

weather  
report

69°

noon Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 6:20 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:51 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:19 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 60 degrees
- Humidity 43 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds west 8 mph
- Barometer 30.05 inches and falling

- Record High today 89° (1963)
- Record Low today 20° (2000)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	68°
Low Wednesday	52°
Precipitation	1.07
This month	1.10
Year to date	18.31
Normal	17.67

The Topside Forecast

Today: mostly clear, high near 73, low near 43, winds north-northwest 6-10 mph. Saturday: mostly sunny, high around 74, low around 44, winds south-southeast 8-11 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday - Tuesday: partly cloudy, highs 68-73, lows 44-46. Wednesday: mostly cloudy and breezy.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.93 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.01  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.99 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.73  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 22¢  
Milo — \$1.62 bushel  
Soybeans — \$4.62 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.53  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 15¢  
Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$10.65 cwt.  
NuSun — \$10.75 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$25

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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today

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Tennis team  
gets ready

Sophomore Jillian Parker returned a serve during one of the drills coach Wallace Hansen had the Cowgirls do in preparation for Thursday's tournament in Scott City. See photos on Page 10.

# Woman spends chilly night in car



Richard Plummer (left) and Matt Phillippi (below) watched as Elizabeth Miller's car is towed back up the north embankment of a ravine she crashed into Monday night near the intersection of County Roads 28 and 77. The car (above) was nearly buried in weeds on the south bank of the ravine, so no one spotted the wreck until midmorning.

Photos by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News



A Bird City woman headed to work at Wal-Mart in Goodland on Monday spent a long, cold night in her car with a painful ankle injury after she missed a curve about three miles south of the Cheyenne County line.

Elizabeth "Debbie" Miller, 51, lost control of her car about 8:30 p.m. Monday on Sherman County Road 28. The car was hidden by weeds in a ravine more than 350 yards from the road, and she was not rescued until about 10:45 a.m. Tuesday, more than 14 hours later.

Sherman County Sheriff's Deputy Roger Studer said a farmer driving a large tractor spotted the car about 10:30 a.m. Tuesday morning and called 911, but did not stop.

"He told the dispatcher he had seen a car in the ravine as he drove across the bridge," Studer said, "but thought it might have been there for some time because it was pretty dirty looking."

Studer said Miller got out of the car after the accident, but couldn't walk or get help because her right ankle was broken. When the temperature dropped, he said, she crawled back into the car.

"At least she had a blanket with her," Studer said, noting that the overnight low was about 44 degrees.

"I am doing much better," Miller said Thursday from a hospital bed at Hays Medical Center.

She said she had surgery Tuesday on her right ankle to repair a compound fracture, and has bruises on other parts of her body from the accident.

"I was afraid the car would catch on fire," Miller said. "Both air bags exploded and I had my seat belt on."

"I had a couple of blankets and threw them out on the grass and pushed the front door open enough to get out and scoot away from the car."

"I knew I couldn't walk because my foot was turned the wrong way. I stayed out of the car under the moonlight and stars until about 5 a.m. I figured if I got back in the car, I might be able to stand up to be seen."

"I feel lucky that farmer was in a big tractor, because if it had been a small one, he might not have seen anything."

Miller said she does not know how long she will be in the hospital, but is thankful to be alive and is taking things a day at a time. Her husband Gordon was with her at the hospital.

Miller was heading south on County Road 28, Deputy Studer said, and failed to negotiate a sharp curve just south of its intersection with Road 77.

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## Council plans annual meeting Oct. 19

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

The 2004 annual meeting of the Sherman County Economic Development Council board will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 19, at the Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade Ave.

One of the items on the agenda is nominations for three board positions coming up for election. Vice Chairman Dave Daniels said anyone who is interested in serving or wants to nominate someone should attend the meeting. Candidates must be residents of Sherman County.

A special meeting will be held later to vote on the nominations

which are then forwarded to the county commissioners for appointment.

