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weather

report

83°

at noon

Sunset, 7:23 p.m.

• Sunrise, 6:09 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:24 p.m.

• Humidity 18 percent

• Winds north 8 m.p.h.

Barometer29.86 inches

• Record High 92° (2002)

• Record Low 20° (1951)

High

Low

windy.

Precipitation

Sky mostly sunny

Today

Tomorrow

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 62 degrees

and falling

Last 24 Hours*

N.W. Kansas Forecast

cent chance of scattered thunder

storms in the afternoon, high up

per 70s, low upper 30s, winds

south 10-15 m.p.h. Wednesday:

cloudy with 30 percent chance of

rain, high lower 60s, low lower 30s,

Extended Forecast

upper 60s. Friday: cloudy with

chance of thunderstorms and rain,

high near 60, low mid 30s. Satur-

day: cloudy with chance of rain.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

loca

markets

Wheat - \$3.05 bushel

Corn — \$2.44 bushel

New Crop — \$2.75 bushel

Noon

Posted county price — \$2.22

Thursday: partly cloudy, high

Today: partly sunny with 30 per-

86°

46°

none

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Brewster teacher honored by kids

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News Seven Brewster students hatched a secret plan to get their teacher chosen as Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year.

When it worked, the students, with help from their parents, put together a scrapbook for their teacher to commemorate the award.

Lynette Brown, who teaches third grade in Brewster, won the award and \$1,000 for the school from the Goodland Wal-Mart.

The students had to enlist help from their parents and former students to get their teacher chosen. Meanwhile, they kept the plot a secret to make the award a surprise. Brown was honored at a reception Thursday afternoon at the school, and her class had a pizza party for her Fridav.

The students wanted Brown to be recognized, but there were only seven of them, so they knew they would need help.

The third graders asked their parents and Mrs. Brown's former students to cast ballots in her favor. They managed to round up 90 votes. Wal-Mart Manager Brad Koza said the store accepted nominations dents and their parents were careful and ballots in the store from Feb. 8 to March 7. The number of people voting and the content of the ballots, Koza said, are both considered in Sadie is in Brown's class, said it was choosing the teacher of the year.

A lot of people from surrounding towns shop in the Goodland store, Koza said, adding that it's great the store can help those communities, too.



Lynette Brown, Wal-Mart's teacher of the year, enjoyed a pizza party with her students Friday. Becky Bolze served pizza to her daugh-Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News ter Sadie.

test, he said, and a \$10,000 grant. Every Wal-Mart store holds the things.

contest each year, he said. While pushing their teacher to-

ward the top spot and planning the reception to recognize her, the stuto keep the plan secret from the honoree. That was no easy task.

Becky Bolze, whose daughter difficult to get pictures of all the students and have them make up a Top 10 List and pages for a scrapbook without Brown knowing about it.

Bolze said she came in early in the Brown can sign up for the state morning and late in the evening and Teacher of the Year award, Koza even waited around for Brown to said, and the school would receive leave the classroom. But she didn't. \$5,000 if she won. The 50 state win- Only when she had to have a substi-

it possible to do some of these

You're never gone," Bolze told Brown

Brown said she goes to work at 6 or 7 a.m. and sometimes works until 10 p.m.

'What can I say," she said. "I just love what I do."

The Top 10 List is the top 10 reasons Mrs. Brown should be Teacher of the Year. It includes no. 9: "Mrs. Brown is pretty and wears teacher clothes that have school houses and numbers and ABC's a lot because she likes being with us at school."

No. 7 is, "She makes us all feel special because she likes to know what we do on weekends and even

us letters at home. Mrs. Brown always has time for us.'

happy and she sings a lot, even multiplication tables."

No. 2 is, "Mrs. Brown does really cool art projects will us, like sewing pillows and quilts, working with egg shells, and she even let us cook cookies one day."

And the No. 1 reason Mrs. Brown should be teacher of the year is, "Mrs. Brown gives us a lot of hard work to do, but always has a fun and interesting way to teach it to us."

Rocky, the class pet, is a stuffed raccoon which each student takes lets us bring Rocky home and write home for the weekend along with a years. Her husband Rick farms ners are eligible for the national con- tute teacher one day, Bolze said, was about things we do. She even mails class journal in which to record their northeast of Brewster.

weekend activities with Rocky.

Brown said she started the class No. 5 is, "She sings when she is pet project after receiving a stuffed skunk from her birthday from her sister-in-law. It was a joke between them, she said. She took it to school, and it became the class pet, Stinky. When Stinky wore out, Brown said, she bought the raccoon.

Brown said she moved to Brewster in the fall of 1972 and taught kindergarten. She said she taught sixth grade, music and physical education before staying home in the 80s with her children and working as a substitute teacher.

She has taught third grade for nine



By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News put off a decision last week on an ordinance which would change sec- changed from the flat \$2 fee per fees. tions of the city utility code, raising rates for larger water meters, allowing stiff charges for heavy water use are 2,460 one-inch meters, 51 oneduring emergencies and setting rates for security lights. The ordinance would amend several sections of the code of the city dealing with electric and water rates. It includes a provision requiring all electric service crossing I-70 to be underground, changes the monthly water meter charge from a flat fee of \$2 to a sliding scale based on meter size, adds sections defining mutilation of water and electric property, establishes rates for special security lighting and establishing water supply emergency rates.

that the provisions were what was the owner's property or public rightrecommended during a special util- of-way. A property owner can apply The Goodland City Commission ity work session held last month.

