awareness at schools

The Goodland Elks Lodge delivered a "High Five" to local students on Monday during a drug-free program at West and Central Elementary Schools along with Head Start.

The Elks gave out pencils, stickers and ribbons with anti-drug slogans during the program. The Elks will be visiting Grant Junior High next week with rubber bracelets.

This year Burton Pianalto, the Elks' drug awareness chairman, gave a presentation to fourth and fifth grade students: "The Dangers of Smoking," complete with visuals of a former

Goodland resident who is suffering from Buerger's disease and has lost first fingers and toes and then entire hand, foot and leg. This disease is diagnosed in those who smoke cigarettes and chew tobacco.

While presenting the pencils and ribbons to the younger students, Pianalto talked about how Red Ribbon Week is a good time to ask friends and family to stop smoking or using tobacco.

The Elks project will involve a total of 904 students and 13 school staff.



Elks Drug Awareness Chairman Burton Pianalto presented a smoking awareness program to fifth graders at Central Elementary School on Monday.

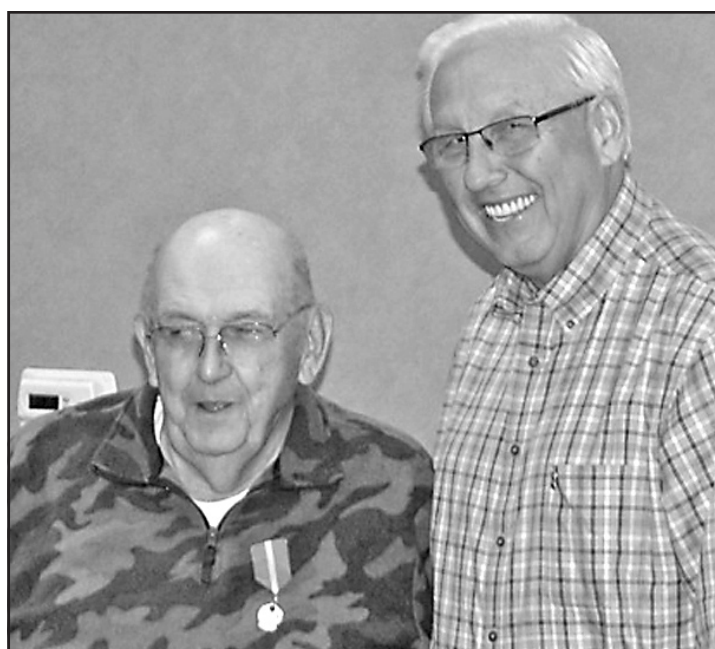
## Goodland Lion given medal

Don Keihl, Goodland Lions Club secretary and past district governor, was honored with the International Lions Club Presidential Leadership Award Medal at the Kansas Lions Council Meeting in McPherson on Saturday.

The Presidential Leadership Medal is the third highest award and medal given by Lions Clubs for outstanding service and leadership. Council President Leo Scruggs and former International Director Ed McCormick made the presentation.

Keihl served as district governor of the Northwest Kansas Lions District during the 2006-2007 club year and again during the 2007-2008 year. He is currently vice district governor of District 17-L – which includes 67 Lions Clubs with 1,450 members – and will again serve as district governor in 2014-2015.

The International Association of Lions Clubs is the largest service



Don Keihl (left) after the presentation of his medal by Ed McCormick.

organization, with 1.35 million members in 26,000 clubs, serving

## Hearing to decide fate of water restriction plan

By Sam Dieter

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A hearing set for next month will help the state decide whether to implement restrictions on well usage in part of Thomas County that were written by the farmers and landowners themselves.

David Barfield, chief engineer for the state Division of Water Resources, will hear a proposal to create the state's first Local Enhanced Management Area at 10:30 Wednesday, Nov. 28, at the Sheridan County Courthouse in Hoxie.

After an initial hearing Sept. 13, the division decided to let the proposal move forward. The area would cover 99 square miles in Sheridan and Thomas counties, restricting usage for 125 water-right owners under a plan to conserve groundwater.

"It's a deduction in usage, it's a restriction on all the water rights in that area," said Wayne Bossert,


manager of Groundwater Management District No. 4 in Colby. "The effect is to slow the water table decline, that's why it's set up."

Barfield said he has four options at the hearing. He could either approve the proposal in whole; he could reject it because it runs contrary to state law; he could send it back to the district board with his own suggestions, to be decided at another hearing; or he could send it back with suggestions that were brought up at the hearing, at which point the board could approve the suggestions or the proposal will be rejected.

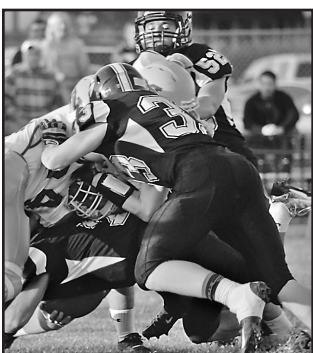
The proposal was written to be implemented as soon as next year, Barfield said. If he sends it back to the board with suggestions, however, the starting date could be pushed back several months, and that date could be pushed back another year

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## Cowboys fall to Concordia

The Goodland High School football team lost to Concordia 34-24 at an away game last Friday. The last game of the season against Colby was scheduled for Thursday.

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