

**weather  
report**

**45°**

**at noon**



**Today**

• Sunset, 4:36 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 7:07 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:37 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 58 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds west 10 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.09 inches and falling
- Record High 63° (1962)
- Record Low -26° (1959)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High 38°  
Low 14°  
Precipitation none

**N.W. Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: mostly cloudy, low upper 20s, winds northwest 10-15 m.p.h. Saturday: mostly cloudy, high upper 50s, low upper 20s, winds northwest 5-15 m.p.h.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: cloudy with 50 percent chance of rain during the day and 50 percent chance of snow at night, high upper 40s, low upper 20s. Monday: cloudy with slight chance of snow in the morning, high lower 40s. Tuesday: mostly clear, high mid 50s, low lower 20s. (National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## Council leaders get term

*Economic panel  
renewed by county*

**By Tom Betz**

*The Goodland Daily News*

Sherman County commissioners reappointed two members of the Sherman County Economic Development Council, giving Larry Harper of Lincare and John Garcia of Garcia's full three-year terms.

Council Chairman Royal Reid told the commissioners Monday that the reappointment of Harper and Garcia had been approved by the members at their December meeting.

Commissioners asked County Attorney Bonnie Selby how to go about fixing a discrepancy in the council's resolution. In a paragraph about the nomination of board members, the first sentence says they serve two-year terms, but a later sentence specifies three-year terms.

Reid said the council would like to see the paragraph changed to specify three-year terms in both places.

The commissioners asked Selby, who was on a speaker phone, about whether this would require a new resolution or if they could amend the current one. Selby said she would have to check.

Reid asked whether the council could establish a petty cash fund, claiming that language in the resolution allows the council to open an account.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said she had asked County Auditor Mark Bauer, though, and he said it had to be done by changing the resolution. Rumpel said she had published the required information about the resolution and that the 60-day waiting period for protests began on Dec. 19. Unless there is a petition filed, it will be effective about Feb. 20.

Carolyn Applegate, the council's economic development director, suggested the county look at creating a general incentive package that could be offered to prospective businesses. She said the city needs to work on this as well, and that she knew they had started.

She said the incentives should be for both existing businesses that are expanding and for businesses looking to locate in the county or city.

When a meat packing plant was on the burner, the county was asked about providing roads in and out of the property, as well as snow removal and fire protection. Commissioner Frankenfeld said, though, that there never was any official contact with the county on this proposal.

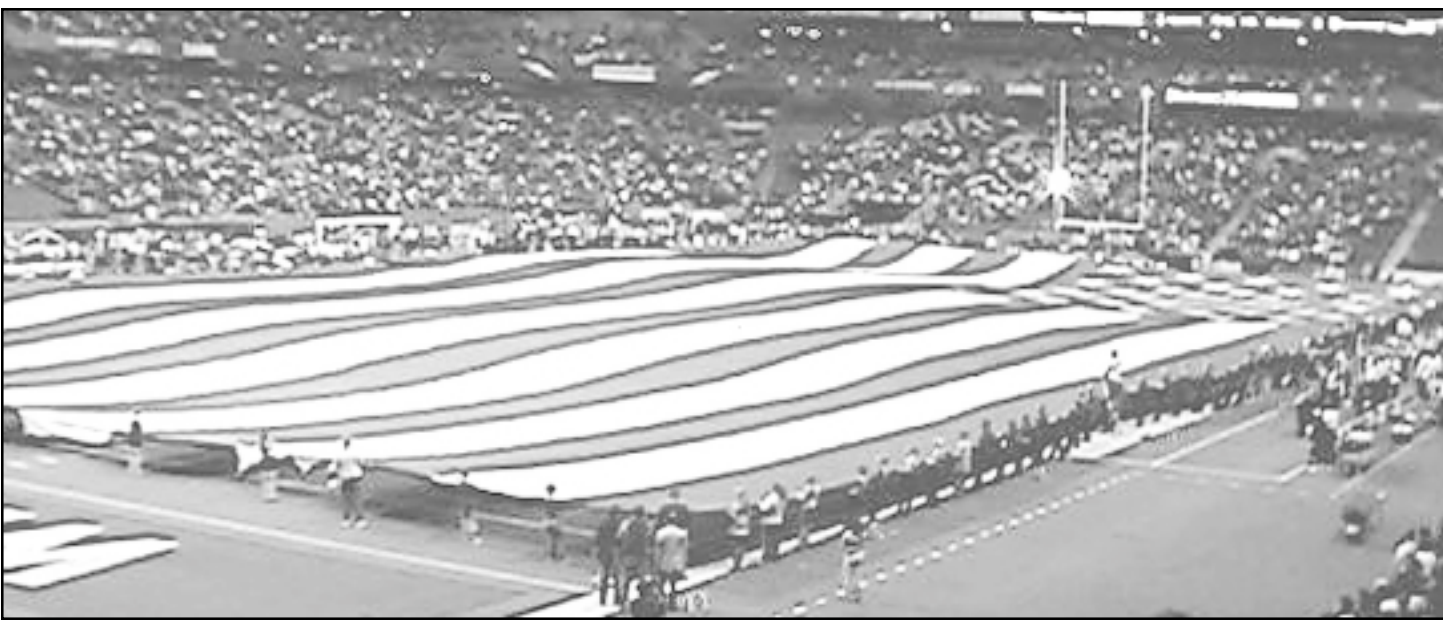
Applegate suggested one of the commissioners work with her to develop a general package. Commissioner Kevin Rasure agreed to help.