The annual meeting is open to the public, Daniels said, and will provide an opportunity for people to ask questions about the economic future of the county. People also have the chance to present ideas and make suggestions to the board.

At its monthly meeting on Sept. 21, the board decided to move forward with its plans to create a website so that information about Goodland and the county is more readily available to potential new businesses.

Board member Steve West, president of Western State Bank, said the council really needs a site, especially since the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, Sherman County and the city of Goodland already have them. He also suggested that the four websites be linked to each other so people browsing one site can move easily to another.

Board member Don Newell, Goodland branch manager for S&T Communications, who is the website committee chair, introduced Tracey Purvis, an Internet specialist at S&T. Newell said he invited

Purvis so he could answer questions about how to set a website up, what options are available and how the site can be maintained.

Board members Larry Harper and Patty Eckhardt recommended asking for bids for the design and creation of the board's site. Eckhardt suggested that the board establish guidelines for the bids to ensure that they get what they want.

Daniels, who filled in for John Garcia as chairman, recommended that three demonstration pages be part of each bidder's presentation to

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## Distinct pink bags litter I-70 after truck rolls

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland Star-News

The distinct pink-and-white striped bags are almost as revealing as their contents.

The bags conjure up visions of the Victoria's Secret stores, with their perfumed counters and fine satin, silk and lace lingerie. Women of all backgrounds, and most men, can spot a bag from miles away and their minds start to wonder what might be inside.

The roadside along I-70 was littered with the distinctive bags Tuesday as a semi load full of them ran off the road and landed in the ditch just west of the Brewster exit.

Just a stone's throw away from the Thomas County line on the south side of I-70, boxes and boxes of the elegant little pink bags were strewn all along the ditch.

Some of the bags had come loose and been scattered by wind. Crews were trying to round up the little unmentionable holders.

Reports of the accident across the police radio sparked some interest among women and men, but there were no bras or panties at the scene — just bags.

At least four Kansas Highway Patrol troopers responded to the wreck. Although no one showed up to rummage through the debris, the troopers got to check out the crash.

The truck, a 1997 Peterbilt, was driven by Eldon Samuel Hochstetler, 45, of Helena, Mont. Trooper Brian Horney said he was still inves-



Pink bags littered the ditch as a semi-truck carrying a load of Victoria's Secret sacks overturned on I-70 Tuesday near the Thomas County line. Virgil Baumfalk of McBee's Motor and Radiator Repair, said with the help of crews from the Northwest Kansas Technical College, he would have the mess cleaned up by nightfall.

Photo by Kathryn Gurfinkel/The Goodland Star-News

tigating, but it appeared that Hochstetler fell asleep at the wheel, then he noticed the truck was headed off the road and overcorrected.

The truck drifted onto the south shoulder, went into the ditch and landed on its side.

Hochstetler was taken by ambu-

lance to Citizens Medical Center in Colby and treated for minor injuries. Horney said he was wearing a seat belt.

## Gym sells for \$50,000

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland school board voted 4-0 at a special meeting last Friday to accept a \$50,000 bid for the old Edson School gymnasium building to an Arizona man who said he plans to move here and establish an all-natural soap business.

Carol Clark of Glendale, Ariz., faxed his bid to the school district around 1 p.m. last Thursday for the building and the 2.3 acres it sits on. The bid stipulates that a new well be drilled by the district.

"The property would be used as headquarters, production facility, warehouse and distribution center for an all-natural sheep milk bar soap," Clark said in the bid.

The bid came on the final day the building would be listed on the Internet auction service eBay. During the three months it was listed, Super-

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## Many offices will not close for holiday

Monday is Columbus Day, but not many offices will be closed here.

State and federal offices and banks will be closed on Monday, and there will be no mail.

Goodland and Sherman County offices will be open on Monday.

The Goodland Star-News will be printed on Monday for delivery on Tuesday, the usual schedule.

Goodland schools will not have classes on Monday because of a teacher in-service seminar.

Most Goodland businesses should be open