

**weather  
report**
**35°**
**noon Monday**

**Today**

• Sunset, 4:23 p.m.

**Wednesday**

• Sunrise, 6:53 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:23 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

• Soil temperature 30 degrees

• Humidity 38 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds west at 17

• Barometer 29.97 inches

and falling

• Record High today 39° (1978)

• Record Low today -14° (1950)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Monday 30°

Low Monday 10°

Precipitation —

This month .04

Year to date 16

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of snow, high of 16 and low near 2. 60 percent chance snow at night.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: 40 percent chance snow, mostly cloudy, high near 10 and the low around -1. Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 18 and low near 13. Friday: Mostly clear, high near 35 and low near 19. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 40 and low around 21. Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 40.

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

**local  
markets**
**Noon**

Wheat — \$3.29 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.29

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$1.73 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.68

Loan deficiency pmt. — 26¢

Milo — \$1.37 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.12 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.04

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$0.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7 cwt.

NuSun crop — \$8

Confection — Call

Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)

(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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**Cowboys  
place third**

Goodland sophomore T.J. Hawkins had the advantage over Wichita County's Ed Vargas for part of their match at 215 pounds but it was Vargas who won by a 9-3 decision to place third at the St. Francis Invitational on Saturday. See photo, story on Page 9a

# Topside Tip-off to take center stage

The 17th annual Topside Tip-Off begins at 2 p.m. Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse with the boys from Weskan taking on Burlington in the junior high gym and the Ottawa girls playing the Norton Lady Blue Jays on the main court.

The Cowgirls' first game will tip off around 6 against Wray High School of Colorado. The Cowboys also play Wray in their tournament opener, following the girls' game.

Other boys games Thursday include the Ottawa Cyclones against Norton at 4 on the main court and Holyoke High of Colorado taking on McCook Senior High of Nebraska at 6 in the junior high gym.

Other girls games are Weskan versus Burlington at 4 and Holyoke against McCook at 8. Both will be in the junior high gym.

Both the Cowboys and Cowgirls won their season opener on Friday in Imperial, Neb., against the Longhorns of Chase County. They play their home opener tonight against the Burlington Cougars.

The varsity girls' game will tip off around 5:30 p.m. at Max Jones with the varsity boys about two hours later. The C-team games will get started at 3:45.

The Cowboys defeated the Norton Blue Jays 44-42 in last year's Topside Tip-Off championship. The Lady Cyclones of Ottawa beat the Cowgirls 56-46 for the girls' title.

The Weskan Coyotes opened

their season on Friday with a 78-58 win over Wheatland High of Grainfield. The Lady Coyotes fell to Wheatland 67-55.

The Ottawa boys won their season opener against Piper High of Kansas City 61-59. Ottawa's girls lost to the Lady Pirates of Piper 54-47.

Both Norton's boys and girls teams will open their season Thursday.

Burlington opened its season Friday against Wray with the boys winning 92-70 and girls winning 56-45.

The finals of the S&T Long-Distance Shootout will take place between the girls and boys championship games on Saturday. Both defending champions, Evan Murray of Holyoke and Breanna Hilgemann of Weskan, will be back to try and repeat.

Players have to make as many three-point baskets as possible within one minute with each getting eight chances from three points outside the arc: at both sides of the baseline and at the top of the key. Each team, boys and girls, can enter up to two players. The finalists will be chosen after preliminary competition Saturday morning.

After the tournament, Goodland's players will only have two days to get ready to face the visiting Indians of Hays High. The girls game will be begin around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Max Jones followed by the boys about two hours later.

# Visitor board decision today

**By Tom Betz**
*The Goodland Star-News*

Sherman County commissioners discussed appointments to the Convention and Visitors Bureau board Wednesday, but the decision was delayed until the commission meets on Tuesday.

Dale Neill, chair of the board, Marilyn Collett of Butterfly Aviation and Brenda McCants of the Goodland Regional Medical Center and a member of the state Film Commission, were at the commission meeting.

