

weather  
report

44°

noon Monday

Today

•Sunset, 4:53 p.m.

Wednesday

•Sunrise, 6:09 a.m.

•Sunset, 4:52 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 73 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southeast 7 mph
- Barometer 30.07 inches and rising

- Record High today 87° (1922)
- Record Low today 10° (1997)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday	67°
Low Sunday	28°
Precipitation	none
This month	2.08
Year to date	19.26
Normal	18.32

The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy, high near 68, low near 43, winds south southeast 5-8 mph. Wednesday: partly cloudy, high around 73, low around 44, winds south southeast 7-13.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy and breezy, high around 76, low around 40. Friday: partly cloudy, high near 60, low near 32. Saturday: mostly sunny.

(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.00 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.04  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.96 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.69  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 26¢  
Milo — \$1.59 bushel  
Soybeans — \$4.76 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.60  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 8¢  
Millet — \$5 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$11.40 cwt.  
NuSun — \$11.50 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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Panthers fall  
to Cowboys

Senior Drew Wilkens avoided a defender as he ran 18 yards on a reverse to help set up one of Lohr's touchdowns as the Cowboys defeated Concordia 38-11. They face Colby at 6 p.m. Thursday. Photos, story on Page 11.

# Freshman killed in truck accident

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

A Goodland High freshman was killed and four students injured in an accident about midnight Saturday on County Road 64 three miles east of town.

Funeral services for Michael J. Klinge, 14, son of Dennis and Peggy Klinge, will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Graveside services are planned for 2:30 p.m. at the Sharon Springs Cemetery, with Bateman Funeral Home handling the arrangements. Sherman County Sheriff Doug



Klinge



Christians



Bahe



Milke

Whitson said the accident happened about midnight about two-tenths of a mile east of County Road 23. Road 64, now a gravel road, is an old location of U.S. 24 running south of

Edson, between I-70 and what is now known as Old 24.

A 1999 Dodge Durango driven by Brett Bahe, 16, was heading east when it went out of control and

rolled at least twice, Whitson said.

Passengers Ashley J. Christians, 14, and Klinge were ejected from the vehicle, as was Bahe. None of the youths was wearing a seat belt, the sheriff said.

Two other passengers, Alison E. Milke, 15, and Allen J. Normandin, 14, remained in the truck until it came to rest.

Bahe, son of Randy and Kathy Bahe, was treated at Goodland Regional Medical Center and then taken by ambulance to St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver. He was listed Monday in fair condition.

Klinge, a freshman, was out for football. Milke and Christians are freshmen and both were on the volleyball team. Normandin is a freshman.

Bahe, a sophomore, was on the wrestling team as a freshman, winning a trip to the state championships at 103 pounds. He placed fourth. His father coaches the wrestling team and his brothers have been known as champion wrestlers.

Christians, daughter of Julie Christians, was taken to Goodland

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# Mock disaster trains emergency crews

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

A tornado concentrated its fury on Goodland High School just after 12:30 p.m. Thursday afternoon, killing three students, injuring eight and destroying the entire south side of the building.

A police officer was killed during rescue operations due to noxious fumes from the chemical science classroom.

A few frantic parents, worried about their children, pestered emergency workers as they tried to locate and treat the victims. One even got into the ambulance himself and drove his son and another victim to the hospital.

Obnoxious newspaper reporters interfered with rescue efforts demanding interviews and asking stupid questions.

Well, not really. The school is still there. So are the students, and the cop is OK.

But city and county emergency crews will be a little more prepared if something like that does happen.

Sheriff's deputies, emergency medical technicians, police and firemen all responded to the call in a disaster emergency exercise planned conducted by Sherman County's Local Emergency Planning Commission.

Mary Messamore, the director of emergency management and communications for Sherman County, said overall the exercise went very well and that only a few minor changes in the county's and high school's emergency plans need to be made.

In addition to the students, faculty and staff at the high school, the exercise involved the National



High school junior Samantha Lamb (right in above photo) smiled as her injury makeup was applied by volunteer Judy McKee. During the drill, Lamb (right) was evacuated from the high school building by a pair of firefighters who used an office chair as an expedient.

Photos by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

Weather Service and the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Although most of the crews knew a mock disaster would be sprung on them in October, only a few knew the date. Even some of the role players were not notified until about 90 minutes before the siren sounded.

Thirteen high school students, members of either DECA or the stu-

dent council, had been selected earlier this month to play the injured and the hysterical. Richard Schwasinger, faculty sponsor for both groups, said to keep the students in the dark, they were given four possible dates for the exercise. Then he would call them out as a group for various reasons to get them used to going someplace together but not



knowing for sure why. During the exercise, Schwasinger was an observer-evaluator.

