

weather
report

73°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:22 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:50 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:20 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 60 degrees
• Humidity 37 percent
• Sky clear
• Winds south 10 m.p.h.
• Barometer 30.07 inches
and steady
• Record High 95° (1934)
• Record Low 13° (1952)

Last 24 Hours*

High 75°
Low 40°
Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening, high lower 80s, low upper 40s, winds south 5-10 m.p.h. Wednesday: mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high upper 70s, low mid 40s, winds west 10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy, high upper 70s, low upper 40s. Friday: partly cloudy, high mid 70s, low mid 40s. Saturday: partly cloudy, windy, low upper 40s.

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

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$3.06 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.15
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.11 bushel
Posted county price — \$2
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$1.79 bushel
Soybeans — \$6.31 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.13
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10.20 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.70 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection — \$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Pinto beans — Withdrawn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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A close win
for Cowboys

Cowboy Malcom White crossed the 20 during a drive in the second half Friday as Goodland survived a last-minute Oakley drive to win the homecoming game, 28-27. See photos and story on Page 10.

Homecoming win!

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

Making Goodland High's 2003 homecoming pep rally a memorable experience wasn't much of a problem when you add a can-can show by the fathers of some of the seniors.

The show capped a Thursday evening celebration of homecoming week which included honoring the Sherman Community and Kanorado High School Classes of 1953.

The festivities began with a homecoming parade which traveled south on Main Avenue from Eighth Street, then turned east on 13th Street for Cowboy Stadium. With a police car clearing the way, a color guard provided by the Veterans of Foreign Wars led the procession, followed by the Marching Cowboys.

Following the band came vehicles, in no particular order, that were either decorated to fit the theme of "How the West Was Won" or were carrying people being honored for homecoming. Among those being honored were the finalists for king and queen, past homecoming queens (including some attendants) and as special honorees, the Class of 1953.

One of those being honored was Dr. Robert McCullough, for his 40 years of volunteer service during Goodland High School football games. Other participants included the Jumping Juniors, the Family Career Community Leaders of America, DECA and of course, the football team.

The festivities next moved to Cowboy Stadium for a pep rally, where an enthusiastic crowd gathered to continue building spirit for the coming gridiron battle.

The rally began with a few words from football coach Tony Diehl, after which individuals from the Class of 1953 were recognized. Past homecoming queens were noted, after which the six finalists for homecoming king and queen were introduced to the crowd.

The Jumping Juniors came onto the field to show why they are called "Jumping." The group is made up of junior students who wear letter jackets around their waist and using pillow cases as oversize heads. Lavishly made-up faces are drawn on the front of the cases along with the character's name on the back. Wigs and other accessories are used to further enhance their comical image.

Then, considered by some as the highlight of the evening, 16 fathers of seniors dressed as can-can dancers entertained the crowd with a variety of "graceful" routines, including some "risque" messages to the audience.

The dancers wore a basic black ensemble accessorized to their personal taste. The troupe wore their hair in a variety of styles and colors



Thursday night in Cowboy Stadium, a chorus line of senior dads (top) sent a message to beat the Plainsmen. Friday night, Tomi Windell (above) was crowned queen and Lance Tedford king during halftime. A bonfire (right) concluded Thursday night's pep rally as the day's festivities wound down.

Photos by Greg Stover and Sharon Corcoran /The Goodland Star-News.

(and materials) and applied a generous amount of make-up to themselves. However, it was noted that the vast majority forgot to shave their legs. Their promiscuous behavior before and during the show, for some reason, increased their popularity.

"Unidentified" women representing Oakley ran on to the field in an attempt to shanghai the dancers, but were herded up by the mothers of

seniors, saving their "men-folk."

Outrageous and unforgettable were some of the more common adjectives used to describe the show.

The senior football players then entered and, with the help of the announcer, performed their version of the basic training graduation scene from "Stripes."

Throughout the rally, the crowd was entertained by the Marching Cowboys and by the cheerleading



squad, which conducted an impromptu yelling contest among the four high school classes.

The rally ended with the traditional bonfire.

