

weather
report

52°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 5:05 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:54 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:06 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 37 degrees
- Humidity 30 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southwest 12 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.16 inches and rising

• Record High 75° (1989)

• Record Low -20° (1932)

Last 24 Hours*

High 67°

Low 28°

Precipitation trace

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low mid 30s, winds west 10-20 m.p.h. Saturday: partly sunny, high lower 70s, low mid 30s, winds west 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly sunny with 30 percent chance of rain, high 50-55, low lower 20s. Monday: mostly cloudy with chance of snow, high lower 30s. Tuesday: partly cloudy with occasional flurries, high mid 30s, low lower 20s. Wednesday: mostly cloudy with chance snow. (National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.42 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.34

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.43 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.22

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.20 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.19 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.14

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$10.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.40 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.40 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15

(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.

Blair, Bush
meet on Iraq

WASHINGTON — British Prime Minister Tony Blair, President Bush's closest ally in the effort to disarm Saddam Hussein, said today that Iraq must provide "100 percent co-operation" with United Nations weapons inspectors and "it's absolutely clear they're not."

Blair said he saw no need for setting an "arbitrary timetable" for the end of diplomatic efforts to persuade Iraq to comply with United Nations disarmament demands. But he said a scheduled report from weapons inspectors on Feb. 14 was a pivotal moment, after which "action should follow."

Blair made his comments a few hours before meeting with Bush at the White House. Plans for the two men to meet at Camp David were scrapped because of bad weather.

Paper goes all-local, twice weekly

There will be a new Star appearing in Goodland beginning Tuesday, when *The Goodland Star-News* debuts as an all-local newspaper for Sherman County.

This will be our last issue as *The Goodland Daily News*. We will be changing to a twice-weekly publication, with a Midweek edition on Tuesdays and a Weekend edition on Fridays. There will not be any paper on Monday, Wednesday or Thursday.

Steve Haynes, president of the parent Nor'West Newspapers, said that the decision is a matter of economics and focus

"With a declining population base and business base, the support no longer exists for a daily newspaper," Haynes said. "The business base, dozens of downtown merchants, that supported the *Goodland Daily* in 1932, no longer exists. There are no grocery stores left, and far fewer small merchants than there once were.

"Even after the merger with the *Sherman County Star*, we have lost money as a daily and this seemed to be the best way to continue to provide a quality newspaper in Goodland."

While the paper has been success-

ful in delivering a quality product, winning 50 state and national awards in the last five years, it has lost money every year since the Gibsons Discount Store and Jubilee Foods closed, he said.

The new *Star-News* will include improvements which Haynes said he believes will be positive for the newspaper and the town, including more local news, a better television guide, same-day delivery all over the county, a copy of *The Country Advocate* and *American Profile* magazine for all local subscribers, and new lower subscription rates.

Gone will be the Associated Press

report, most of the comics and features and all national commentary.

There will be a renewed emphasis on Goodland and Sherman County, Haynes said, and there will be more of it in every paper. Main local news space will increase from one full page per issue to two.

The editorial page also will have an all local focus, said Editor Tom Betz.

"We know a number of our customers were not happy with the change in the television guide made several months ago," Betz said. "We were not pleased with what we received, and because we were un-

able to make changes with that service we have returned to the old supplier, TV Data, for a much-improved daily listing.

"This will appear in each paper, with prime time listings for the next few days, and a special movie and sports schedule for the weekend. The grid format will be more complete than what has been in the paper, and will begin at 6 p.m. daily to reflect the needs of our customers."

Another change is that the newspapers will no longer be delivered

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Young cheerleaders perform tonight



Young cheerleaders will be on the floor at Max Jones Fieldhouse tonight during the halftime of the Cowboys game to show off a routine and cheer they learned during a clinic at West Elementary this week. Shelly Angelos, cheerleading sponsor, said two boys and 66 girls age 5 to 12 participated in the week-long program, put on by the high school cheerleaders. They learned to do stretching warm-ups, and then special kicks and cheers for the program they will present tonight. Angelos said the enrollment was twice what she had expected.

Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News



Students to be honored for high test scores

Nearly 50 students from Goodland schools will be honored Tuesday evening at Max Jones Fieldhouse for scoring in the advanced range on the 2001-2002 Kansas Assessment tests last spring.

Students from fifth to 12th grade who tested at the advanced level in, at least one of the three categories, math, reading and writing, will be honored at the halftime of the Cow-

boys basketball game, scheduled to start about 7 p.m. The presentation should be between 7:30 and 7:50 p.m.

Students who will receive state certificates:

Fifth grade: Alexis Bateman, Jay Cotter, Robert (Chance) Davis, Colton Nelson, Kyle Stefan, Loren Strait and Eric Whalen

Sixth grade: Jace Mosbarger,

Clay Schilling, Michelle Smith, Chelsie Gausman, Bradley Geist, Lindsey Owens and Heather West

Eighth grade: Josiah Goodley, Joshua Cech and Nicholas Angelos

Ninth grade: Sylvia (May) Davis,

Brett Lalicker, Julie Leiker, Brady Nelson, Chelsea Ontiveroz, Kali Rietcheck and Morgan Titus

11th grade: Jared Doke, Matthew Hurst, Trista Lalicker, Michael

Mangus, Laurie Redlin and Michael Zimmerman

12th grade: Amanda Angelos, Alan Cebula, Thomas Cotter, Jenna Deines, Ashley Engel, Stephanie Fairbanks, Randi Jo Gray, Matthew Hall, Amanda Hoffman, Amanda Jolly, Timothy Kafka, Emily Langness, Bill Linin, Alyssa Mason, Kristopher Rubio, Tiffany Schwasinger and Joshua Topliff

Variety spice of history

Jerry Barnes, a farmer on Route 3, waited on the morning of October 3, 1932, for the paper bringing news of football, the Red Cross, local weddings, deaths and events.

He was the first subscriber to *The Goodland Daily News*, which came out that day. Headlines in its first edition included "Win game by small margin; Place kick beats Burlington in football game here Friday" and "Senator Smythe Killed; State legislator one of three victims of crash."

The history of *The Goodland Daily News*, and other publications before it, started as early as the beginning of the county, and is linked to papers that started as early as the beginning of the century.

The Daily News that day was only four pages, with the last page bearing an ad, but the little paper was crammed with five columns of stories on mainly local topics.

Newspapers in the area before *The Daily News* traced back to the county's beginning, and the High Plains Museum records show the earliest being the *Sherman County News* in 1876. In 1888, there was the *Sherman Center News*, *Sherman County Dark Horse* and *Sherman County Republic*. At the same time there was a *Kanorado Register* and a *Stateline Register*.

The Goodland Republic showed up in 1898

The Sherman County Record was publishing in 1907, and the *Goodland News-Republic* was published in 1916. *The Kanoradian* was being published at that time.

The Goodland Republic reappeared in 1925.

The core of Goodland's journalism history started in 1916, when Thomas McCants established the *Western Kansas News* in Goodland.

The McCantses worked in the newspaper business here for over 60 years, opening the *Sherman County Herald* in 1935, which Thomas

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City Agenda

Goodland City commissioners plan to sign a proclamation for Free Enterprise Week when they meet at 5 p.m. Monday at City Hall.

The commission also will:

- Discuss cemetery board appointments. There are two openings.
- Hear proposals for banking services.
- Discuss two open positions on the Board of Zoning Appeals. Expiring terms of Thomas Rohr and Gilbert Thomas will need to be filled.
- Discuss renewal of Blue Cross and Blue Shield medical insurance for employees.
- Contract for engineering for slurry sealing the airport runway and taxiway and for an environmental assessment of the Runway 12 Safety Area Correction project.