

## Eastern Star dishes up flapjacks



The Goodland Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star had its annual breakfast Saturday, April 1, at the Masonic Building. Roy Freiburger (left), Barb Aten and Mike Short were among members feeding people. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Weed control checked in alfalfa varieties

Roundup Ready alfalfa varieties are available on a wide scale for the first time this season.

Kansas State University has evaluated Roundup Ready alfalfa for weed control and yield response to weed control, said Dallas Peterson, K-State weed science specialist. However, the university has not compared yields of Roundup Ready alfalfa varieties to conventional varieties.

This first year, Roundup WeatherMax and Roundup OriginalMax are the only glyphosate products labeled for use on Roundup Ready alfalfa. All other forms of glyphosate are not labeled for use on this alfalfa.

Roundup should be applied to seedling alfalfa after crop and weed emergence. Due to the nature of alfalfa pollination and breeding, up to 10 percent of the plants of Roundup Ready alfalfa will be susceptible to Roundup.

Farmers will want to take out these susceptible plants early, before they become established, and the remaining plants can compensate quickly to fill in the stand. If you wait too long to make the first Roundup application, plants will be larger, and killing the susceptible

plants could thin the stand too much.

Everyone will want to know about the cost. The technology fee on Roundup Ready alfalfa is \$2.50 per pound of seed, so the cost of seeding can be increased by up to \$50 per acre.

Herbicide costs should be considerably less than in conventional alfalfa, Peterson said, and weed control should be excellent.

Up to 44 ounces per acre of Roundup Original Max or WeatherMax can be used in a single application. A maximum of 132 ounces per acre per year can be used as in-crop treatments. Ammonium sulfate should be added to the spray solution at a rate of 8.5 to 17 pounds per 100 gallons.

Roundup can be applied at all alfalfa growth stages. Livestock should be removed before applying Roundup. Wait a minimum of five days before grazing, cutting or feeding forage or hay.



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## Spring blizzard of 1931 stalled school bus, killed children, driver

A spring blizzard proved deadly again on the high plains of eastern Kansas and Colorado, according to the April 1, 1931, edition of *The Goodland-Republic News*.

My mother and uncle (who were living south of Burlington at the time) shared stories about the deaths of the school children in southeast Colorado. My grandfather sensed changing weather and kept the family home from school on that terrible day. Following are several accounts of the storm:

### SPRING STORM WAS WORST IN LONG TIME

A spring blizzard reminiscent of earlier days in the West swept down out of Canada last week and through the mountain and western plains states almost to the Mexican border. The storm struck here early Thursday forenoon until Friday night, when the wind subsided.

No lives were lost in this vicinity, but the total for the territory covered



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reached a score (20). Five children were frozen to death near Towner, Colo., when a school bus with 20 stalled in the snow and the children spent two days and a night in the snow-filled bus.

The bus driver also froze to death in an attempt to secure help. After the weather cleared, airplanes helped in the rescue of the surviving children (who suffered severely frozen limbs), removing them from the temporary relief station in a farm house to hospitals at Lamar and Holly.

Ernest Sponsel, believed lost when he went to search for his son,

spent the two days in his stalled car. Joe Laughlin, stranded on Highway 27 at the Wallace County line, also stayed with his vehicle for two days. He then made his way to a neighboring farm.

Relatives secured Victor Follett and his airplane to go and bring Mr. Laughlin in. Two traveling men from eastern Kansas, who started from Burlington to Goodland Thursday morning, almost froze to death when their car stalled. Trying to seek shelter in a farm house, one of the men became too exhausted to continue and had to lie in the snow. By the time he was rescued, his arms and legs were frozen.

Several school teachers in this county showed good judgment to keep the children in the school

houses until parents came or the storm subsided.

In the same 1931 edition, additional articles shared the experiences of other Sherman County residents as the result of the blizzard. Miss Elsie Jones reported in "The KANORADIAN" column a terrible experience by one local teacher and student:

Miss Doris Weller and Ivan Ross, small son of Mr. and Mrs. Del Ross of Kanorado, had a narrow escape. Miss Weller, who teaches at the Jarrett school two miles from Kanorado, dismissed her pupils when the storm became so bad, and she started for Kanorado in her car with the little Ross boy.

By this time the storm had be-

come so vicious that Miss Weller was unable to see the road and ran into the ditch. She and the little boy remained in the car. The next morning, S. Jarrett started into town on horseback and discovered the car.

He summoned help and rescued the teacher and little boy but not before they were badly chilled. Ivan's feet were frozen and for some time both he and Miss Weller were in serious condition, but both are improving at present. Miss Weller said she had spent the night rubbing the little boy's feet and legs to keep him from freezing to death.

(Another narrow escape...) Miss Viola Coons, who is teaching north of Kanorado, was caught out in the snow storm Thursday morning, and her legs were badly frozen.

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Another article said one man saved his own life during the blizzard with some smart thinking:

### Keeps Warm Under Snow

Craig Hesser was feeding cattle at the Dyatt ranch (southwest of Goodland) when the storm came up. He left the wagon and team standing in the feedlot, and the team walked to shelter during his absence.

When he returned, he was unable to find them, and he himself became confused in the swirling snow. Knowing that he probably couldn't make it to shelter, Hesser dug under the snow and lay there for nearly 24 hours. When the storm subsided, he dug himself out none the worse except a frozen thumb and toe.

## Moran seeks military academy applicants

Congressman Jerry Moran is accepting applications for nominations to the United States service academies until Oct. 1.

The academies include the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N. Y.; the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md.; the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs; and the Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N. Y. Those selected will enter the academies in June 2007.

Selections are based on SAT or ACT test scores, class rank, grade

point average, school records, extracurricular activities, leadership potential, motivation, recommendations and interview evaluations.

Applicants must be legal residents of the state of Kansas, at least 17 years of age but not past their 23rd birthday on July 1 of the year of admission, citizens of the United States, unmarried, not pregnant and without legal obligation to support children or other dependents.

If nominated by Moran, they must then meet the individual ad-

mission requirements of each academy. The academies will make the final decision on who will receive an appointment of admission. Due to limited placement, Moran encourages all candidates to apply also to the offices of U.S. Sens. Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts.

Those interested in applying should send a letter requesting application materials to Congressman Jerry Moran, Attention: Service Academy Selection, Box 1128, Hutchinson, Kan. 67504-1128.

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