It was only when they arrived at the student union at Northwest Kansas Technical College on Thursday and saw a table ready to "inflict their injuries" did they know for sure this was the day. There the students were treated to a submarine sandwich

lunch then spent the next 30-40 minutes having their injuries applied. Then they were moved as a group to

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# Farmer wants to work for Kansas families

By Tom Betz

Goodland Star-News

Democrat Tim Peterson of Monument is facing Republican Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell for the 40th Senate District seat that came open after the death of Sen. Stan Clark in a dust storm last May.

Peterson, born and raised in Oakley, said he hadn't planned on running for the Senate, but that changed when Clark was killed earlier this summer.

Peterson, a Monument farmer, has served as the chair for the 1st

District Democrats since 2001, and was treasurer from 1995-2001. He was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Boston in August.

While in Boston, Peterson said, he wanted to attend church.

"I got into town on Sunday, and I wanted to go to church," said Peterson. "I'm Lutheran, and I found a place called Faith Lutheran Church."

Faith Lutheran Church once was a Swedish Lutheran congregation, Peterson said, but he was greeted by a church filled with

Lutheran immigrants from — Thailand. And that made the after-church potluck something to remember, he said.

"We had salmon, fish dishes, things that I don't know what they were, but they were good," he said. "And they were amazed that a delegate from Kansas was worshipping with them."

Peterson said his top priorities as a state senator will be school finance and balancing the budget.

"The state has not properly funded our schools," he said. "My children do not have up-to-date textbooks. My son could not bring his science textbook home because

there were not enough to go around.

"Clearly, there are not enough funds available at the classroom level. My goal as state senator will be to find ways to get more money into the classroom. I will encourage the development of auditing tools that will allow taxpayers to closely examine school finances.

"The next Legislature should use the pending Kansas Supreme Court decision as an opportunity to completely revise school finance laws. There is no reason for budgetary deficiencies that allow plenty of funds for buildings and hardware,

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# Candidate seeks promotion to the Senate

By Tisha Cox

Colby Free Press

Republican Ralph Ostmeyer hopes to be promoted next week from the state House of Representatives to the Senate.

Ostmeyer, 61, of Grinnell, filed earlier this for re-election for his seat as representative for the 118th District, but changed his plans after Sen. Stan Clark, an Oakley Republican, was killed in a car accident in May.

Ostmeyer said he never intended to run for Senate, but after Clark's death, with encouragement from family and friends, he decided to run

for Clark's seat.

He is facing Monument Democrat Tim Petersen in the Nov. 2 general election.

Ostmeyer said he wants to protect traditional family values and thinks of himself as a fiscal conservative.

Ostmeyer, a fourth-generation farmer, and his wife Kay have seven children and 13 grandchildren. The couple farms with their son, Terry Ostmeyer of Oakley. The candidate says he enjoys spending time with his grandchildren and working on antique cars. He is a member of Immaculate Conception Catholic

Church in Grinnell.

He said education and health care are two of his main concerns, including school finance. Ostmeyer said Judge Terry Bullock's decision ordering he state to increase spending by almost \$1 billion is now before the Supreme Court, but the Legisla-

ture will have to deal with this issue one way or another.

"We'll have to move on from there," he said.

One of the main issues on school finance is getting enough money to

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## Brownback here Friday

U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback, who is seeking re-election, will be in Goodland and Colby on Friday morning as part of a western Kansas tour.

He will talk with voters at the

Quality Inn in Colby at 8:45 a.m. Central Time and then at Hank's Cafe in Goodland at 8:30 a.m. Mountain Time.

Brownback also plans stops in Liberal, Meade and Dodge City.

# Moonlight Madness on Friday

Goodland's third annual Moonlight Madness sale and celebration will bring out spooks and goblins from 5-8 p.m. on Friday for a night of spirited holiday shopping, entertainment and a costume contest.

Many stores will be open until 8 p.m., with specials for shopping, and there will be treats for the kids who come to S&T Telephone, where the Goodland Police will be handing out candy and special Halloween trick-or-treat bags.

The Madd Hatter will provide music beginning about 5 p.m. at S&T and costume contest judging will begin at 5:30 p.m.

There will be four age groups, with prizes for first and second in each. The 2 and under group will be judged at 5:30 p.m., 3-6 at 6 p.m., and 7-10 and 11-15 at 7 p.m.. Prize money has been donated by the Goodland Kiwanis Club and The Goodland Star-News.

Businesses participating in the event include Knott Just Books, High Plains Office Supply, Jacque's Hallmark, Mann's Jewelry, Scooter's, Aten Department Store, J.C. Penney, Sight and Sound, American Communications, Mr. Jim's His and Hers, Madd Hatter, Custom Tailoring by Marie and The Star-News.