

weather report

45°

noon Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 4:25 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 7:01 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 34 degrees
- Humidity 49 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds northwest 18-25 mph.
- Barometer 30.50 inches and rising
- Record High today 79° (1980)
- Record Low today -10° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	52°
Low Wednesday	26°
Precipitation	none
This month	0.02
Year to date	21.38
Normal	19.60

The Topside Forecast

Today: mostly sunny, high near 57, low near 26, winds north northwest 9-15 mph. Saturday: partly cloudy, high near 47, low around 21, winds north northwest 17-34 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy, high around 42, low around 23. Monday: mostly sunny and breezy, high around 56, low near 22. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high around 42, low around 18.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.12 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.25
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.83 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.73
Loan deficiency pmt. — 22¢
Milo — \$1.51 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.84 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.93
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$6.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$12.75 cwt.
NoSun — \$12.85 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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Cowboys face Bulldogs

Cowboy David Livengood went high to make a shot over Sage Sexson of Weskan during Goodland's 52-48 win in last week's Topside Tip-Off. The Cowboys face Quinter tonight at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Photo on Page 11.

Santa, Grinch part of special show

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The Grinch showed up Monday night as part of the North Elementary fifth grade holiday band and music program at the high school auditorium.

"You're a Mean One, Mr. Grinch," was one of the songs the choir sang. Austin Avelar was dressed as the Grinch and Katelyn Coon and Audrey Titus were the speakers who helped spray air cleaner to clean up things around the Grinch.

The choir program was directed by Char Avila, music teacher at North and Central schools, and the band program was directed by district band teachers Tremon Kizer and Melanie Biel.

The band opened the concert with "Mary Had a Little Lamb," "Good King Wenceslas" and "Jolly Old St. Nicholas," and finished with "Jingle bells."

After a short intermission to switch the stage from the chairs and stands to curtains and risers, the choir entered walking down the outside isles and singing to "Ev'rybody's Goin' on a Sleigh Ride," while on stage Jacee Herl and Sydney Winston did a tap dance.

Solos by Riley Oharah and Abby Jolly were the highlight of "North Pole Rock 'n' Roll."

Other songs included "An All-American Christmas," "Winter Fantasy" and "Snow Day."

A skit illustrated "Grandma's Killer Fruitcake." Grandma was Jordan Garza, who delivered the fruitcake to Grandpa Joel Linin, grandsons Laine Herl and Keaton Sloan and great-grandson Ryder Kling. There was a line dance to accompany the skit with Haley Linnell, Rachel Schorzman, Page Seeger, M'Lynn Hinger, Michaela Garrett, Sydnee Thornburg, Linda Hestilow, Deborah Garcia, Taylor Peden, Breana Rutz-Cross, Kasarah Woodrow, Chauntell Peter and

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"Santa Clause Rock" (top) featured eight students dressed as Santa rocking and twisting as part of the Fifth grade music and band program Monday at the high school auditorium. The Fifth grade band (left) opened the concert with "Mary had a little lamb." When the Grinch appeared (above) Katelyn Coon and Audrey Titus used air freshener to clear the air.

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Are you dreaming of a 'White Christmas?'

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Are you "dreaming of a white Christmas?" Do you envision "walking in a winter wonderland," or "dashing through the snow" this holiday season?

Don't get your hopes up. But David Floyd, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service

office here, said we shouldn't give up the faith.

"There's still some hope," he said, "that something will come through."

Statistically, however, we have little prospect of seeing snow for Christmas. Over the past 91 years, Floyd said, snow fell on only nine Christmas days, or 10 percent of the

time.

"In any given year," he said, "it really is remote that we get a chance for a white Christmas."

He added that the number goes up a bit to 15 days, or 16 percent of the time, when you count days that at least one inch of snow was already on the ground for the holiday.

"The odds are against us in this

part of the country," he said.

He added that when combined, either snow on the ground or falling, the odds go up again to 21 percent of the time, making the odds work out to about a 1 in five chance for a white Christmas.

Goodland has seen snow on the holiday, though, with a record of 13 inches on the ground and 4 inches

falling on Dec. 25, 1941.

