

weather report

53°

at noon

Today

Sunset, 4:36 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:27 a.m.

Sunset, 4:35 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 42 degrees

• Humidity 61 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds variable at 5 m.p.h.

• Barometer 29.96 inches and falling

• Record High 75° (1989)

• Record Low 3° (1940)

Last 24 Hours*

High 52°

Low 34°

Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: partly cloudy with a 10 percent chance of moisture, high 59, low 30. Wednesday: partly cloudy with a 10 percent chance of moisture, high 50, low 23.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: cloudy with a 10 percent chance of moisture, high 48, low 31. Friday: partly cloudy with a 10 percent chance of moisture, high 56, low 31. Saturday: sunny with a 10 percent chance of moisture, high 52, low 27. Sunday: sunny with a 20 percent chance of moisture, high 55, low 23.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.43 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.42

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.28 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.14

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.09 bushel

Soybeans — \$6.86 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.77

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$10.75 cwt.

NuSun — \$11 cwt.

Confection — \$16/9¢ 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Pinto beans — Withdrawn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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Artist shoots nature scenes

Robert Lindholm talked about his photography display, “Shades of Gray: Views of Nature and Technology,” at the Carnegie Arts Center Sunday, Nov. 2. See story and photos on Page 3.

Painting to appear on television

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

“Hello, Stardom Calling — Goodland to Make a Splash on the Television Map.”

That could be the headline. But the “star” putting Goodland on the map is not a person; it’s a landmark.

The giant replica of a Van Gogh sunflower painting will soon appear on an ABC sitcom and on a documentary in Europe through footage shot by a Goodland man.

The painting by Canadian artist Cameron Cross will appear at the end of the Friday, Nov. 21, episode of “Married to the Kellys” and in a documentary, “The Private Life of a Masterpiece,” on the British Broadcasting Corp.

Chris Angelich and Andy Sobkovich, the second unit camera crew for the sitcom, were in Goodland Thursday to tape footage of the painting for the show.

Andy Sobkovich and Chris Angelich adjusted the camera while filming footage of the giant sunflower painting Thursday. Donna Price

of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau took some pictures of her own while Sobkovich took notes.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Producer Tom Hertz loosely based the comedy on his own life. His wife Susan is a Shawnee Mission West High School graduate and has a gregarious family, much like the one in the show.

The lead character in the show is New York writer Tom, who grew up as an only child and is a loner by nature. He takes pride in refusing to learn the names of his neighbors.

His wife, outgoing, sociable wife Susan, longs for more than isolation in New York. Tom promised her when he sold his first book, they would move wherever she wanted. He sold a book, and the couple moved to Kansas City to be near her large and close-knit family.

The show takes place in Kansas, and for one episode at least, will have a connection to western Kansas. The show airs at 6:30 p.m. Mountain Time on Fridays.

The series is new this year, and ABC has picked it up for the full season. Breckin Meyer stars as Tom, and Kiele Sanchez as Susan.

Donna Price, director of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, said the Kansas Film Commission gave directors of the show the bureau’s phone number. Price said the directors contacted her to make arrangements to come to Goodland.

Price and Brenda McCants, director of patient relations at Goodland Regional Medical Center and chairperson of the film commission, flew

out to Los Angeles Friday to watch the taping of the show.

The painting will also appear in a one-hour documentary on Van Gogh’s series of sunflower paintings. Cross said Clare Lynch, a documentary filmmaker from the BBC, has contacted him about including footage of the work in progress of his painting for Goodland in the documentary.

Cross said he told Lynch about the

footage shot by Rusty Renner of Goodland and asked Renner to send it to him. He said he then forwarded it to Lynch.

The series, “The Private Life of a Masterpiece,” has been on the last two years, Cross said, and has won awards. The program uncovers the forgotten secrets and hidden histories of art masterpieces from the 15th to the 20th centuries.

For each work, the series digs up

the process by which the work was made, who commissioned it and the people involved in making it, the historic context, the reception of the work when it was unveiled, how it has been viewed through its life to the current day and the events it has lived through.

Cross said he may be interviewed for the documentary. He is excited about his work being on television.

“It is good news,” he said.

Rattlesnake Festival to be at fairgrounds in early May

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News

The Rattlesnake Roundup is moving to Goodland and changing its focus to an educational festival, and last Tuesday Sherman County commissioners approved the use of the fairgrounds for Mother’s Day weekend, May 8-9.

Donna Price, director of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, visited with the commissioners about the festival and asked for permission for the use of the ag and 4-H buildings that weekend.

She said visitors bureau board will hold a special meeting Wednesday to review the contract. The preliminary plan is to have the snakes in the ag building along with the educational booths. State wildlife officials and a herpetology group are planning to help with the educational focus.

“This is different than the way it was done in Sharon Springs,” Price said, “but we will have the snakes and the same snake handlers that have been at the show for the past several years.”

“Judy Withers, who helped start the Rattlesnake Roundup, will be helping with the show, along with

several other people from Sharon Springs.”

Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked why the event was moving out of Sharon Springs. Price said organizers thought the event needed to be closer to I-70 to continue to grow. It will be in Goodland for two years then move to Colby for two years. After the four years, the show may go back to Sharon Springs, but Price says it might also return to Goodland.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked building supervisor William McKnight if there was any conflict at the fairground that weekend. McKnight said it was the same

weekend as the spring livestock show.

Rasure called Extension Agent Dana Belshe, who came to the meeting to discuss the situation. Belshe said the livestock show is scheduled for May 7-8. He said the show will be in the livestock barns, and that the only concern he could see about holding both events the same weekend was the ability of the livestock people to unload from their trailers and room to park them.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas suggested the livestock trailers could park on the north end and that the area around the ag building could be roped off for the snakes.

Belshe said as long as there is room to unload at the doors, he did not see a problem in holding both events.

“We can work it out,” he said.

Price said she was hoping to have some of the carnival rides open that weekend as part of the festival, but that is yet to be worked out.

“I wanted to be sure we could hold it that weekend,” she said. “I know people all over the state are calling about it being in Goodland, and the Sharon Springs people are telling those who call that it will be at the fairgrounds.”

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Veterans service at 11 a.m.

By Greg Stover
The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars will honor America’s veterans with a presentation starting at 11 a.m. today at the post hall, 824 Main Ave.

The group will treat members and guests to coffee and doughnuts beginning at 9 a.m., with the program starting at 11 a.m.

The event will start with short speeches by post officers about what Veterans Day means to them and to recognize all the men and women who served, and are serving, in the nation’s military. Speakers include Commander Marvin Cullens, Chaplain Roy Dixon and Barb Whisler, president of the auxiliary.

“I invite the public to attend,” Cullens said, “and would like to see a good turnout to show support for all veterans.”

The commander said the post has done the program as far back as he can remember; more than 100 people attended the event last year.

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius has directed that all state flags to be flown at half-mast today and asked that all Kansans fly their flags.

Cowboys knocked out of 4A playoffs

Junior defensive end Bret Jarmin (center) slowed down Crusader running back John Heath so that seniors Ian Scherling and Jordan Bedore could move in for the tackle. Heath was held to one yard on the play. The Cowboys held Wellington to a three-and-

out series deep in its own territory gave Goodland a short field. The Cowboys then drove for a touchdown for their only lead in the game, 13-7. Wellington won 40-20. See story and another photo on Page 12.

Photo by Dennis Saint/The Goodland Star-News