

weather report

51°

noon
Thursday



Today

- Sunset, 5:00 p.m.
- Sunrise, 6:57 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:01 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 35 degrees
- Humidity 41 percent
- Sky Partly cloudy
- Winds south at 30 mph with gusts up to 41 mph
- Barometer 29.89 inches and falling
- Record High today 79° (1951)
- Record Low today -14° (1963)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 58°
- Low Thursday 32°
- Precipitation —
- This month .51
- Year to date .51

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high near 56 with a low near 25. East wind 5 to 10 mph becoming south switching to 10 mph northwest.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 51 with a low near 23. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high around 48 with a low near 19. Monday: Mostly sunny, high near 51 with a low near 25. Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a high near 53 and a low around 20.

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

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.63 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.47
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.91 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.87
Loan deficiency pmt. — 7¢
Milo — \$1.53 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.89 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.02
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.75 cwt.
NuSun crop — \$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 fall in close one

Kaylee Billinger tried for a shot in the second period of the Cowgirls home game Tuesday against the Lady Blue Jays of Norton. The Blue Jays scored a basket with 15 seconds left to win 39-38. See story, photo on Page 12a.

Cell phone trail ends in shootout

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Taking a page out of the Crime Scene Investigation shows on television, possible suspects in a Salt Lake City murder were tracked by cell phone east along I-70 Wednesday from Goodland, and the two people died in a shoot out near Hays.

Most police officers and sheriff deputies will tell you they don't watch the CSI or other police shows because much of what they show is not reality and the technology is not as fantastic as the shows make it seem.

What they don't say is some of the technology depicted on the shows is real. One of those is the ability to trace cell phones with a global positioning chip, and that technology is what touched off a search and high speed chase Wednesday morning that traveled east down I-70 from Goodland and ended with a shootout at Hays.

Utah murder lead tied to Denver

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Phone calls were the key in a murder investigation that began about 12 days ago in Salt Lake City, and may connect two people who died in a shootout at Hays Wednesday afternoon.

Detective April Morse, of the Salt Lake City sheriff department said Wednesday afternoon it had been an exciting day when officers began tracking a cell phone call near Goodland.

She said the cell phone was possibly connected to a murder on Jan. 14 in Holladay, Utah, a town on the east edge of Salt Lake City.

Sergeant Paul Jaroscak, public information officer for the sheriff's office in Salt Lake City said

Wednesday afternoon that the officers will have to wait until Kansas is done with their investigation into the shooting to try to tie the two people to the murder in Utah.

"We are investigating a shooting of Steven Poulos, 80, on Saturday, Jan. 14," Jaroscak said. "When the officers went to the murder scene the family said they noticed that the 1979 maroon Subaru Legacy was missing.

"The car had been advertised for sale, and detectives began calling back all the people who had called the home about the car. One of those calls was to a cell phone in Denver, and the woman who an-

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About 9 a.m. officers were alerted that two suspects in a murder in Utah had been tracked to the area around

Goodland by a cell phone call that went through the Goodland tower. The Sherman County Sheriff,

Goodland Police Department and Kansas Highway Patrol began fanning out in all directions to cover the

Big Brothers is hanging out, having fun

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

What do a couple of guys do when they spend time together? Watch football or basketball, go to the zoo, go sledding and do a whole lot of fishing. At least that's what Mark Scheopner, mentor, and his "Little Brother" Derek Matthews say.

The guys met when Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman County arranged an "introductory" meeting 2 1/2 years ago. Derek's mother, JoAnn Matthews, said they hit it off right away. They have been best buds ever since, she said; they're like two peas in a pod.

"They do boy things Mom's not so good at," she said, "ball games, fishing. It's been a real blessing for me to have a male role model who's here. He doesn't see his dad as often as we'd like."

Derek gets together with his "big brother" at least once a week, sometimes more often when there are games. They go to high school football and basketball games and wrestling matches.

Derek is in Kansas Kids wrestling, Scheopner said, adding that they also go to the Goodland Activities Center and go hunting and fishing.

"We went hunting Sunday," he said, adding that someone they went with shot a pheasant, so he got to show Derek how to clean it. It was pretty gross, Scheopner said. Derek said it was OK but not his favorite thing to do.

What is his favorite thing?

"Fishing," Derek said. "I caught a blue gill."

So far, Scheopner said, all the fish they've caught have been too small to keep. But that doesn't seem to ruin the fun — "big brother" and "little brother" both become animated when talking about their fishing



Derek Matthews, little brother, and Mark Scheopner, mentor, had a snowball fight on the lot across the street from the Big Brothers Big Sisters office last Friday. They met through an introduction interview arranged by the organization and have been close friends for over two years.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News



trips, which they say are frequent.

They enjoy going to the movies, and they went sledding in the drifts at Scheopner's house during the last big snow.

"And of course, eat," Schoepner

said.

They made a trip to the Denver Zoo for their first anniversary as "brothers." Derek's favorite animals were the tigers.