Long-time resident Bernard Borgmann, 88, said he remembers that winter because he tried to show off his new baby, Carol Ann, born Nov. 19, but the snow made it impossible.

"We tried to keep real warm," he

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New surgeon coming; money needed for equipment

A Goodland medical foundation is using its annual fund-raising campaign to gather money to buy equipment for a new surgeon expected to arrive here next fall, and an area family has given \$10,000 to launch the campaign.

Goodland Regional Medical Center will have a permanent general surgeon in September, and the

Northwest Kansas Medical Foundation is asking for tax-deductible donations to help buy equipment for him.

The foundation is using its Caring Kind campaign to prepare the hospital for the arrival of Dr. Vincent Narciso, who will finish his residency in Wichita next year.

The hospital would like to buy

some laparoscopic scopes, Human Resources Director Dale Schields said, and an anesthesia machine needs to be replaced soon.

"We want him to have what he needs," Schields said, "no have him say we have outdated equipment."

Dr. Narciso visited the hospital Friday, Director of Patient Relations Brenda McCants said, and met

with the surgical staff to see how the hospital could provide a better surgical environment when he arrives. The discussion included input from the medical staff, she said, and helped the hospital to make sure it has the equipment for the procedures Narciso is able to do.

He will provide general surgery, she said, including procedures such

as gall bladder and hernia surgery; endoscopies, surgeries such as a colonoscopy; and laparoscopies, diagnostic surgeries.

The hospital will be updating the table, lights and surgical instruments, McCants said, and will focus on anesthesiology equipment.

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Trash, yard waste fees to increase 8 percent

Sherman County commissioners reviewed recommendations from the county solid waste committee Tuesday and agreed to ask the city to raise trash and yard waste collection fees about 8 percent next year.

Tom Betz, chairman of the solid waste committee, said the group had met with Chuck Redlin of In the Can at the first of the month to review the rates as required in the contract with the city.

The committee recommended an increase of 75 cents per month for residential accounts to \$10.75 per month. With the tipping fee, this would make the monthly

trash collection charge for residential customers \$14.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure, who attended the committee meeting, said he saw no reason to raise the tipping fee, and Commissioners Mitch Tiede and Chuck Thomas agreed to keep the tipping fee at \$3.25 per month.

Commercial rates would go up by \$1 per month per dumpster. Betz said the recommendation on the yard waste was to raise the fee for large dumpsters and rollouts by \$1 per month. This would make the large dumpster \$13 per month and the rollouts \$7.

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\$2,000 drawing Saturday

The weather looks good for the Christmas on Us \$2,000 grand prize drawing at 1 p.m. on Saturday, and today is the last day for people to get a chance to win.

The big drawing will be held on 11th Street between Main and Center. Ticket holders must be present to win the grand prize of \$1,500 and second prize of \$500.

Janet Thomas of Edson, and Jeanne Topliff and JoAnn Clouse of Goodland are the latest instant winners who collected \$50 in scrip in the contest. Thomas became the eighth instant winner on Tuesday, Topliff the ninth and Clouse the 10th on Wednesday.

Thomas, who got her winning ticket from Frontier Equity Co-op in Brewster, said she was not sure what she would spend it on, but it probably would be Christmas presents.

Topliff got her winning ticket at



Topliff



Thomas



Clouse

Medical Arts Pharmacy. She said she would use the \$50 for presents. Clouse got her ticket at Mann's Jewelry, and said she might go back to Mann's and buy herself a present.

The 10 instant prizes were part of the Goodland merchants' seventh annual "Christmas on Us" promotion, which spreads a total of \$2,500 around to 12 lucky shoppers this month. The final two lucky people will get their prize at the drawing on Saturday.

Participating businesses are handing out one ticket for every \$10 a customer spends, with a limit of 250 tickets per transaction. If you ask at The Star-News office, we'll give you one free ticket each week.

The customer takes half of each ticket and the other half is dropped into gift-wrapped collection boxes, which are emptied once a week into a large barrel. The Star-News staff picks up tickets each week.

All of the \$50 instant prizes have been given out during the month.

It's simple enough, but there are a few rules.

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