Commissioner Frankenfeld said he had talked to Max Alderman about serving on the Good Samaritan Board, and he had agreed. Frankenfeld made the motion to appoint Alderman for a year, and it passed unanimously 3-0.

The commissioners approved the

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# Remember the Alamo!



Goodland High School band members (above) helped students from all across the country pull a giant American flag across the field as a part of the halftime show of the Alamo Bowl on Saturday. The jazz band played in the music festival on Sunday, after

the game (middle photo). That's teacher Tremon Kizer center left. The Cowboys band traveled over 14 hours in charter buses (below) to get to San Antonio.

Photos by Deandra Wirth/Goodland High School

## Cowboy band gets to its bowl

**By Michelle L. Hawkins**

*The Goodland Daily News*

While University of Colorado fans were glued to the television to watch their team in the Alamo Bowl last Saturday, people around here watched for another reason — hoping for a glimpse of Goodland High students in the halftime show.

There wasn't much to see, but the high school band members still had quite a trip. Teachers Deandra Wirth and Tremon Kizer led the kids through months of preparation and fund-raising before even boarding the bus.

Wirth said the band learned they had been selected to participate in the halftime show in early spring. About a month before last week's game, music for the halftime show arrived and they began practicing. A music festival was held on Sunday for bands in the halftime show, and both the concert band and jazz band performed.

Wirth, in her second year at Goodland High, said she took her last band to the Cotton Bowl three years ago, and she wanted to go to



a bowl with the Cowboy band. Applications go to Bowl Games of America, where bands are designated to a specific game.

The band worked hard once word came they were invited to play in San Antonio, she said, raising between \$33,000 and \$34,000 to cover expenses for the trip.

With two buses chartered out of Hays and one school vehicle jammed with 73 students and sponsors, plus all the instruments, the Cowboy band left Goodland at 4 a.m. the day after Christmas. After a 14-hour trip, Wirth said, they arrived full of excitement for

the adventure ahead.

First on the agenda, early on Friday morning, the group went to St. Gerard High School for rehearsal.

"I felt our group was more prepared than the other schools," said Wirth. "All of the music was supposed to be memorized in advance...I wouldn't even let our group take their music to rehearsals."

She said overall, the Goodland group was glad for the time they had put in as they watched other bands struggle to memorize music during the final practices.

That evening all the bands were

treated to a formal dinner and dance held at the San Antonio Convention Center.

"The kids weren't really used to it, since it was so formal," said Rebecca Gattshall, senior. "We had fun, though, dances really bring kids together."

Saturday was an early morning as the bands were off to the Alamo Dome at 7 a.m. for an on-field rehearsal. After four hours of practice, the Cowboys had the afternoon off to take in the sights of San Antonio.

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**local  
markets**

**Noon**

Wheat — \$3.50 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.43  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$2.41 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.22  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Milo — \$2.18 bushel  
Soybeans — \$5.32 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.27  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$10.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$10.35 cwt.  
NuSun — \$11.50 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$16  
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

**afternoon  
wire**

Late news  
from the  
Associated  
Press

**1 p.m.**

## Korea wants to mend rift

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korean President-elect Roh Moon-hyun will offer North Korea and the United States a compromise to end their nuclear standoff, charting a new diplomatic course for the longtime U.S. ally, an aide said today.

But the Bush administration ruled out "bargaining again" with North Korea, which agreed in 1994 to suspend its nuclear weapons programs. In Beijing, the North Korean ambassador to China insisted that Pyongyang would not bend until Washington agrees to a nonaggression treaty.

State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said the administration had already assured Pyongyang it had no intention of attacking North Korea.

## Paper appears in new width

Here is your second issue of the new-size *Goodland Daily News*.

Be honest. Could you tell the difference when you picked up the paper Thursday?

The page you're looking at is a little smaller. The type area is an inch narrower and the sheet is an inch and a half narrower.

The new size, pioneered a few years ago by *The Denver Post*, has become the industry standard. Nearly all the papers sold in this area have switched already, and we decided it just made sense for us to switch, too.

Many ads were coming in for the new size, and it was a hassle to make

them fit the old standard. It's getting hard to find the old-size paper.

Across the country, readers say they like the new size. It's just a little more handy, easier to hold, fold and read. We hope you'll agree.

A lot of work and planning have gone into this change.

The press crew ordered new paper and checked the new sizes. Editors and makeup people had to resize ads and page templates so everything would fit.

This week, the press crew is having to switch back and forth until all the papers we print have switched over.

Next week, the *Country Advocate*

will switch to the new size. At the same time, the *Advocate* will go to mostly standard-size pages, rather than the smaller tabloid. The cover and back page will stay about the same, however, and the *Advocate* will still look like the *Advocate*.

One of the things the change should do is allow us to hold the line for a while on advertising and subscription rates, which will not change. A postage increase could affect subscription prices later, however.

So there it is. Let us know what you think about the new size.

— The Editors

## City to discuss plans for art center repairs

Goodland City commissioners plan to continue discussing improvements to the Carnegie Arts Building, including requirements for handicap accessibility, when they meet at 5 p.m. Monday.

The commission also will:

- Amend the electric code to allow the use of armored cable, based on a recommendation by the electric board.
- Vote on a petition to vacate a portion of the 11th Street right-of-way near the Technical College

campus so the college and the Goodland School District can complete a land swap. The school wants to use the area for a possible new stadium and sports field. The city has no plans to use the right of way, said City Manager Ron Pickman.

- Dedicate part of 10th Street near the college, already used as a street, as public right-of-way.
- Discuss buying property.

The meeting will be upstairs at the City Administration Building.