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## weather report

**34°**

noon Monday



### Today

• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

### Wednesday

• Sunrise, 7:02 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 34 degrees

• Humidity 23 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds south at 5 mph

• Barometer 30.41 inches  
and rising

• Record High today 66° (1917)

• Record Low today -14° (1924)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 35°

Low Monday 19°

Precipitation —

This month tr

Year to date 22.02

Above normal 2.40 inches

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Snow likely after 11 a.m.

Mostly cloudy, high near 32.

Chance of precipitation 60 per-  
cent.

### Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Snow likely.

Cloudy, with a high near 31 and a

low around 20. Chance of precipi-  
tation 60 percent. Thursday:

Mostly cloudy, high near 33, low

around 14. Chance of snow 30

percent. Friday: Mostly sunny,

high near 42, low around 17.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$4.33 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.67

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$3.57 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.26

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$3.16 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.73 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.26

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$7 hundredweight

Sunflowers

NuSun crop — \$13.20

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

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## Cowboys finish third

Josiah Goodley pinned Cole Pearson of Scott City, in the Holiday Classic Saturday. Goodley was one of five undefeated Cowboy wrestlers for the tournament. The Cowboys finished third. See story, photo on Page 11.



Michelle Owens (above) found her winning ticket to had to Tom Betz, *Star-News* editor, for the \$1,500 grand prize in the ninth annual Christmas on Us drawing held on Saturday afternoon. Avis Alcorn (right) was the winner of the \$500 prize.

Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News



# Women win Christmas money

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Star-News*

The crowd on 11th Street between Main and Center started swelling around the stage in front of Mad Hatter's Music Emporium a half hour before the big drawing on Saturday.

The occasion was the ninth annual Christmas on Us grand prize drawing, and it took less than half an hour to give the \$1,500 and \$500 prizes away.

Things were delayed a few minutes while waiting for the city crew to block the street so people were not in danger of being hit by a passing

car as they gathered in the street and on the sidewalks.

It took four numbers to get the \$500 winner, Avis Alcorn. Her winning ticket came from Klip 'n Kurl Salon.

"I think I will spend it on something personal for me," Alcorn said on Sunday, "possibly some jewelry for me. I have finished my Christmas shopping and think I will get something for myself."

Asked if she has participated in the Christmas on Us contest over the years, Alcorn said, "Oh yes, I have participated in this every year."

She said she thought it was a "really neat promotion," and wished more of the businesses had been part of it.

"All it takes is one ticket," she said.

Three numbers had been drawn for the \$1,500 grand prize when a shout came from behind the stage and Michelle Owens brought out the winning ticket.

She said the tickets, which had come from Elliott's, were her grandmother's.

"My grandmother was the one who got the tickets," Owens said,

"but she could not stand outside."

Asked what they plan to do with the \$1,500, Owens said they had not really decided.

"We went to look around on Saturday," she said, "but everybody was closed."

She said her grandmother will get to share in spending the money, and they will probably go to more than one business.

"I was really surprised," she said, "when the number was announced. I have had several people congratulate us."

The first two numbers for the

\$500 prize were 069713 and 070044 from Mann's Jewelry and the third, 259535, was from Garcia's Home Furnishings.

The first number drawn for the \$1,500 was 060773, from Garcia's and the second was 577257, from Klip 'n Kurl.

Participating businesses were Garcia's, Elliott's, American Communications, Mann's, Shores Brothers Auto Supply, Sherman County Farm Bureau, Klip 'n Kurl, McClung's Appliance and Furniture, High Plains Office Supply and *The Star-News*.

# Cowboy takes final ride across the country

By Sharon Corcoran

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The 3-year-old paint carries the cowboy, and the quarter horse mare everything he has in the world. They are traveling across the country with no destination, the only goal to live life as it comes.

Don Wagner, 54, says he is out for a last hurrah after being given less than a year to live. Originally from Montana, he said, he has worked on ranches from California to Texas and Arizona to Washington and left Challis, Idaho, nine months ago on his cross-country journey.

He stopped at an auction Saturday, Dec. 9, in Goodland and ended up staying a few days to work on Ada Taylor's farm east of town. Wagner said he has stopped several places along to way to rest and let the horses rest and to work when he needs some money.

His stay in Goodland was unexpected, however. When he was at the auction, Taylor's daughters, Lorna Thorpe and Mary Walz, saw him and thought his horses were for sale. As they talked, Thorpe asked him to help with a horse that kept bucking people off. Wagner said he figured he would have to stop soon anyway.

