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noon Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 6:04 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:39 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:05 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 56 degrees
- Humidity 21 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds north 15 mph
- Barometer 29.95 inches and rising
- Record High today 82° (1998)
- Record Low today -1° (1955)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	81°
Low Wednesday	39°
Precipitation	none
This month	.29
Year to date	1.37

The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, possibly some severe. High near 85, breezy with south winds 7-36 mph, low near 42. Saturday: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high around 62, low around 40, winds breezy north-northwest 14-37 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy, high near 58, low around 34. Monday: mostly sunny, high near 66, low near 34.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Chamber plans annual meeting

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting, themed "Looking Toward the Future," will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main Ave.

All members of the Chamber, their guests and the public are encouraged to attend and learn about the projects the Chamber is and will be working on.

People will be able to mingle with and get to know the Chamber board members, and have the chance to exchange ideas on the future of Goodland.

"Come and see the new look and direction of the Chamber," said Courtney Warden, new Chamber manager. "We want you to be in-

involved in the happening of Goodland and Sherman County. You need to show up and participate."

A desert bar and beverages will be set up for everyone.

The board has nine members, however one seat is vacant after the resignation of Scott Weber last month. The officers are Donna Swager, president; Terry Richardson, vice president; Brian Linin, treasurer; and Tina Goodwin, secretary. The other board members are Randy Schoenthaler, Tremon Kizer, Darrick Leiker and Ken Clouse.

Warden said the Chamber's website should be up soon at www.goodlandchamber.com. The next regular meeting of the board will be at 7 a.m. Tuesday, April 13, at the Chamber's conference room, 1002 Main Ave.

No new leads on missing man

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-news

It has been four months and there are no new leads in the disappearance of Jim McClelland, who walked away from a home west of Goodland on Nov. 24 and hasn't been seen since.

Sheriff Doug Whitson said he has exhausted all the leads he had, and even run down some rumors, but there is nothing new on the missing man.

Volunteers searched about seven miles along Beaver Creek near the home the next week, but found nothing.

McClelland, 44, of Goodland, ran away from Mark Peden's home at 6940 County Road 19 the night of Nov. 24 as a sheriff deputy arrived. The deputy was called to the

home when it was reported there was a man with a knife and that a shot had been fired. Details of the apparent argument remain a part of the investigation in McClelland's disappearance.

Whitson said he talked with friends and family members in the past month, and they told him they have not heard from McClelland.

Whitson said he and the KBI had talked to Peden and they have no reason to doubt his story of the events of that night.

Whitson said he has no idea where McClelland may be hiding, or if he is alive.

McClelland is listed in the national crime computer because he is wanted for violation of the terms of his probation from a drug arrest last year and sentencing in November.

Cooking show tickets now on sale, going fast

Call it an evening of basic training.

Come join the ranks of cooking enthusiasts and march over to the Taste of Home Cooking School to be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 13, at Max Jones Fieldhouse in Goodland.

Tickets are going fast, and you'll want to be in the audience for this great show. Tickets are on sale at *The Goodland Star-News* for \$7 in advance. If any remain, they will be \$8 at the door. The doors will open at 4

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'Farm Front' kept Kansans working hard to win war

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

About 35 people went to the High Plains Museum Sunday afternoon to hear about and see images from the "Farm Front" in Kansas during World War II.

The presentation was part of the speakers program of the Kansas Humanities Council.

Joyce Thierer, a lecturer in history at Emporia State University and a performer with Ride into History, gave the program. Thierer said the war was a pivotal event in U.S. history that changed America from an isolationist society concentrating on its own wellbeing to one determined to defeat its enemies at all costs.

Helping Thierer with the program was Ann Birney, another performer with Ride into History.

Thierer talked about the role Kansas played as the "grainery of democracy" and the changes the war produced on farm. More than 200,000 men and women from Kansas served in uniform, which created a labor shortage and forced farmers to change the way they operated.