Derek, a fifth grader, said he

wants to be a pro football player when he grows up, but he hasn't made up his mind whether to be a quarterback or a wide receiver. He and "big brother" play catch a lot, and it seems to have paid off.

highways and look for two vehicles.

Officers were told to look for a Maroon Legacy with California plates that had been stolen as part of a murder on Jan. 14 in Holladay, Utah, on the east edge of Salt Lake City. The second vehicle was a white Honda Prelude with Colorado plates. The two suspects were considered armed and dangerous.

Confusing the situation was another alert about a bank robbery in Colorado Springs and the possibility those suspects had headed east toward Kansas.

"We were a bit confused as to who we were looking for," said Sheriff Kevin Butts. "It took some time to figure out which vehicle was connected to the murder."

Chief Ray Smee said the bank robbery did confuse the situation, but he said once the vehicle descrip-

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He was first this year in Punt, Pass, Kick, Scheopner said, and went to Scott City to compete.

Scheopner isn't new to being a mentor. He has been like a big brother to a young man in the neighborhood where he lived. He grew up, Scheopner said; he's 19 now.

They're still close, but Scheopner decided to look into the mentoring organization to help a youngster again.

His favorite thing about being a "big brother" is seeing things from a child's perspective.

"You have someone to do things with," Scheopner said. "You take things for granted until you look through a younger person's eyes."

Derek's favorite part is hanging out, having a friend. And he likes having a "brother."

"All I got is a sister," he said. "I always wished for a big brother."

A single mom, JoAnn Matthews signed both of her kids up when she heard about Big Brothers Big Sisters. Her daughter Shayla, a high school student, got a "big sister" before Derek and Mark got together.

Shayla has a busy schedule, JoAnn said, so they don't see each other as much as Derek and Mark, but they talk on the phone.

It has been a blessing for the kids to have someone other than their mom and peers, JoAnn said.

"I work two jobs and have two kids," she said.

She works in grain accounting at Frontier Equity Exchange and is a cashier at Presto Convenience Store. Scheopner is a bookkeeper at Rhoads Construction, where he has worked the last 20 years.

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District hires principal to be superintendent

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

The School Board's search for a new superintendent ended Tuesday morning. Shelly Angelos, Principal at West Elementary School, will take over the job on July 1.

Superintendent Marvin Selby will continue to give his expertise to the district as a financial consultant, about one day a week. The state is in the middle of a major shift on its approach to financing education.

The other person to be inter-



Angelos

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viewed from Iowa on Tuesday afternoon called and said he had already accepted a position just before Angelos was interviewed on Monday afternoon, said Selby.

Angelos became the principal at West two years ago. She had been the district's cheer leading sponsor

for two years before that.

She was born, grew up and graduated from high school in Utah. Angelos got an Associate of Science degree from Dixie State College in St. George, Utah, in 1983, a Bachelor of Science from the University of Utah, in Salt Lake City, in 1987 and a master's in educational leadership and policy in 2000 in Utah.

She got her Kansas administrators certificate in 2002.

She taught first-grade in Gujarat, India, from 1993-1995, then fourth

grade in Heber City, Utah, east of Salt Lake City, from 1996 to 1999.

She was an administrative intern for the school district for Wasatch County in 1999, where she worked with all school levels.

Also at that time she was a cohort supervisor, working with student teachers from Brigham Young University.

Angelos became the assistant principal of Rocky Mountain Middle School in Heber City for a year before she and her family

moved to Goodland.

She and her husband Scott have four children: Amanda; Kara; Nick, a junior; and Travis, a freshman.

The couple owns three McDonalds restaurants in Goodland and Burlington and Lamar, Colo.

"The Board of Education is excited about having her leadership and enthusiasm, and we know that she will be really missed as the West Elementary Principal," said Jane Philbrick, School Board President.

Goodland schools expect budget cuts from legislature

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Every school district in Kansas is wondering what impact a cost study order by the Kansas Legislature will have on their bottom line, but for Goodland schools, the outlook is for more budget cuts.

The study was done by the Division of Post Audit, the research arm of the Legislature, to pin down how

much an education should cost and how much the state should spend on schools.

The things that will affect the Goodland schools the most, said Superintendent Marvin Selby, could be a reduction in the "low-enrollment" money smaller districts get and a cut in aid for busing students to school.

This year, the Goodland School

District received the base rate of \$4,257 per student with a full time equivalency enrollment of 958.3 students. With the weighting for various factors, including low enrollment, the total was \$6,167,655, or \$6,436.04 per student, under the state school finance formula, said Selby.

The Kansas Supreme Court ruled June 3 that the state needed to in-

crease school funding by at least \$285 million. The Legislature increased the budget for schools by \$141.1 million during the regular session and ordered the study to find out if education had enough money.

The court was not satisfied, so the governor called a special session. The Legislature appropriated another \$143 million July 6. The court continued its jurisdiction to see what

the Legislature does this year.

The report, released last Monday, was 115 pages long, with the "executive summary" of 33 pages.

It says more money needs to be spent on at-risk students and additional weighting needs to be added for urban schools. Special education spending is low, the reports says,

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