

weather report

74°

noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:30 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 74 degrees
• Humidity 71 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds northwest at 6 mph
• Barometer 29.97 inches and falling
• Record High today 108° (1944)
• Record Low today 40° (1895)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 83°
Low Monday 65°
Precipitation .12
This month .48
Year to date 12.09
Above normal .72 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, high near 91 with a low near 66. Southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph, switching to the South around 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy and hot, high near 97 and low near 65. South wind between 5 and 10 mph. Thursday through Sunday: Sunny and hot, high in the high 90s, and lows in the middle 60s. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.58 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.63
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.21 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.09
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$1.91 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.25 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.28
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.35 cwt.
NuSun crop — \$10.35
Confection — Call
Pinto beans — \$15.50 (new crop)
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

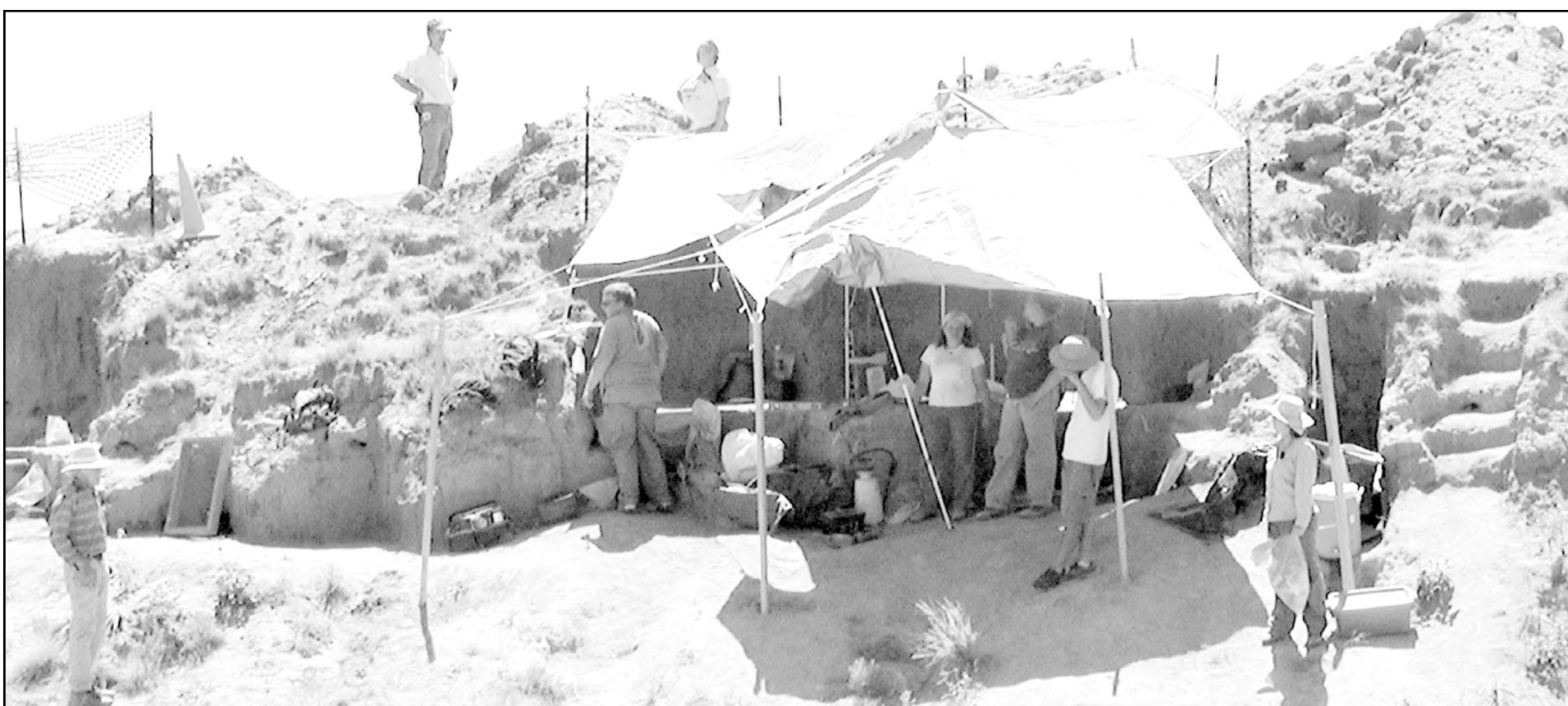
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Roughriders play today

Roughrider pitcher Michael Pettibone threw to first baseman Dallas DeLaRosa to try to pick off a Colby runner at Centennial Field on June 30. Goodland won, 6-5. Today the team begins regional play in Hill City. See story, photos on P page 8.