To increase the level of production, farmers had to make greater use of machinery instead of manpower and employ more women in farm operations. These changes merged to create the image of "Tootsie the Tractor Driver" and "Tractorettes"



Thierer



Birney

used to show women one of the ways they could help win the war.

Many home-front posters targeted farmers and ranchers, urging them to keep the supply of food flowing to "our boys in uniform." Slogans such as "Wheat Will Win the War," "Beef Will Win the War" and "Farmers are the Soldiers of the Land" reminded agriculture workers how important they were.

Other posters and slogans recruited workers to "Join the Land Army," to heed the "Call to Farms" and to be members of the "Crop Corps." Thierer said college students would take a semester off to become "farmettes" and some high schools and colleges shut down so students could help with the harvest.

Another way Kansas played a vital role in the war effort, said Thierer, was to be the home of nearly 20 military installations, including airbases and naval air stations, and several ordnance plants. Prisoner of war camps were located in Kansas, with



Aaron Avelar (above) was one of the space mice, and Stephani DeLa-Rosa (right) was Mama Mouse. The four first-grade classes were the Super Singing Kids.



Mouse invasion!

Mice from outer space joined a group of Earth mice in concert at the high school auditorium as the West Elementary first grade Super Singing Kids presented "Our Space" under the direction of Linda Lucas.

The mice sang a medley of songs: "Happy as Mice Are We," "The Tale of the Space Mice," "No Way!," "She's a Bad Cat," "The Big Chase" and "Let's be Friends." The finale was "Purple People Eater."

Playing Earth mice were Kameron Buelna, Kolt Trachsel, Hannah Sanderson, Raquel Tomsic, Tyler Neufeld and Sabre Yarbrough. Aaron Avelar, Makayla Kennedy, Gerell Miller, Cameron Mouchette, Alexandria Bennett and Seth Garza were space mice. Stephani DeLaRosa played Mama Mouse, and Mallory O'Brien and Allison Rice were the baby mice. D.J. Glasman was the bad cat.

Greetings to the audience came from Laramie Farris; "Space-worms" was performed by April Kassirer and Susan Marcus with introduction by Nicole Sederstrom. "Rap of the Solar System" was sung by John Riggio.

"Big Beautiful Planet" was sung by the ensemble of Telanie Reicks, Blake Stasser, John Salinas, Brandon Verlinden, Savan-



nah Bassett, Sophia Thompson, Matthew House, Kegan Nothdurft, Lindsay Bauman, Causim Entwistle, Takoda Turner, Taylor Thomas, Jonathan Stevens, Matt Murray, Brooke Fairchild and Carlee Cooper.

"Mice from Outer Space" was performed by Teresa Jennings. Additional students in the performance March 16 were from the classes taught by:

Janet Davis: Tiffany Ben-evides, Makala Fogg, Heath Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Gabriel Ledesma, Hunter Lennington, Lee Rust and Tanner Schmidt.

Marianne Gray: Selena Acosta, Jake Anderson, Britney Brown, Rogelio Bustillos, Fern-

ando Castillo, Xavier Colby, Samantha Connally, Joshua David, Donald Glassman, Sean Johnson and Ricky Milke.

Lynette McLean: Kyler Am-thor, Tyler Hageman, Thatcher Jones, Patricia Ledesma, Jonah McClung, Cordell Moser, Juan Sandoval, Shaina Sapp, Jesus Soto, Tanner Helton and George Sun.

Pat Thompson: Paetyn Barricklow, Keegan Bowling, Damaris Carillo, Andrew Hachmeister, Coy Johnson, Tyler Jones, Danielle Lee, River Moreno, Davada Pummer, Kacey Troyer and Hunter Williams.

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Kansas Kids head to state

Seth Miller (at left) practiced with Garrett Taylor in preparation for the state Kansas Kids tournament this weekend in Topeka. See story on Page 11, supporting sponsors on Page 13.