

Storm dumps rain, snow

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in behind the storm, he said, creating the snow.

Martin said the storm started here at 11:30 a.m. Sunday with rain.

The rain continued all afternoon, he said, with an occasional thunderstorm producing small hail. Winds were up to 43 miles per hour, so the office didn't issue any warnings here, he said.

The office measured 2 inches of snow at the airport, he said, and had

reports of 4 inches south of here.

He said the office was expecting the storms and Friday issued a winter storm watch. Saturday afternoon in Colorado, the service issued a blizzard warning. A winter weather advisory was issued at 6 p.m. and didn't expire until Monday morning.

Martin said east of Goodland, they issued a tornado warning Sunday afternoon for Gove and Graham counties. A tornado was confirmed, he said, at 4 p.m. 10 miles east southeast of St. Peter.

He said the moisture for the storm added up to 0.90 of an inch, including rain and snow, for Goodland.

"Everyone got pretty widespread precipitation," he said.

Looking ahead for this week, Martin said they expect another chance for thunderstorms Thursday and Friday. He said temperatures should return to normal, with highs today around 60 degrees, tomorrow 68 and Thursday 70. For the weekend, he said, they expect highs to be in the mid to upper 60s.

Body identified; death cause unclear

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a knife. She said her husband had a shotgun.

Witnesses said McClelland, 5920 County Road 14, allegedly the man with a knife in the argument, ran from the scene. He had been missing since.

Many rumors circulated after McClelland's disappearance. Some had him found dead in a creek bed near Kanorado. Others said McClelland, a railroad track worker, had checked into a treatment center, hitched a ride to Denver or caught a train headed west.

Deputies searched around Peden's house that night until about 3 a.m., and they went back out again the next day. A search with dogs and a plane was done

three days later, but turned up no sign of the man. Whitson said the deputies found a set of footprints they felt were his tracks heading to the southwest, but they lost them after a quarter of a mile.

The site where the bones were found is about three miles west southwest of Pedens', in the general direction of the tracks.

A couple of weeks later, 17 volunteers and eight deputies walked, rode and flew a seven-mile section of Beaver Creek southwest of Peden's shop, hoping to find clues to the disappearance.

The area searched by the volunteers was to the east and south of where the remains were found on March 30, and searchers walked part of the same field below the hill.

District sells old buses, gets new

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland School District banked \$5,244 in the capital outlay fund after selling some old buses and a welder.

The old buses are now off the lot, making room for the district's newest activity bus, a 1999 Van Hool.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said they sold five old buses that were each at least 20 years old.

"That was quite a sale," he said.

Although it won't replace the buses, the Cowboys and Cowgirls will get a treat next week as Bob Harkins, transportation supervisor for Goodland School District, will bring home the new activity bus.

Harkins went to Grand Prairie, Texas, Saturday, April 2, to pick it up and attend a two-day training session the next Monday and Tuesday.

After looking at the options set up by Mike Boyson, a Bird City artist who owns the sign firm Hot Brush, at a meeting Monday, the school board agreed to authorize Selby to make the final decision on decorations.

The example he brought to the

board Monday had "USD 352 Goodland Cowboys" in large print above a smaller cursive "Home of the Cowboys and Cowgirls" printed on the sides of the bus. On either side of the writing are black and gold swirls, and the Goodland Cowboy logo is on the back. Above the logo are the words "Cowboys" and "Cowgirls" separated by a star.

The sale of the five old buses and the arch welder may help the district pay for the \$135,000 bus.

The cheapest bus, a 1984 model without a motor, sold for \$375 at auction.

Selby said a 1985 model sold for \$775, a 1984 for \$1,200, a 1978 for \$1,550, and a 1984 for \$1,400.

He said the buyer drove the \$775 1985 bus all the way to Manhattan at 45 mph the night of the sale.

The welder, an item Selby said they were hoping to sell for \$100, went for \$400.

The total for the items, he said, was \$5,700 before the 8 percent commission, or \$456, was taken out by the auctioneer.

Selby said the buses can now be

taken off the district's insurance policy, saving the school money. He said the cash was put directly into the capital fund.

"It was much better than just leaving them out there for sure," Selby said.

In other business the board:

- Hired Jon McLean as head football and basketball coach for the 2005-2006 season; Joy Braun as assistant softball coach for the 2005-2006 season; Terry Daise as assistant golf coach for the 2005-2006 season; Jon McLean as head summer weightlifting coordinator; and Dylan Warden and Connie Livengood as assistant summer weightlifting coaches.
- Saw a sample of a new type of imitation wood to use on the Top-side playground at West Elementary. Selby showed the board the wood-like material brought to him by Miller's Electronics. He was told the wood, called Brazilian Red, has a life expectancy of 25 years. Miller's, he said, would like to work with the board and be included in any bids.

Woman wins commission seat by one vote

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Mayor Rick Billinger, owner of the Goodland Nationwide Homes office, and Dave Daniels, rental landlord, are the holdover commissioners.

The two votes added in Kanorado did not change the winners, but cre-

ated a three-way tie for the top spot.

Tuesday's results had Frank Hernandez leading with 42 votes, Greg Pettibone with 41 and Nora Clements at 40. In the canvas, Pettibone received one vote and Clements received two to give all three 42 votes.

There were three open seats, so they were already winners. Deb Fahey, who finished fourth, had 37 votes on Tuesday, and picked up one to give her 38.

The constitutional amendment defining marriage picked up 10 of votes for a total of 1,366 yes, and 304 no.

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Rural health survey to start soon

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Some may be going elsewhere for services that could be offered here, he said; not just hospital services, but all, including dentists, chiropractors and other health care providers.

The committee comprises 25 people from various businesses, including health care professions.

Besides Price and Jolly, members are Dr. David Younger, Goodland Family Health Center; Dave Daniels, a city commissioner; Lynn

Hoelting, general manager at Mueller Grain; Larry McCants, president of First National Bank; Donna Swager, director of Wheat Ridge Acres Retirement Center; Steve Evert, a farmer and emergency medical technician; Rick Reeser, administrator at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center; Sherryl Ketter, office manager at the Sherman County Health Department; Dana Belshe, Sherman County Extension agent; Dr. Dan Golden, owner of Golden Chiropractic; Cesar Miller, owner of Medical Arts Pharmacy; Chad

Turner, center manager at Lincare Inc.; Tracy Hillmer, director of High Plains Mental Health; Dr. Terry Imel, owner of Goodland Dental Arts; Drs. Travis Daise and Moe Shafei, Goodland Family Health Center; Mindy Green, a licensed social worker at Hospice Services Inc.; Harlan House, a farmer; Richard Whitmore, a retired veterinarian; Courtney Warden, Chamber of Commerce director; Meripat Bowman, administrator at Golden West Community Services; and Dianna Briney, administrative assistant at the hospital.

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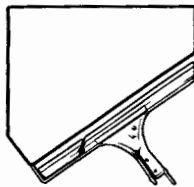


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