

weather report

40°

noon Monday

Today

• Sunset, 4:51 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 7:03 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:52 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 38 degrees

• Humidity 48 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds north at 25 gusts 38

• Barometer 29.84 inches and falling

• Record High today 70° (1920)

• Record Low today -20° (1984)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 66°

Low Sunday 31°

Precipitation —

This month .11

Year to date .11

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high near 50 with a low near 24. West winds at 10 to 25 mph with gusts up to 40 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a high near 60 and a low around 22. Southwest winds around 5 to 10 mph. Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near 45 with a low around 20. Friday: Mostly cloudy, high near 37 and a low near 18. Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 43. (National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.53 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.30

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$1.89 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.84

Loan deficiency pmt. — 1¢

Milo — \$1.51 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.97 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.12

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.55 cwt.

NuSun crop — \$7.55

Confection — Call

Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigo Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Cowboys beat Atwood

Junior Mikey Doll (No. 25) scored eight of his 15 points in the first period of the Cowboys' 66-46 victory over the Buffaloes of Rawlins County High Friday in Max Jones Fieldhouse. See story, photos on Page 12.

# Discount drug cards save money

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
*The Goodland Star-News*

People here have two ways to save money on prescription drugs: a discount card from a program Sherman County paid to join, and a health initiative pushed by the governor.

The state is spending \$500,000 to make more help available for seniors confused by the Medicare prescription drug plans.

The prescription discount cards can be used by anyone in the county, while the governor's initiative is for lower-income families that do not have other insurance. The Sherman County Health Department has discount cards and information on Community Rx Kansas, and the discount cards also can be picked up at the county clerk's office at the courthouse.

## Sheriff saves money on prisoners' drugs

In the last year, many people have been looking for ways to save money on prescription drugs, and the Sherman County Sheriff's Department is no exception.

The department buys medications for prisoners in the Bastille if they don't arrive with what they need or get sick after being arrested, and the sheriff has found a way to save money on them.

The department buys medications at a discount from Diamond Pharmaceuticals, said Sheriff Kevin

Butts, saving about half the regular cost. Besides saving the county money, the plan is convenient and gives credit on unused medicine that is returned, the sheriff says.

Butts, Undersheriff Roger Studer and Records Clerk Samantha Siruta learned about the program at a training class in Norton and started working with Diamond about a year ago.

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information that comes with it says.

The program offers an average savings of 50 percent on a three-month supply of select medications.

There is no charge for the card and no monthly rate, Rumpel said. It is not insurance, and there are no income requirements; anyone without other prescription coverage can use the card. The county paid \$370 to join the program and print the cards.

The Goodland Medical Arts Pharmacy and Wal-Mart Pharmacy here both take the prescription cards. The cards are a Caremark program, said Karla Thompson, pharmacy manager at Wal-Mart, and the firm has several other cards.

There is no way to be sure which customers are participating in the county's program and which ones in

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## Future cheerleaders chant, cheer at Max Jones

The future of cheerleading in Goodland looked bright as grade-school girls and boys filled the floor of Max Jones Fieldhouse on Friday to perform a chant and cheers. They were showing off skills learned during a three-day cheer camp put on by the Goodland High School cheerleaders.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

# People sought to train for response team

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

Members of Sherman County's new Local Emergency Planning Committee met last Wednesday, reviewed lessons from the Thanksgiving weekend blizzard, and tried to decide what they need to plan for.

While a blizzard might be the most common situation here, they agreed, the threat of terrorism since the 2001 attacks has increased the

number threats a town has to prepare for, from bioterrorism to hazardous materials.

The committee began by electing Kevin Sanderson of Helena Chemical as chairman. Extension agent Dana Belshe was elected vice-chair and Crissy Conger, director of communications and assistant for emergency management, secretary. The committee has about 25 members appointed by the county commissioners.

Nearly every member was at the meeting. Gary Rogers, regional emergency management director from St. Francis, told them the money for emergency planning is mostly earmarked for handling homeland security and bioterrorism situations.

"The money available for emergency equipment is tied to the needs to respond to threats of bioterrorism," Rogers said. "That does not

mean it cannot be used in other emergency situations, but the priority would be for handling the things identified as being related to homeland security."

He said some of the needs identified from the snowstorm could fit grant requirements. He said if the planning committee decided that having a portable generator or two is a priority, Homeland Security might help pay for the equipment.

Judy McKee and her daughter Jana presented a program on the Community Emergency Response Team program through the Federal Emergency Management Agency.

McKee said the team is a group of volunteers trained to handle a variety of emergencies and help law enforcement and emergency workers.

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## Search continues for robbers who took wallet from Garrett's

Leads are slim as the police try to identify the masked robbers who held up Garrett's Liquor, 918 Main, about 9:50 p.m. Wednesday.

Chief Ray Smee said Monday it is a strange robbery, and the officers are following a slim lead.

He said store owner Gary Garrett was surprised as he was closing for the night, but when the robbers spun him around, the only thing they took was his wallet.

"The register was open and there was money in it," Smee said, "but the only thing they took was his

wallet. The receipts from the laundry were on the other side, but they didn't take that, either.

"Garrett said there was about \$300 in his wallet, his drivers license, credit card and health insurance cards."

The robbers barged into the liquor store near closing time, and after taking the wallet they ran out. Smee said Garrett started to follow them, running across Main and into the alley behind McClung's before losing them.

Smee said officers found a hood

in the alley between 10th and 11th and Clark, east of where the robbers were last seen.

"The dog from Colby followed the scent from the hood to the parking lot at Sunrise Christian Church," Smee said. "We have no idea where they might have gone from there or if they had a car waiting. It seems strange they would park that far away."

"We contacted the KBI about testing the hood for trace evidence and possibly any DNA there might be. That is about all we have to go on."

## Beautification committee plans April city cleanup

**By Tom Betz**  
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Keeping the city clean is a constant project for the Chamber Beautification Committee, and they hope to repeat the success of the April citywide cleanup.

Committee members met Jan. 4, at Gambino's to review what went right last year, and what changes could help make the cleanup better this year.

Chairman Ken Clouse, Chamber vice-president, said over 100 people got involved in the three-

day cleanup last year, but he suggested reducing it to two days this year. There would be one Saturday for a citywide cleanup, and then one for cleaning the ditches along the roads around town, he said.

Committee members present included David Branda, Rich Whitmore, Arlo Hansen, Rich Simon, city public works director, and Chuck Redlin, owner of In the Can trash service. They

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