

weather report

85°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:38 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:04 a.m.
 • Sunset, 7:37 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 80 degrees
- Humidity 35 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds northwest 12 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.05 inches and steady
- Record High 101° (1952)
- Record Low 44° (1960)

Last 24 Hours*

High 95°
 Low 63°
 Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high lower 90s, low lower 60s, winds south 10-15 m.p.h. Wednesday: partly sunny, high mid 90s, low lower 60s.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly clear, high lower 90s, low lower 60s. Friday: mostly clear, high mid 90s, low lower 60s. Saturday: mostly clear, high upper 90s, low lower 60s. Sunday: mostly clear, high mid 90s, low lower 60s.

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

Test shows promise for NuSun oil

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

An independent three-year study shows that NuSun sunflower oil really can help reduce cholesterol and help people lead a more healthy life, participants at the sixth annual Sunflower Celebration learned Friday.

About 100 sunflower growers, seed company representatives and farm equipment dealers attended the annual meeting to hear about the latest developments in the sunflower industry, and to inspect a series of research test plots established by Kansas and Colorado state universities. The test plots include tests of dryland varieties, confectionery and oil sunflowers and irrigated sunflower seeds available on the market today.

The morning began with coffee and big cinnamon rolls at the 4-H building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

Sherman County Extension Agent Dana Belshe introduced the dignitaries in the crowd, including Lynn Hoelting of Mueller Grain, who is the program chairman this year, and Jeff Deeds, chairman of the new Kansas Sunflower Commission. He thanked the Goodland Chamber of Commerce and Sherman County Economic Development Council for their help organizing the event.

Deeds talked about the results of a three-year Penn State University study of NuSun oil. This is the first human study of the affect of NuSun oil in the control of cholesterol.

Deeds said 32 subjects spent four weeks on a normal American diet, four weeks on an olive oil diet and four weeks on a NuSun oil diet. The study was supported with money from Kansas, Minnesota and North Dakota.

The results show that NuSun lowers total cholesterol better than olive oil. Deeds said the analysis is continuing and they hope to have the final results published in the next year or two.

He said the preliminary results show that with NuSun in the diet, the amount of polyunsaturated fats is higher, and this is a good sign for the NuSun and sunflower industry.

At this time there is no way for a consumer to purchase NuSun in a grocery store Deeds said, but there is a bottling company looking at getting into this market.

"We expect to see real growth in demand for NuSun over the two years," Deeds said "With the new checkoff that started in March, we hope to be able to help promote sunflowers and NuSun."

The crowd then boarded two Goodland Cowboy activity buses for the trip to the research and variety test plots near the Northern Sun plant at Caruso.

As part of the day, a new Sunflower Water was available for the participants. The bottled water from the Ogallala aquifer is a promotion product that was the idea of Carolyn Applegate of the economic development office to promote Sherman County and the Sunflower City.



Gary Schellhony of Junction City, a member of the state Sunflower Commission, looked over a plant during a research plot tour Friday. The tour was a part of the Sunflower Celebration Field Day and Ag Show Friday.
 Photo by Shannon Davidson/The Goodland Star-News.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.50 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.47
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Corn — \$2.35 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.94
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 2¢
 - New crop — \$2.20 bushel
 - Milo — \$1.99 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.55 bushel
 - Millet — \$4.50 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$8.70 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.39
 - NuSun — \$8.95 cwt.
 - 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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Quilt show big success

Jean Holste of Humboldt, Iowa, daughter-in-law of Velma Holste of Goodland, looked at the quilt, "Ghost Tower"—one of a collection of quilts commemorating the attack on 9-11 — Friday at the Carnegie Arts Center. See Photo on Page 8.

Museum planning to get bigger site

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

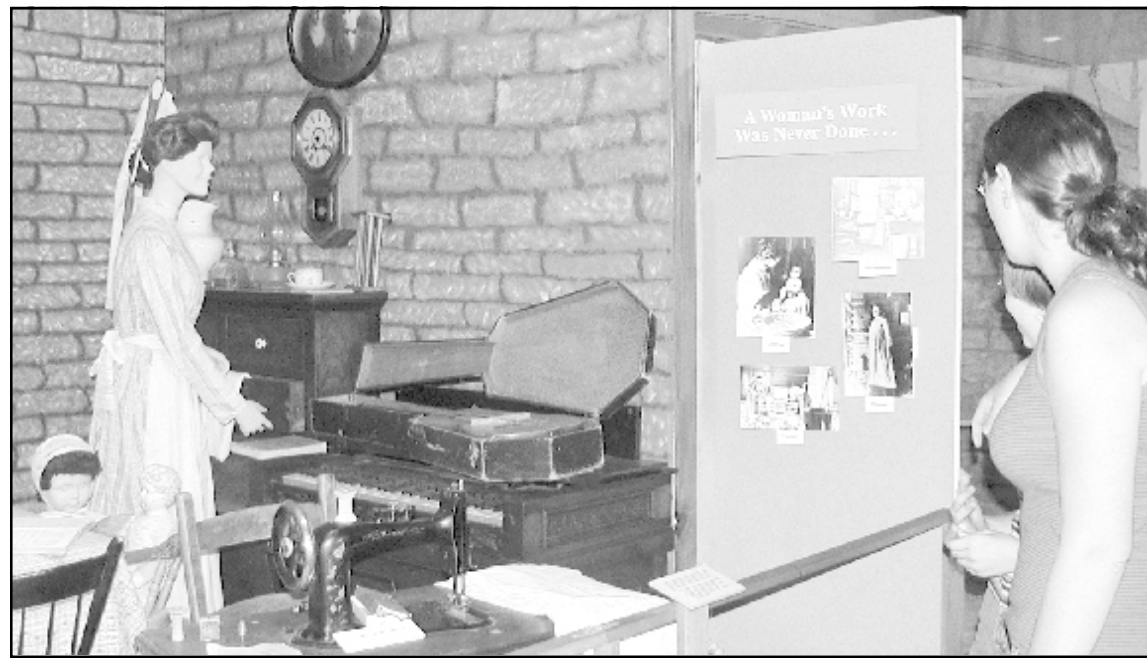
A family's gift to Goodland may lead to a brand new, much larger, museum and possibly to more development near the east exit off I-70 if the city can raise the money to pay for a building on the site.

