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Today • Sunset, 4:45 p.m. Wednesday • Sunrise, 6:17 a.m. • Sunset, 4:44 p.m.

Midday Conditions Soil temperature 45 degrees

 Humidity 92 percent · Sky cloudy with light snow and

foa

 Winds northwest 26-35 mph • Barometer 30.06 inches

and steady • Record High today 81° (1931) • Record Low today -4° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*	
High Sunday	59°
Low Sunday	27°
Precipitation	none

This month 2.08 19.26 Year to date 18.54 Normal

The Topside Forecast

Today: mostly sunny, high near 48, low near 26, winds west northwest 8-13 mph. Wednesday: mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow in the evening, high around 56, low around 28.

Extended Forecast Thursday: partly cloudy and breezy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow, high near 48, low around 27. Friday: high 55, low 30. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Noon Wheat - \$2.96 bushel Posted county price - \$3.17



By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News Old Man Winter gave Goodland a taste of cold weather Monday as we saw the first snow of the season. Temperatures dropped into the 30s and little ice pellets dotted hair and collected on coat lapels.

The wet snow had trouble accumulating on the warm ground in eastern parts of the area, said Dave Floyd, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Goodland.

The weather was more serious, he said, in eastern Colorado, where the area's first snow had dropped about one inch in Yuma and Kit Carson counties by Monday morning.

"There could be some pretty slick roads out there," he said.

A winter weather advisory was in effect for Yuma, Kit Carson and Cheyenne counties in Colorado. A wind advisory warned the rest of the area of sustained winds at 30 to 40 miles per hour and gusts to 45, reducing visibility.

Susan Leach, secretary for the Colorado State Patrol in Limon, said they closed I-70 west from Burlington to Denver due to the weather. At 1:30 p.m. the route was closed west of Goodland as motels filled up in Colorado.

The patrol closed U.S. 24 from Burlington to Flagler, too. Leach said reduced visibility from blowing snow and slick roads were forcing troopers to clear multiple accidents along the Interstate.

"Road conditions are terrible," she said. "Everybody is just working above and beyond."

Leach said she was the only person left in the office, and troopers had been called in from other areas to help.

'This storm is bad," she said. "Please don't travel if you don't have to." She said motorists were being diverted off the highway into towns to wait out the storm. Because of the winds, she wasn't sure when traffic could resume. "When the wind goes down," she said, "and they finish their jobs, we can reopen the roads." Floyd said 2 to 3 inches of snow were expected to accumulate to the west, with about an inch here through the day and no snow to the east. Normally, he said, Goodland sees a blast of colder weather and sometimes snow in October. He said the first hard freeze normally hits the area early in the month. "We're a little late this year," he said. Floyd said he expects another cold front late Wednesday. High temperatures are expected to be back near normal, in the 40s and 50s later, this week. He said we could see sunny weather and highs in the 60s for the weekend.

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Corn harvest moving slowly



Goodland, Kansas 67735

Combines churned across a irrigated corn circle three miles northeast of Goodland last week as the corn harvest kept moving with the warmer weather. Many farmers said their irrigated corn was not dry enough to cut, and some expect they will be harvesting as

late as Thanksgiving. Monday's storm will add to the slowdown of the harvest, but with sunny skies later this week, the cutting is expected to resume, and some sunflowers are now being cut. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News

Senator hears from citizens during stop

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News In what he called a combination campaign stop, town hall meeting

and reunion with friends, U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback visited Goodland on Friday morning, meeting about 50 constituents at Hank's Cafe.

The stop was the second of a five-city trip Brownback was on for some lastminute campaigning in western Kansas before Dodge City and Meade.

Cancer Caucus. Brownback said in or-

der to continue creating jobs, America has to keep its economy growing and, in some areas, get it going.

sponsor, and how it will help rural America by attracting businesses ties which have lost at least 10 percent of their population over the past 20 years.

The act is designed to create opportunities for those relocating to high-outflow areas, provide incentive for businesses to either expand He said one of the ways to or relocate and establish a \$3 billion help achieve that is by tax venture capital fund to promote

terrorists where they live, then the fight will come here, he said.

Brownback talked about maintaining values that are fundamentally right, such as defining marriage as a union of a man and a woman. He said the country would not be debating the subject except for the rulings by some courts that have grown into a controversy big enough to create a struggle between the executive and judicial branches.

Brownback talked about the Cancer Caucus' contributions to the war

He then went on to visit Liberal, Homestead Act, of which he is a co-Brownback said he wanted to talk briefly about four subjects before and residents to counties with poputaking questions: jobs, national se- lation losses. It would apply to councurity, values and the

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢ Corn — \$1.90 bushel Posted county price — \$1.70 Loan deficiency pmt. - 25¢ Milo — \$1.53 bushel Soybeans — \$4.52 bushel Posted county price — \$4.57 Loan deficiency pmt. — 11¢ Millet — \$5 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$11.60 cwt. NuSun — \$11.70 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.)





Halloween winners

One winner of the Moonlight Madness costume contest in the 0-2 age group wasAndrewWoodasalion. Over 60 costumed kids trick and treated up and down Main, then gathered in the S&T Communications lobby for the contest. More winners' photos on Page 5.

today's election. After vis-Brownback iting Colby, Brownback

flew into Renner Field, then was driven to Hanks, where he talked with people for about 40 minutes.

reform. He said he's thinking about a flat tax system with a rate around

17 percent. Brownback described the New business development. On national security, Brownback

said America must keep on the offensive against terror. If the country does not maintain the fight against

on cancer and how in the next 10 years, some cancers will become chronic rather than life-threatening

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ffer withdrawn; Edson gym back on eBay

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News A \$50,000 offer the Goodland School Board accepted on Oct.1 for the old Edson gymnasium has been withdrawn, and the board voted unanimously last week to relist the building on eBay for three months at a cost of \$350.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said Carroll Clark of Glendale, Ariz., backed out of the deal, saying he could not convince his wife to move to Kansas. He had said the couple would start a sheep-milksoap factory here.

Clark's bid was received on the last day of the initial three-month period the building was listed. He could not be reached for comment; he reportedly was in Oklahoma attending to a business there.

Marty Pilger of the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center talked with the board about its gifted student program. Pilger, in her 12th year with the center, is the program's facilitator. She described how students are selected for the program which involves teacher recommendations in addition to a comprehensive screening and evaluation process.

Pilger described what the students get from the program and some of the benefits, such as scholarships.

In his report, Selby said that the roof job at high school is finally complete. He said the delay was caused because Interstate Structures, which held the contract, went bankrupt. That required the bonding company to arrange for the completion.

Selby said, ironically, the company which had been the subcontractor for Interstate was hired by the bonding company to come and fix its own mistakes.

Five high school students attended the meeting as an assignment for their government class designed to let them see firsthand how local governments operate: seniors Lane Winter, Wade Taylor, Bret Jarmin and Anthony Benavides and sophomore Jennifer Enfield.

The board met at North Elementary. A presentation by teachers at North was delayed because Mary Frazier, the teacher coordinating the event, had been ill. It will take place during the board's meeting on Nov.

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Cowboys face Hugoton tonight



Senior guarterback Derrick Raymer ran 29 yards for his second touchdown in the first guarter of the Cowboys' 52-22 victory over Colby Thursday night at Cowboy Stadium. Goodland plays host to the Hugoton Eagles tonight at 6. Story on Page 10. Photo by Tom Betz/ The Goodland Star-News

Election Day!



Have you voted? Polls open 'till 7 p.m.