

weather
report

32°

noon
Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 4:25 p.m.
- Friday
- Sunrise, 7:00 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:25 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 31 degrees
- Humidity 30 percent
- Sky SUNNY
- Winds northwest at 33mph
- Barometer 30.05 inches and falling
- Record High today 68° (2002)
- Record Low today -9° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 32°
Low Wednesday 24°
Precipitation —
This month .09
Year to date 16.05

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, high near 30, north wind at 5 to 10 mph. 30 percent for snow after midnight and low of 13.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Fifty percent chance of snow, high around 25 with a low of 9. Sunday: 20 percent chance of snow, mostly cloudy, high near 25 with a low around 6. Monday: Mostly cloudy, high near 25, low near 11. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 37.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.25 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.25
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.77 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.77
Loan deficiency pmt. — 17¢
Milo — \$1.41 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.15 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.32
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.75 cwt.
NuSun — \$7.75
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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Cowgirls
beat Indians

Senior Justeen Koehler scored two of her 11 points over the Lady Indians' Hayley Charles in the second half of the Cowgirls' 44-37 win over Hays High Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. See story, photo on Page 12.

Seniors enjoy food, special show

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland High School gym was decorated for the holidays Wednesday, tables set and students waiting to feed and entertain the senior citizens of Sherman County.

Guests arriving for the dinner were met, escorted into the gym, and their cars parked for them.

While they waited for their meals, seniors were entertained by the choral and instrumental music students. Grade school students made placemats for the tables. On each table were a bookmark made by elementary students, a loaf of bread made by members of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America club and a tree ornament made by the high school production students for each person. Centerpieces were made by Grant Junior High students.

The master of ceremonies was senior Senior Aaron Duell, with a blessing led by Senior Chelsea Gray, student body president, and entertainment coordinated by Junior Michael Smith.

The crowd filled the gym, and while they waited, they were entertained by individuals and small groups singing and playing the piano.

Students performing included Lea Shores, Tiffany Wing, Hannah West, Sami Philbrick, Molly Witzel, Hannah Blake, Renae Reasoner, Jena McCall, Lea Shores, Smith, Bryan Gray, Tanner O'harrar, Devin Mangus, Kade Sheldon, Andrew Philbrick, Jillian Parker, Jessica Lu, and Tiffany Thomas. Randy Berls, high school vocal instructor, also sang. Nancy Shores and GERALYN PARKER accompanied students.

Jane Philbrick, president of Goodland School Board, welcomed everyone. She thanked Superintendent Marvin Selby, Principal Harvey Swager, and Steve Raymer, high school assistant principal and ath-

letic director, for organizing the dinner.

The event started in 1994 when Selby came here, Philbrick said, noting that the superintendent is retiring this year after 47 years in education, starting in 1958 in Valley Falls.

She thanked the cooks from each school for the meal of turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes and gravy, apple salad, rolls and pumpkin dessert. Aaron Duell gave a computer presentation of people preparing for the dinner.

"We wish you a very Merry Christmas," Philbrick said.

Wayne Aten spoke next, thanking everyone and made a few comments.

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Michael Smith (top right picture) escorts Reba Raile to her table at the Senior Citizen Dinner at the high school Wednesday. Edwin and Sharon Deeds talk to their grandson, Aaron Deeds, (bottom right picture) at the entrance of the high school. Andrew Miller and Vance Johnson (top left picture) bring food out to the tables for the dinner. Delores and Stan Kenney (bottom left picture) are among the large crowd of people at the dinner. Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Film could be shot here in spring

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

"Ready ... and Action!" will be heard in Goodland in the spring if a nonprofit firm can raise enough money to finance a film about a trail ride that will showcase Kansas in a 20-minute slot on cable.

The Kansas Film Commission is working with writer Shannon Keenan and producer Charles Miller on the film. The filmmakers live in Los Angeles, said Donna Price, director of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, but both are from Kansas.

The Kansas Connection, a nonprofit corporation, is raising money for the "Trail End" project, which will be produced by Just Hank Productions.

They plan to bring a crew into Goodland in May and are asking now for donations and workers to help with the nonprofit endeavor.

The film will star Barry Corbin, who has had roles in television and movies, including Maurice Minnifield in Northern Exposure, Mr. Pullman in the Dukes of Hazard and Roscoe Brown in Lonesome Dove.

The film is about a dying man, Hank Crow, played by Corbin, and his old horse Eli, who make a trail ride across Kansas attempting to complete their mission of riding every state. The ride ends at his wife's grave in the Dighton cemetery.