Homecoming festivities continued a little past noon Friday at the stadium when the students got together for a tug-of-war contest featuring the four classes. The juniors were the champions this year beat-

ing the seniors in the final tug of the contest. In the preliminary rounds, the freshmen beat the sophomores, the seniors defeated the freshmen and the sophomores, and the juniors beat the sophomores.

The week's efforts paid off, as the Cowboys defeated the Plainsmen from Oakley in a thriller 28-27 Friday night.

Development council plans annual meeting

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The Sherman County Economic Development Council will hold a public meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 21, at the Elks Lodge, to report on what has happened since the council was formed and review goals for the next year.

It has been more than a year since the group was formed, and nearly a year since the office was opened and the director hired.

At a meeting on Monday, Sept. 29, the council decided it was time to hold an annual meeting. The bylaws call for this to be a time to ask for nominations for the council for the next year.

Daniels said there would be a council meeting tonight for an executive session to discuss the contract for Carolyn Applegate, development director, who will have completed one year in the job at the end of October.

At the meeting, Applegate reported on the office activity, saying that 31 businesses have opened, changed owners or expanded while

seven have closed in the past year.

She said Daniels had given her a possible lead for Silver Eagle outfitters that he picked up while in Sturgis, S.D.

During the Flatlander Fall Festival, she said, interim Chamber of Commerce manager Justin Bentzinger told her he had counted the empty buildings on Main and found that there were fewer this year than last. He said there were 16 a year ago and this year there are just seven.

Applegate said she would be going to a manufacturers' meeting in Wichita this month, and that Aquila, the natural gas company, will help with the cost. She said the idea is to provide regional information to the manufacturers who may be looking for places to relocate or expand.

She said the old Apple Trail truck stop is in the hands of a Goodland real estate agent, and that there is a plan to develop a strip mall on the north edge of the Wal-Mart parking lot. She said the man who is working on this is from Texas and has several around the country. She said she does not know what businesses would be

involved to be in the strip mall.

"I feel we have moved in a positive direction in the last year," Applegate said, "and that many of the goals we talked about are being accomplished."

She talked about the involvement of the economic development office, the Convention and Visitor's Bureau and the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce in the downtown revitalization effort.

"It is very important to have a healthy Main Street," she said.

She said she had spoken at a Goodland sorority and that the group was excited about being involved in the downtown project. They were hoping they could adopt a corner to have a flower pot or something similar that they could work on to help.

Daniels said the City Commission and the Convention and Visitors Bureau had met to discuss cleaning up some of the entrances to the city to make them more attractive to visitors.

One idea was to put together a program for community organiza-

tions to help clean up the trash in the streets with an "Adopt a Block" program similar to the one the state highway department has.

John Garcia, vice-chairman of the council and a city commissioner, said one of the things the city and visitors bureau talked about was informational signs in the city.

Garcia said he was glad to see the cooperative help from Peoples State Bank, Western State Bank, the technical college and others who have agreed to help bring the Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp. here.

"I think the whole group has been involved," said director Steve West, president of Western State Bank. "Mayor Rick Billinger had the idea to use the old grocery building. The venture capital fund was something we had discussed."

"Bankwest is helping in the process as well," said director Randy Schoenthaler, manager of the Goodland branch of Peoples State Bank.

The council discussed holding monthly meetings, and West made a motion to schedule them at 5:30 p.m. on the third Tuesday of every

month.

Director Harlan House brought up the need to hold an annual public meeting, saying it was important to set some goals for the upcoming year.

At the end of the regular meeting at 6:40 p.m., the board voted to go into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss personnel and a financial matter involving a company that wanted to remain confidential. The personnel matter was to review the development director's position and a contract for the upcoming year.

Applegate left the meeting in time to attend the downtown revitalization meeting at the Elks Lodge at 7 p.m. Members of the council arrived at the meeting about half an hour later.

Directors present for the meeting were Kim Bohme of Miller's Electronics, Cara Daise of Bankwest, Daniels, Garcia, House, Schoenthaler and West. Absent were Patty Eckhardt, Larry McCants, Larry Harper and Royal Reid. It was reported Reid was in Chicago recovering from surgery and McCants and Eckhardt were attending a hospital finance meeting.