

weather report

68°

at noon



Today

•Sunset, 8:00 p.m.

Tomorrow

•Sunrise, 5:26 a.m.

•Sunset, 8:01 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 57 degrees
- Humidity 65 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds south 13 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.12 inches and falling
- Record High 95° (1939)
- Record Low 36° (1930)

Last 24 Hours*

High	72°
Low	39°
Precipitation	none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: mostly cloudy with 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, high near 80, low lower 50s, winds south 5-15 m.p.h. Saturday: mostly cloudy with 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high mid 70s, low mid 50s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy, high mid 70s. Monday: partly cloudy, high upper 70s, low lower 50s. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high near 80, low lower 50s.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.25 bushel
 - New crop — \$3.03 bushel
 - Corn — \$2.48 bushel
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.21 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.83 bushel
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Millet — \$6 hundredweight
 - New crop — \$5
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$9.45 cwt.
 - New crop — \$10.10 cwt.
 - NuSun — \$9.80 cwt.
 - NuSun new crop — \$10.35
 - 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 - Pinto beans — withdrawn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.)

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Registration changes place

Jamie Baker checked in at the outpatient registration window at Goodland Regional Medical Center Tuesday. The window will become the central registration point starting Tuesday. See Page 3.

Chamber manager resigns

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce Manager Jo Simmons submitted a letter of resignation to Chamber President Tim Rath of Farm Bureau Insurance last Thursday, saying her last day would be May 30.

She sent an e-mail message to the Goodland Ambassadors on Tuesday, that said, "Due to the political climate in Goodland, I feel that the Chamber and community will be better served if someone else takes this position."

"I will still be involved in activities until I leave, but wish you all well and sincerely hope that we all stay in contact. Your friendships have been invaluable."

Contacted by phone Wednesday, Simmons said she did not want to add anything to her statement, and that any further information should come from Rath.

She said that after the 30th, she will be looking for a job, and hopes to stay in town. Simmons had been Chamber manager Ron Harding, the long-time president of the group, quit to take another job at the first of the year.

A call to Rath's office Wednesday found him out of town. Chamber Vice-Chair Cesar Miller of Medical Arts Pharmacy also was out of town.

Justin Bentzinger of Opera House Plaza, 1002 Main, who has been named the interim Chamber manager, reached by phone, said

he wanted the official information to come from Rath.

Rath said Thursday morning he had received the letter last Thursday, May 15.

"We had a board meeting Tuesday morning and appointed Bentzinger as interim manager," he said, "because he was the closest to the operation, and is familiar with many of the activities."

"It seemed to be the most prudent fix right now. We will begin looking for a full-time manager, and will contact the state chamber for assistance and possible applicants."

"We will continue with everything we have done in the past. Freedom Fest is the next big event, followed by the Sunflower Festival and the Flatlander Fall Festival in Septem-

ber. Plans are underway on each of these.

"We were sorry to see her go; she has been a valuable asset to the Chamber and the community. We will miss the enthusiasm she brings to the Chamber."

"We wish her the very best in her future endeavors."

"I am eager to assist the Chamber to continue going in positive directions," Bentzinger said. "I will be working to keep the chamber as active as possible and to work with the community during this transition period."

Rath said the Chamber books had been turned over to the county attorney's office to audit the public funds spent over the past years, but he has not received any word on where the audit stands.

Memorial services Monday

The Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion are planning Memorial Day services in Brewster, Goodland and Kanorado on Monday.

The Goodland Star-News will be closed Monday, and Tuesday's paper will be printed Tuesday and arrive in the mail Wednesday.

Services will be held at the Brewster Cemetery at 8:30 a.m., at the Goodland Cemetery will be at 10 a.m., and at the Kanorado Cemetery at 11:30 a.m.

The services will start with the entrance of the colors, and then Veterans of Foreign Wars Chaplain James Ross will give the welcome address. Amanda Hoffman will sing the national anthem, and the American Legion will give the orders of the day.

The invocation by American Legion Commander Ken Baum will be next, followed by a roll call of departed veterans by Ross.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will lay wreaths, and the post commander will read the Memorial Day prayer.

Next will be the Memorial Day speakers: Mike Baughn in Brewster, Pastor Janet Hernandez in Goodland and Pastor Leonard Cox in Kanorado.

Hoffman will sing "God Bless America," and Chet Ross of the American Legion will give the benediction.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars firing detail will do honors to departed comrades. Taps will be performed by Eva Selby in Brewster and by Isabelle Hellerud and Bryan Russell in Goodland and Kanorado.

Hey big spender, spend a little time with me ...



Andra Townsend, a former Goodland Xpressos member, stood with another girl from the Butler Community College Headliners as they started the song "Hey Big Spender" during a special performance at the Goodland High School auditorium Monday. The Xpressos performed as part of the concert, and will be performing again 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the auditorium. Photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News

Long hair gets cut as part of Locks of Love program

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Two Goodland girls lopped off their hair and donated it to children who have lost hair due to medical conditions.

Alex Bennett, 6, and Breanna Nemechek, 12, cut their long hair short and sent the hair to Locks of Love, a group that provides hairpieces to poor children with medical hair loss.

The girls learned about the organization on the Internet. Judy Nemechek, Breanna's mother, said she and Breanna were watching a makeover on the Learning Channel. The girls getting the makeovers donated their hair to Locks of Love, she said.

Breanna wanted to know more about the organization, Judy said, and looked up some information on the Web.

"I think Breanna was thinking of how those kids would feel being so sick and not having any hair," Judy said, "and she has so much and it grows so fast."

Gina Bennett, Alex's mother, said she heard someone talking about the organization and looked up information on the Internet. There were "before" and "after" pictures, she said, of the kids who had received hair pieces.

Gina said she showed the pictures to her daughter and the information on the site. Gina said she and Alex were surprised that it takes 10-15 ponytails to make a hairpiece.

Alex cut 14 inches off her hair, and Breanna almost 11. The minimum length to donate is 10 inches. The hair has to be bundled in a pony tail or braid, free of hair damaged or dye and must be clean and dry, placed in a plastic bag and mailed in a padded envelope.

Gina said this was the first time Alex's hair had been cut since she was a baby. She said Alex was surprised that she could help herself and someone else at the same time.

"She didn't realize that getting her hair cut, making herself more comfortable," Gina said, "would help someone else."

"It was a learning experience for her."

The information on the web site was very helpful, Gina said, and donating the hair was easy to do. She said she printed a form from the site and sent the hair to Florida.

Gina said Alex will be watching the mail for a confirmation letter to let them know the hair arrived safely.

Locks of Love provides children with custom, vacuum-fitted hairpieces that do not require tape or glue, the organization's web site said.

Most of the children who receive the hair pieces have an auto-immune condition called alopecia areata, the site said, for which there is no known cause or cure. Others have suffered severe burns or endured radiation treatment to the brain



Alex Bennett



Carol Lennington cut a braid off of Breanna Nemechek at Shear Dimensions, so Nemechek could donate her hair to Locks of Love. Lennington also cut Alex Bennett's hair to donate.

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stem, or dermatological conditions that result in permanent hair loss.

Since the organization began in 1997, it has helped over 1,000 children.