Linda Holton, director of the High Plains Museum, said the Sandy Trust had donated 14 acres near the freeway, providing the city uses the land for a museum, that the building be started by January 2005 and that it be completed in 2007.

The land borders the east side of the state access along Business U.S. 24, starting a little south of old highway 24, extending south to about 100 yards north of the interstate. There are driveways on the west, providing access from the highway, Holton said, which will save the city money, since access to the property will not need to be built.

There is a paved road on the south side of the property that connects with a gravel road on the east side, providing access to the "back" of the property as well.

Holton said members of the Sandy family approached her in October to ask if the museum would be interested in the site. It's an excellent location, Holton said, right off the Interstate.



Amanda Herndon of Stratton, Colo., and Dailynn Driscoll of Bethune, Colo., looked at the display, "A Woman's Work Was Never Done," at the museum Tuesday. The museum board is planning for a larger museum to be built near the interstate.
 Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Having a new museum in such an eye-catching site, Holton said, has the potential to help develop that side of Goodland. Maybe a motel would be built out there, she said, or a restaurant.

And there will be plenty of room for the museum to expand. Holton said she and members of the museum's board have been dream-

ing of ideas they would like to incorporate into the facility.

One is to have a nature walk, she said, with plants that are found in this area, and another is to have a windmill along with an explanation of the importance of windmills to the area in the past.

Holton said she would like to have buildings on the site to house older

farm implements, since this is a farming area. Some of the artifacts and themes from the current museum will be used, Holton said, but the exhibits will be different. But all of that is in the future; the museum first has to raise the money for a new building.

The present building has 4,500 square feet of space, Holton said, and is not big enough. There are a lot

of artifacts that aren't on display, she said, and the museum has to rent storage space.

The proposed new building will have at least 11,000 square feet on the ground floor, she said, and the same amount in the basement. An architect is working on plans, Holton said, and when they are finished, he will be able to give an estimate of the cost.

If it's too much, she said, the museum may build a smaller building with the hope of adding on later. But it will still be larger than the present building, she said.

The money all has to be raised privately and through grants, Holton said; the city is not going to raise it through taxes. Grant writer Penny Nemechek is looking for money, she said, and having the land may help.

Anyone the museum seeks money from, she said, may be more inclined to approve the grant, knowing the city already has the land to build it on.

The museum has been drawing people to Goodland.

During the tourist season, Holton said, the museum has had between 15 and 40 visitors per day. There were over 550 visitors in June and again in July, she said, and that will probably increase tremendously at the new site.

County tries to keep tax raise below double digit

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners completed their review of county department budgets Friday, but are not satisfied that the figures are adding up to a property tax increase for next year.

Pinched by the loss of over \$300,000 in state aid over the last three years, the county is having trouble making ends meet, but commissioners don't want to raise taxes too much.

They reviewed budgets and decided to invite the rural fire board and the county assessor to a special meeting at 8 a.m. today to talk about possible cuts.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel had taken the revised figures from the department reviews and the total she showed the commissioners Friday would mean a tax increase of 9.2 mills.

"This does not include the request from the rural fire district," Rumpel

said, "which would put us over 10 mills."

The commissioners took another look at the department budgets, but felt they had cut most of them as far as possible.

Curt Way, county public works manager, showed the commissioners a map which shows roads he and his district supervisors believe can have the maintenance cut a bit to help save the county some money.

"I want to be politically correct on this," Way said. "We have identified 108 miles that we believe we can reduce some costs on."

"I do not want to use the term minimum maintenance, because putting up the required signs would cost over \$5,000. We are suggesting we reduce the use of gravel on these roads, and maybe only blade them once or twice a year."

"We believe that the miles we have identified will not impact the people because those living in these areas have good alternative roads."

Tiede asked how many times a year the roads are bladed now.

"I think it is three to five times a year, but it depends on the weather," Way said. "I know if you talk to the people, they will tell you 'not enough,' but we usually blade them at least three times. This will not be a savings that shows up immediately, and I do not want to see us get

further behind on maintaining our roads."

The commissioners told Way they had cut about \$95,000 out of the road budget, and would let him and Rumpel decide exactly what line items would be cut.

The commissioners talked about the prairie dog bait program, and said they may need to add some

money to have enough for Daryl West, head of the noxious weed department, to cover the people who have asked him to put the bait out on their land. They said there is about \$30,000 that could be available to handle this if needed.

"We have been surprised at the

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New doctor to open practice, Goodland graduate returns home

Dr. Travis Daise and his wife, Melanie Chaffin, both Goodland High School graduates, have returned to their home town.

Dr. Daise opened his office Monday as a family medicine physician with Rural Health Ventures and Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Kansas in 1996 and his doctorate from the University of Kansas Medical School last year. Dr. Daise did a residency in family medicine at the Smoky Hill Family Practice in Salina.

Daise, and his wife is the daughter of Paul and Linda Chaffin. The couple have one son, Jackson.

"Dr. Daise is going to be a great asset to our medical practice and our community," said Jay Jolly, chief executive officer of the hospital. "We are very proud to have Dr. Daise and his family with us."