

weather report

44°

noon Monday

Today

Sunset, 4:34 p.m.

Wednesday

Sunrise, 6:29 a.m.

Sunset, 4:33 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 42 degrees

• Humidity 39 percent

• Sky partly sunny

• Winds south at 22mph

• Barometer 29.85 inches and falling

• Record High today 75° (1990)

• Record Low today -4° (1940)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 49°

Low Monday 22°

Precipitation —

This month .01

Year to date 29.07

Above normal 3.07 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Scattered showers, mainly after 11 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a high near 50 and the low near 26. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high near 46, low around 25 and breezy. Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 63, low near 29. Friday: Partly cloudy, high near 55, low near 28. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 56, low near 29.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Wheat — \$4.19 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.69

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$3.38 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.19

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$3.03 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.76 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.81

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$7 hundredweight

Sunflowers

NuSun crop — \$12.25

Pinto beans — \$19 (new crop)

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

inside today

More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News

Wrestling starts soon

Junior Robert Doxon (bottom) and sophomore Clay Schilling worked on escape moves during wrestling practice last year. The Cowboys wrestling team will see its first action right after Thanksgiving, in Hoxie on Thursday. See photo on Page 12.

# Students' parents give program

**By Pat Schiefen**  
*The Goodland Star-News*

Third- and fourth-grade students from Central Elementary School heard Friday from fathers of two students who were in the military and by phone from a third in Iraq.

Debbie Bantam, third grade teacher, organized the event. She said she has been doing it for four or five years.

Bryan Varney, husband of Lisa and father of Shainia, talked to the group on the phone at 12:30 from Iraq. He told the kids hi and told his daughter he loved her. Lisa Varney said it would have been 11 p.m. in Iraq at that time.

Darin Neufeld, a major in the U.S. Air Force Reserve and father of Austin, talked about his experiences in the military. Neufeld said he was an engineer and worked on airport runways. Now, he told the students, he works on streets.

He said he spent his active-duty time in Cheyenne, Wyo.; Shreveport, La.; Saudi Arabia; and Kuwait. In the Middle East, Neufeld said, helped build runways and bases in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. When he was there, he added, no one was shooting at them.

Asked why he didn't have patches on his shoulders, Neufeld said unlike the Army, the Air Force doesn't do that.

Ernie Gonzales, father of Alec, told the students was home because he was injured in a mortar attack in the city of Mosul, Iraq, on Thursday, Oct. 12. Gonzales, a staff sergeant in the Kansas National Guard, said he has served 18 years in the military. He said he has been to Germany, Panama and Iraq.

Gonzales said he had been in Iraq for 1 1/2 months and had been on 28 missions. His unit handles security for supply convoys, he said, and he was a convoy commander and a platoon sergeant.

They drove the new M-1083 tactical vehicles, similar to 5-ton

Heath Johnson, a third grader at Central Elementary School, saluted as students sang the national anthem at a program honoring veterans Friday. Several students' parents talked about the military.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

trucks, and Humvees to Turkey for food, fuel or anything else soldiers needed. The convoys always went at night, he said.

"If you weren't nervous, something was wrong," he told the kids.

"We always carried a weapon, an M-4 rifle or a 9 mm pistol. All the missions were tough."

He said the troops slept during the day, adding that he had had only four days off when he was in Iraq.

He said in their base, they always had someone shooting at them, usually at 6 a.m., noon and at 5:30-6 p.m.

Someone asked how he slept.

"You sleep when you can," he said. "We were not allowed off base and were ambushed every night."

He said when he got hit, he was at a staff meeting when the incoming

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# Museum opens display on dentistry

**By Sharon Corcoran**  
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Do fear and anxiety grip you when it's time to go to the dentist?

You may be surprised to realize how far dental tools have come in the last century. A new temporary exhibit at the High Plains Museum features an 1870 foot-treadle-driven dental engine that once belonged to Goodland Dentist Dr. Harry M. Steever.

Dr. Steever and his wife May moved to Goodland in 1918, said Linda Holton, museum director. When they arrived, the flu epidemic was bad, and people were sick and dying, plus it was a really cold winter. Despite these hardships, however, Steever was able to establish his practice here.

He was mayor from 1929 to 1937, and during that time, the municipal power plant was built and the adjacent grounds became a park. Later, the city honored him by naming the park after him.

Dr. Steever also serve as an anesthesiologist at Boothroy Hospital for 30 years. He died in February 1959, just a few months after retiring.

The museum's exhibit includes a portrait of Dr. Steever by Edna Sexson of Goodland, who learned to paint at Lowell Connolly's studio in 1956, a collection of dental drill bits and information on the history of dental tools.

The museum has an article from the Dec. 20, 1956, issue of the *Sherman County Herald* that reports on a City Commission meeting when the suggestion came up to honor Steever by naming the park. Commissioners spoke highly of accomplishments made during Steever's years as mayor.

The city voted to hold a formal dedication ceremony the next summer.

Linda Holton, director of the High Plains Museum, wondered how coordinated a dentist had to be to pedal with their foot and maneuver the drill with their hand at the same time as she tried out the 1870 foot-treadle-driven dental engine that once belonged to Goodland dentist Harry M. Steever. The drill is part of a temporary exhibit at the museum.

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# Contest starts with tickets today

Starting next Tuesday, there will be \$400 hidden in the pages of *The Goodland Star-News* for people who have the tickets with eight winning numbers in the annual "Christmas on Us" promotion.

Be sure to collect your tickets at participating merchants beginning today, and you may be one of those who find your number hidden in the ads inside next Tuesday's paper.

The ninth annual "Christmas on Us" promotion will spread a total of \$2,500 around to 12 lucky shoppers over the next month. Today is the first day to collect tickets for all the prizes.

The Christmas season kicks off at 2 p.m. on Saturday with the arrival of Santa Claus in a parade down Main Avenue to the old Aten's building. Two craft fairs are set for that day, Nu Phi Mu at Max Jones Fieldhouse and "We Did It" at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

Maggie Hernandez, 223 Cherry, won the "Christmas on Us" \$1,500 grand prize last year while Gundrun McClure of Goodland won the \$500 first prize.

The contest starts today, with businesses handing out tickets to customers, and will end on Saturday, Dec. 16, when the grand prize of \$1,500 and second prize of \$500 will be given away downtown.

Shoppers will have plenty of chances to win ten \$50 "instant prizes" along the way.

Participating businesses will 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 required 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 barrel. The *Star-News* staff will pick tickets each week and hide the winning numbers in "Christmas on Us" advertisements, which will run every Tuesday.

Winners have four days, until 5 p.m. each Friday, to bring their tickets to *The Star-News* office, 1205 Main, and collect \$50 in scrip, which can be spent at participating businesses.

Ten \$50 instant prizes will be given out over four weeks, for a total of \$500. Eight winning numbers will appear in ads on the first Tuesday, which means eight shoppers have a chance to win up to \$400 in the first week. Numbers will appear on Tuesday, Nov. 21, Nov. 28, Dec. 5 and Dec. 12.

All of the \$50 instant winners will be given out during the month.

It's 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.
- The last day to collect tickets is Friday, Dec. 15.
- 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

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