Neill said he thought the commissioners had the recommended list of nominees for the board for next year. That included Neill, head of the Flatlander Committee; McCants; Lincoln Wilson, owner of the Howard Johnson Hotel; Bill Stoick, Super 8 Motel; Ryan Hageman, Wendy's, Scott Angelos, McDonald's; Diana Flanders, Kuhr Ranch; Tammy Geigle, Buffalo Inn; Arlo Hansen, citizen; and Cindy Bowman, Bowman's Heating and Air Conditioning. Advisory members recommended were Dave Branda, Sherman Theatre; Linda Holton, High Plains Museum; and Shad and Penny Sheldon, Shaps Beaver Creek Ranch.

The visitors board is appointed every year, and new names this year are Flanders, Geigle and Bowman.

"We are here if you have questions or discussions about the list," Neill said. "One property manager is not on the list. I am sure you know

that."

Judy Siruta of Comfort Inn was not on the recommended list. She has been on the board the past several years.

Commissioners Mitch Tiede and Kevin Rasure said they had other interested people they were talking to about the board.

"We may go with what you have recommended," Tiede said. "Maybe by next year we will have someone else to put on the board."

Neill said the Sheldon's had opened a bed and breakfast, and they were being invited to be on the advisory board this year.

"We need people who will attend the meetings," McCants said. "We have not had that from some people."

Tiede said it was important to have participation from all the board members, and that the commissioners had taken note of the attendance.

McCants said it was tough when members weren't there to make a decision, and then came back at the next meeting and questioned the decision.

Tiede said the only question he has was the nomination of Hansen, since the Sinclair station had been closed.

Rasure said he did not have a problem with Hansen, an eight-year veteran of the board, but did wonder what his association to the travel and tourism industry was.

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# Special meeting reviews city, county blizzard response

**By Tom Betz**
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The storm may be gone, but city and county officials held an impromptu meeting Wednesday to see what went right and what could be done better when the area is hit by another blizzard.

Crissy Conger, new Sherman County dispatch director and assistant emergency management director, chaired the meeting, asking each agency involved to assess what went right and what could have been done better.

Those gathered in the commission room Wednesday afternoon agreed the storm had been unusual, and the community response had been wonderful.

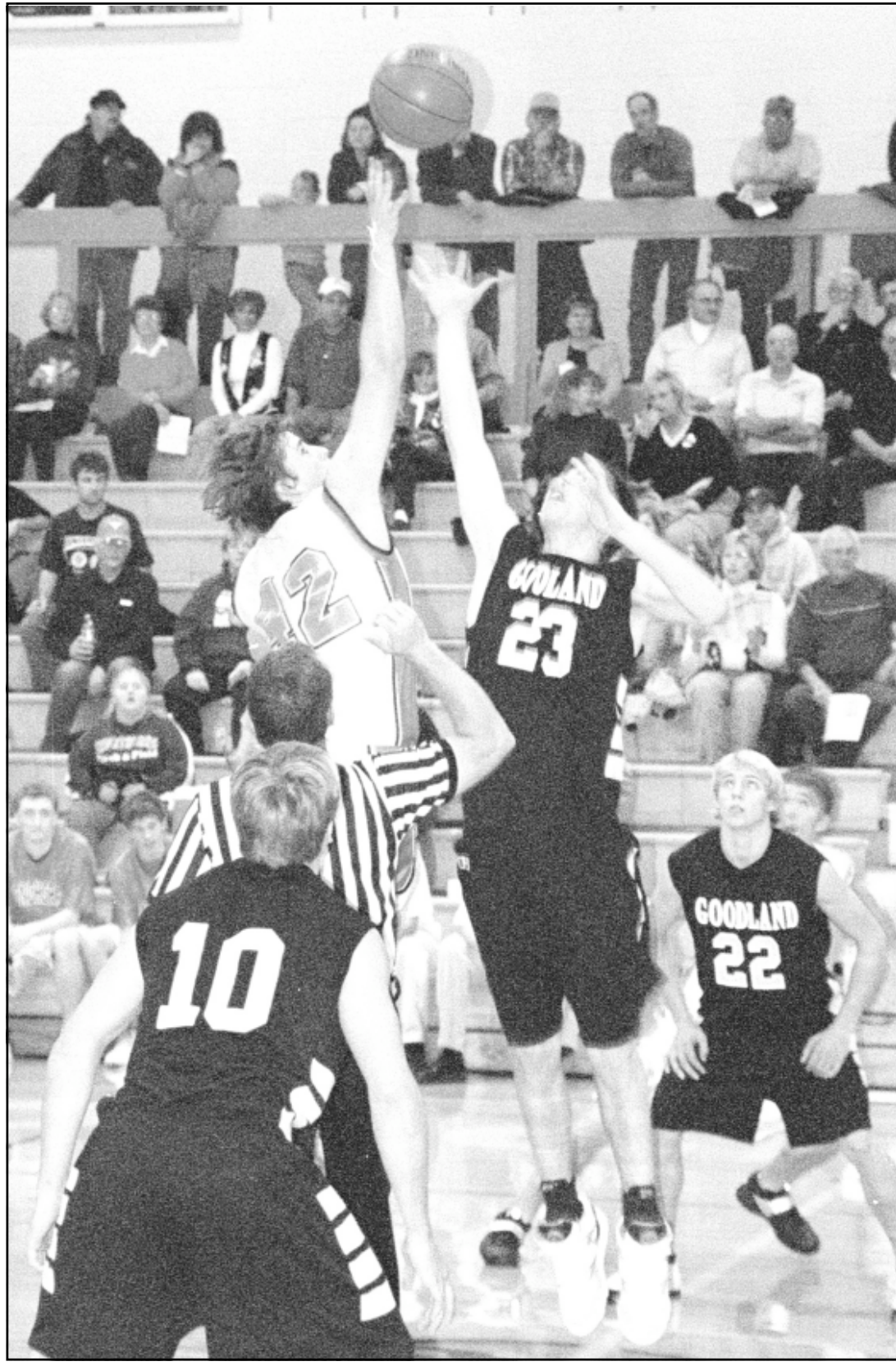
There were representatives from at least 13 agencies and organizations involved in handling the shelters and emergency response.