More flakes of rocks, not found naturally in northwest Kansas, were found by KU undergraduate and graduate students and volunteers working for the past month at the southern most archaeological site south of I-70 near Kanorado. Evidence of early paleoindians makes this the oldest site in Kansas dating back over 14,000 years.

Photos By Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

More bones, flakes found at two Kanorado sites

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Kanorado's population has been swelled this summer by a small tent city of University of Kansas students and volunteers digging for ancient artifacts and bones north and south of I-70 a mile east of town.

The volunteers and KU students, graduate and undergraduate, are camping in Briggs Park at Kanorado, established in 1976, just a short drive to the work sites. At lunch time, the workers pile into utility vehicles for the ride to the park where they can catch a break from the sun and something cold to drink.

Artifacts from the site near Kanorado have been dated back to 12,200 years ago, and artifacts being gathered might push that back closer to 14,000 years when the evidence is sifted, experts say, making these the oldest evidence of humans on the

High Plains and possibly in all of North America.

Archaeology Professor Jack Hoffman of KU is the on-scene coordinator for the graduate students, who have been digging at two sites for about a month.

The students and volunteers, some of whom worked at the site last year, including Brad Geist, 15, of Goodland, report finding more mammoth bones and some interesting bison bones.

Last year the Kansas Anthropological Association had about 100 members and volunteers working three sites under the direction of Professor Rolfe Mandel of KU and Steve Holen of the Denver Museum of Science and Nature.

Holen said last year that the Kanorado site is the first Clovis-era site in the state and the second Folsom-era site. Early native Americans,

known as paleoindians, roamed the High Plains thousands of years ago, and some of the earliest were called Folsom for the fluted points they made about 10,000 years ago.

Clovis paleoindians were on the High Plains well before the Folsom, and evidence collected at Kanorado is pushing that date back towards 14,000 years ago. Points made by these tribes were before the invention of the bow and arrow.

This year, Mandel and Holen have limited the work to two of the sites, known as SN 14-105 and 106. Site 105 is close to the westbound lanes of I-70 and site 106 is south of I-70 and east of County Road 3. Last year work was done a SN 14-101, which is north of I-70 and less visible along the south bank of Middle Beaver Creek.

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Brad Geist, 15, of Goodland volunteered to help dig for mammoth bones at a site east of Kanorado. Geist was one of the volunteers who worked at the sites last June.

Boys, girls learn hunting safety, map reading

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Despite a few rain drops, 40 boys and girls learned about trapping, game calling, hunter safety, first aid, map reading, shooting and archery on Saturday.

One group was watching Scott Gilmer, Goodland fire chief, explain the different types of traps used for trapping different animals and how they work. At the archery station, the kids got to try their hand at hitting deer or turkey targets.

Mike Hopper, Goodland's wildlife conservation officer, demonstrated duck and goose calls. He explained how to put out decoys and which calls to use to get the ducks or geese to land. He also did a dying rabbit call used for coyote hunting.

Kids learned how to load and shoot a muzzle-loading rifle from Jim Kennedy.

Sherman County's second annual Youth Skills Day was held at Bellamy Farms after being postponed from Saturday, June 25, because of rain. Instructors Troy Mannis and Bob Juleson said they have been teaching hunter safety, and Mannis has helped with the annual Youth Skills Day the last five years in Colby. The first Sherman County version was held in June of last year.

Manis said he was happy with the number of kids who showed up and the amount of help he got from sponsors and adults. He said they lost some kids when they had to reschedule the event, but was especially happy with the 11 girls who came.

"It was really neat we had a girl visiting from Kentucky who participated," he said.

The event wouldn't have come off without everyone helping, Mannis



Rick Stramel showed part of the group of girls that attended the Youth Skills Day at Bellamy Farms on Saturday how to use a

compass and map. About 40 kids attended the event rescheduled from Saturday, June 25.

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