"People are really friendly and want to give," he said, "but I refuse



Don Wagner of Montana (above) drove a tractor to pull a fence tight and carried supporting poles (right) for the fence on Ada Taylor's farm east of Goodland last week. He is traveling across the country after learning he has stomach cancer.

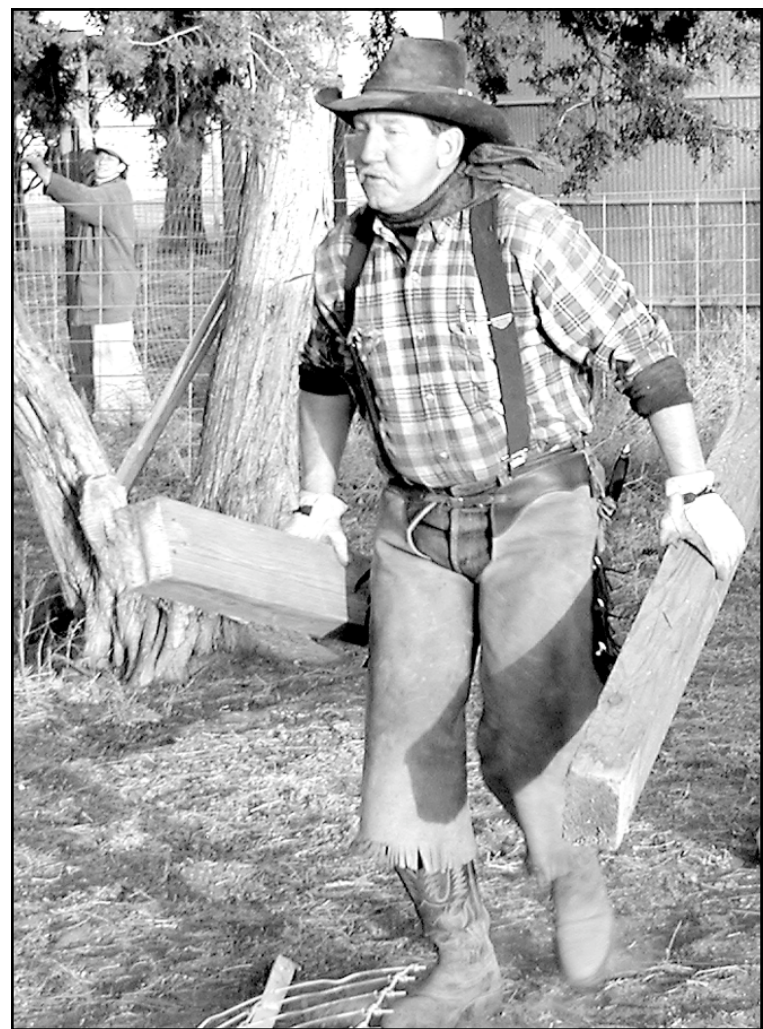
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to take anything for nothing if I can help it. These folks want to feed my horse. Fine, but I want to pay for the hay."

When they refused to accept

money, he added, he offered to work. After helping with horses and fences and the like, he left Thursday.

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# Temporary home found for Kanorado ambulance

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County commissioners Tuesday approved a one-year lease with the City of Kanorado to house an ambulance temporarily at the Kanorado City Building and plans for an addition to the firehouse there. County Commissioner Chuck Thomas reported he had attended a

Kanorado council meeting on Dec. 4, and Mayor Bob Helderman and council members said they wanted to do their best to keep the ambulance in Kanorado.

The problem of where the ambulance would be housed came up in October, when the Kanorado Rural Fire Department came up with a fifth fire truck to be housed in its

five-bay fire station. The ambulance had been kept there, but firemen said there was no room.

In November, county commissioners asked Ambulance Director Bruce Gleason to see if the city building would work to house the ambulance until an addition could be built on the existing fire station.

Gleason told the commissioners

and the Kanorado council that if the floor of the building was cleaned up, a curtain put up to cut the ambulance off from the rest of the building and an automatic door opener installed, the building could be used to store the ambulance until a new bay can be built on the fire station.

Thomas said the council was asking for \$150 a month to help pay for

the heating costs. He said the county would lease a section of the building until the ambulance has a new home.

He said the way the building is set up, the bay runs across the building with doors on both ends. It will house the ambulance on one end and

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