Conger said the meeting was an idea to get the local people together to talk about the storm and things that happened in the city.

"It was larger than we expected," Conger said. "We called a few people and they invited more. We didn't invite everyone because we were thinking about the things that happened after the highways were closed."

"I think the Kansas Highway Patrol and Kansas Department of Transportation did a great job of handling their part of the storm. We didn't specifically invite them be-

# Cowboys start with thrilling win



Goodland junior Nick Angelos (No. 23) went up against Chris Larson of Chase County during the tipoff of Friday's game between the Cowboys and the Longhorns in Imperial, Neb. Goodland won the game on a last-second three-pointer by junior Mikey Doll which made the final 64-62. See story, photos on Page 10a.

Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

# Two shoppers collect \$50

Five people have collected \$50 in instant prizes in the Christmas on Us program, and two of those turned in their tickets on Friday at *The Goodland Star-News*.

Six more numbers are in today's Christmas on Us section, and there are five more \$50 prizes awaiting a lucky customer of one of the participating merchants. The instant prizes will be given to the first five people who bring their tickets to *The Goodland Star-News* office.

The fourth winner was Starla Miller, 925 Fountain View Court, who got her winning ticket at the Total Look. She said she was going to spend the prize on herself.

The fifth winner was Cesar Salinas of Cheyenne Wells, who got his winning ticket at El Dorado West-


**Miller**

**Diaz**

ern Wear. He had a friend, Juan Diaz of Reynaldo's, bring the ticket in after calling the newspaper office.

Salinas said he planned to spend the money at El Dorado.

Other winners so far were Connie Soellner, 485 E. 22nd; Debbie Overmiller, 104 Walnut; and Kenny Corke, 516 W. 13th.

Businesses are handing out tick-

ets to customers, and the contest will end on Saturday, Dec. 17, when the grand prize of \$1,500 and second prize of \$500 will be given away at 1 p.m. downtown.

Shoppers still have plenty of chances to win smaller \$50 "instant prizes."

Participating businesses hand out one ticket for every \$10 a customer spends, with a limit of 250 tickets per transaction. If you ask at the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce at 1208 Main or *The Star-News* office, we'll give you one free ticket each week. No purchase is required to win.

The customer takes one half of each ticket and the other half is

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time, it would have helped if people there had tried to conserve power to give the power plant an chance to handle more of the city.

"Some place had every light on and even their Christmas lights," Bandel said.

"It was hard to explain to people why they had no lights and their neighbor across the street could have everything lit up," Blake said. "We need to let people know that in this type of storm, conserving electricity and water is important."

"This was unusual because so many things failed in such a short time. It was the worst when we lost the tie switch to Sunflower. It cre-

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