It will be a film the whole family can watch, said Brenda McCants, a

member of the visitors bureau board and also a film commission member. Though the story centers around Hank, she said, there will be other characters.

"Our goal of the film commission is to bring Hollywood to northwest Kansas," she said.

She said the project, though not a full-blown feature film, should be a great economic boost for our area.

Everyone involved in the project is hoping it will make other directors and producers want to film in Kansas, McCants said; they want people in the industry to know it's possible to film here.

The film will highlight and showcase the beauty of northwest Kansas, she said, and those who come here to work on the project will ex-

perience the Goodland's hospitality.

To have Corbin's support is wonderful, she said; he believes in this film, and he lends credibility to it because of his credits in film and television.

Keenan's features have shown at film festivals, McCants said, and Miller is one of the best "dollars-and-cents" people in the film industry.

"They are not new to the industry," she said.

They don't plan for the film to make a profit, she said, but to have something to showcase Kansas. The Kansas Connection, a nonprofit corporation linking the entertainment industry communities of Los Ange-

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Runaway reported

By Pat Schieffen

The Goodland Star-News

Visions of a train wreck filled everyone's mind for a few moments Tuesday morning.

After the Kyle Railroad received a report of seven railcars in Stratton, Colo., moving without a brakeman there to supervise, warnings were put out about 10:30 a.m. to radio stations and emergency agencies along the route.

"Within minutes after the police called, we had it on the air from all three stations inviting people to call if they saw a loose train," said Curtis Duncan, program director for KLOE, KKCI and KWGB.

It turned out the cars were being moved by workers at the Stratton Equity Co-op Elevator using a trackmobile and were under control, said Jerry DeWitt, assistant general manager for Kyle. A bystander saw them moving, said DeWitt, but did not see a train crew and reported it to Kyle.

Kyle took the report seriously, took precautions and Kyle employees headed to Burlington to try to stop the cars. Kyle also called the sheriff's offices in Burlington and Goodland. Sherman County Undersheriff Roger Studer headed to Kanorado to help stop the cars if they made it past Burlington. The sheriff's office asked the radio stations to put out a warning, since runaway cars lack the horn and headlights which usually warn motorists at road crossings.

"Luckily there were no trains running between Goodland and Stratton," said DeWitt.

The railroad knew they had four stations with cars, he said. They checked them and the track from Stratton to Goodland.

Kyle did the right thing and put out the word until the railroad cars were accounted for, said Studer.

Grand prize drawing Saturday

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

The big drawing will be held in the gym at Central Elementary School, 13th and Main.

Ticket holders must be present to win the grand prize of \$1,500 and first prize of \$500. All 10 "instant winner" prizes have been given away.

Lisa Malsom, 329 Willow Road, and Colleen Duell, 7170 County Road 10, are the latest instant winners. Both collected \$50 in scrip in the contest. Malsom became the ninth instant winner and Duell the 10th on Tuesday.

Malsom got her winning ticket at the Total Look, and said she planned to go Christmas shopping.

Duell got hers from Goodland Greenline, and she said she planned to use the scrip to finish her Christmas shopping.

The 10 instant prizes were part of the Goodland merchants' eighth annual "Christmas on Us" promotion, which spreads a total of \$2,500 around to 12 lucky shop-



Malsom



Duell

pers this month. The final two lucky people will get their prizes at the drawing on Saturday.

Tickets drawn for the instant prizes are not included in the grand prize drawing, but \$50 winners are still eligible for the big money.

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 Star-News office, we'll give you one free ticket each week. No purchase is necessary to win.

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 bin.

Participating businesses are Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliance, Radio Shack, NAPA Auto Parts, Elliott's, Prairie Rose

Floral, Miller's Homecenter, American Communications, Mann's Jewelry, Rasure Lumber, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Goodland Greenline, Jacque's Hallmark, Frontier Equity Exchange, Shores Bumper to Bumper, El Dorado, Total Look, Sherman County Farm Bureau, High Plains Office Supply, Klip n' Kurl, McClung's Appliance and The Star-News.

The contest is simple enough, but there are a few rules.

- You must be 18 to participate.

- Employees of participating businesses are not eligible at their workplace, but can collect tickets from other sponsors. Star-News employees and their immediate family are not eligible.

- All prizes will be awarded in scrip, which can be spent only at participating businesses.

- Winners must be present at the grand prize drawing and be able to show their winning ticket.

- All winners agree to have their name and photo published in the Star-News. Winners of major prizes must provide their tax identification number, and agree to be interviewed and photographed for publication in the newspaper.

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