The water meter charge would be rity light, and to pay the monthly

to the city for installation of a secu-

water rates.

Pickman said the higher emergency water rates are designed to help reduce water consumption in the face of an emergency.

Under Phase II, the rates remain the same, but the gallons are cut in half so that the same amount of water use as under Phase 1 would cost twice as much. Under Phase II there is an increase for commercial and industrial customers. The first 30,000 cubic feet would be 95 cents per 100 cubic feet, \$1.50 for up to 60,000 cubic feet and \$2.50 for over 60.000 cubic feet.



VIIIO — \$2.21 bushei Soybeans — \$5.59 bushel Posted county price — \$5.43 Millet — \$7 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$9.60 cwt. Oil new crop — \$10.15 cwt. NuSun — \$10.20 cwt. NuSun new crop — \$10.85 Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt. New Crop — \$17/10 cwt. Pinto beans — withdrawn (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century

Bean. These may not be closing figures.

month to one that goes up with the size of the meter. Pickman said there and-one-half inch, 78 three-inch and two four-inch meters in service. Most residential meters are one inch.

Under the new ordinance, the one inch rate remains at \$2 per month while the one and one-half inch would be \$7, two inch \$15, three inch \$30 and four inch \$50 per month. Pickman said the money raised by these fees would be used to build a reserve to replace meters.

The security lighting section would set a monthly rate for lights that have been requested by prop-City Manager Ron Pickman said erty owners for added security on

Pickman and Public Works Director Ed Wolak said there are security lights that are not being paid for, and that many of those who are being charged are not the original property owner who requested the light. They said the city is notifying all those who have security lights to see if they want to maintain them, and to update the files.

Under the ordinance, the security lights would be \$7 per month for a 100 watt light, \$14 per month for a 250 watt light and \$32 for a 1,000-1,500 watt light.

The ordinance gives the commission the ability to declare water emergencies, and as one of the tools, it establishes several levels of

"These rates would be one of the tools the commission could use in any water emergency," Pickman said. "We hope it would help people conserve, and that in many cases when people know their bill is going to go up they will find ways to reduce their use. For those who feel they need to use more water at least they will pay for it. This is not intended to be a money maker, but is a conservation tool."

Under a Phase 1 emergency, residential rates would be on a sliding scale with the first 5,000 cubic feet costing 95 cents per 100 cubic feet; 5,001 to 10,000 \$1.50 per 100 cubic feet; 10,001 to 15,000 at \$2.50; and 15,001 and over \$3.50.

Commissioner Dave Daniels questioned the idea of using water rates to get people to conserve, and that he would like a couple of weeks to review the proposals.

"We hope we don't have to use this," Pickman said, "but this is one part of the options. The existing ordinance still has the other steps, like odd and even watering days and watering hours."

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Junior high cleans yards

Snow covered the lawns last Monday when the Grant Junior High cleanup was originally scheduled, but it was clear and sunny Friday when Heidi Yonkee (above) and 168 classmates and teachers fanned out over the city to clean 43 yards. See Page 3.

New memorial resting area dedicated at cemetery By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-news About 50 people attended the dedication Saturday morning of Jacob Erickson's Eagle Scout project, a new rest area, complete

with benches, at the Goodland Cemetery.

Included in the audience were a number of older veterans who enjoyed the benches built by students at the

Erickson

Northwest Technical College as part of the project. Erickson said he had come up with the idea when he noticed it was difficult for people to find places to sit during a Memorial Day cer-

emony. "I thought this would be a good project," he said, "and give people a place to rest and think about the people they know who have served on behalf of the city cemetery in the military or family members they have lost."

The level concrete area has three metal benches and sidewalks which make it easy for people in wheel chairs to access the area.

We are proud of this project," said City Manager Ron Pickman



board. "It is a beautiful addition to our veterans memorial and the cemetery."

Pickman thanked Erickson for his efforts, and said this is the type of project that shows the young people today do care.



Thanks to Jacob Erickson's Eagle Scout project, there are now benches to allow people to sit and rest at the Veterans Memorial at the Goodland Cemetery. Michael Smith (left) sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "Proud to be an American." Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News

Eagle Scout," Pickman said. "That will be an accomplishment to remember with pride, and is not something anybody can take away."

Veterans of Foreign War Post Commander Marvin Cullens added his thanks to and said the event was timely with so many Americans in service in Iraq.

eign War Auxiliary, Janet Wahrman

sought their help on the project.

"We were happy to help because it is one of our main objectives to support projects like this," she said, "and it is a part of our second objective to educate young people about the military and the important part it plays in our country."

Philip Erickson, a Scout leader Representing the Veterans of For- and Jacob's father, thanked all the an American." people for coming to the dedication. "Isalute you for working for your said she was glad Erickson had He said it had been fun to help his

son with the project and to get his Eagle Scout award.

The program began with the presentation of the colors by the Veterans of Foreign War color guard and the Scouts of Troop 142.

Michael Smith sang the "Star Spangled Banner" and a little later in the program he sang "Proud to be

Pastor Loren Strait gave the invocation

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