

weather report

47°
at noon



Today

•Sunset, 4:33 p.m.

Tomorrow

•Sunrise, 6:30 a.m.

•Sunset, 4:32 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 43 degrees
- Humidity 71 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds southwest 30-42 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.32 inches and falling
- Record High 75° (1975)
- Record Low -4° (1940)

Last 24 Hours*

High 46°
Low 28°
Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: partly cloudy, high around 60, low upper 20s, winds west 5-15 m.p.h. Saturday: partly cloudy, high mid 50s, low upper 20s, winds west 5-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy, high mid 50s, low upper 20s. Monday: partly cloudy and breezy, high mid 50s, low lower 30s. Tuesday: partly cloudy and breezy, high around 60, low lower 30s. Wednesday: mostly sunny, high mid 60s.

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

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.60 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.68
 - New crop — \$3.36 bushel
 - Corn — \$2.34 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.18
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.18 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$7.11 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$7.01
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Millet — \$5 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$11 cwt.
 - NuSun — \$11.25 cwt.
 - Confection — \$19/\$6 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 - Pinto beans — Withdrawn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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Mustangs lose to Tigers

Mustang player Michael Ledesma, of the 8th grade's B team, brought the ball down the court during the first period of Tuesday's game against Hoxie. Grant lost to the Tigers 33-18. See story and photo on Page 10.

Santa's coming to town

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

Santa Claus will visit Goodland on Saturday as the guest of honor at the annual Christmas parade, which is part of the city's holiday opening celebration.

The parade, sponsored by the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, begins at 4:30 p.m. and will travel north on Main Avenue from 17th Street to 8th. Santa Claus will ride on one of the city's fire trucks. He will stop at the Chamber's office, Main Avenue and 10th Street, to visit with children.

Line up for the parade will be at 4 p.m. at 17th Street.

Participants for the parade will include the police and fire departments, and an informal group of motorcycle enthusiasts who organized a toys-for-tots campaign for the Goodland area.

Fred Studer of Fred's Auto Repair said the group got together and wanted to do something for the community. The toys they collect will be distributed to needy children through the Genesis food bank.

"I invite anyone with a bike who wants to participate in the parade to show up at the start point at 4 p.m. Saturday," Studer said, adding that he expects about 30 bikes.

For information about the group's part in the parade or the toy drive, call Studer at 890-5551.

The Goodland Ambassadors will be hosting a reception, with refreshments, for the Cowgirl volleyball team to commemorate their state Class 4A championship at 5 p.m. at the Chamber's office.

Two separate craft fairs will be held Saturday in Goodland. The 26th annual Nu Phi Mu Craft Fair will be at the Max L. Jones Fieldhouse from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The We Did It Craft Fair will be at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall at 824 Main Avenue, also from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Sherman Theatre will have free matinees showing "Rugrats Go Wild" at 1:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Free matinees will be shown at 1:30 p.m. each Saturday and Sunday until the last weekend before Christmas. This will allow parents time for Christmas shopping without their kids.

Results in on 'mayor' election

The results are in, and tavern owner Rod Cooper is the new honorary mayor of the Greater South Goodland Metro Area.

Cooper, owner of Crazy R's, got 77 of the 233 valid votes cast. Insurance man Jim Alcorn was second with 53 and Doyle "Smokey" Atkins, of McB's, third with 33. Louie Yarger of Looking for Louie was fourth with 26 votes, Greg Shores of Shores Brothers fifth with 18 and Ford dealer Dan Brenner sixth with 15.

Seven other people received five votes or less.

The Greater South Goodland Metro Area roughly refers to the area south of 14th Street and north of I-70.

The first honorary mayor was Carrie Jaggard, owner of the White Kitchen Cafe. She was followed by Tom Watters of Watters Hotel. T.T. Shores was next, followed by Orlie Alcorn. The next mayor was Loyce Arnedt of Arnedt Grocery.

When Arnedt died, Norman Shores filled in on an informal basis until he was elected in the spring of 1995. The position has been vacant since he died in 1996.

Family escapes injury in trailer fire



Fireman were called to a fire at 7:45 a.m. Wednesday, at 2810 Commerce Road #3, and flames were shooting out of a front bedroom window. There were no injuries as Maria J. Garza was able to get her children out of the trailer house. Nesto Montardo, who was also in the home said it was started by his daughter, Mercedes, 4, who had been playing with a lighter in the bedroom. Fire Chief Dean Jensen said the timing helped the fire department get to the location quickly enough to prevent the fire from spreading throughout the house. The fire department was called back about 10 a.m. when a short in the wiring started the rafters

on fire. The family lost most of their clothes. Anyone who can help replace some of these can bring the clothes to The Goodland Star-News office and they will be delivered to the family. The children are Alicia, 7, who is in second grade and wears size 7-8 and shoe size is 2 1/2; Mercedes is a Headstart student and wears size 4-5 and a size 12 child's shoe; and Jenitsabeth, 18 months, wears 7-8 toddler shoes. The mother, Maria Garza, wears Women's size 16, and the shirt size is XL or XXL.

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Young, old participate in Veterans program

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

It has been 85 years since World War I ended at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11, and 50 years since the first official Veterans Day was observed in 1954.

Tuesday, about 120 people — mostly veterans and their wives — gathered at the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall to remember those who are serving in the military, those who served in past wars and those who died in the service.

In Emporia, where Veterans Day began, there was a special ceremony attended by Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. Congress recognized Emporia native Alvin King as the founder of Veterans Day and honored Congressman Ed Rees of Kansas for his efforts in establishing the observance.

In Goodland, Roy E. Dixon, a Brewster native and consultant for Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp.,



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urged the audience to honor the men and women who serve in American uniform.

"We need to remember the people behind the front line troops who helped make it possible," he said. "We need to remember the industrialists and the thousands of workers who created and continue to create the equipment used by our military to carry out their missions."

"We need to get beyond the 'me' factor and be part of a united front. "Honor and loyalty are to some

people relics of the past. Who would put honor ahead of your personal comfort?"

"Do you keep your word? I doubt there is anyone who has been loyal all the time. We may stumble along the way. The best you can do is to try to be as loyal as possible."

"As a nation, we need to be honorable and as loyal as possible, no matter what happens."

"Last weekend, another mass grave was found in Iraq. We cannot allow this to stand. We must continue the war against terrorism."

"To those who have been called to service, and a family facing hardships, we must ask, can we do enough as the Veterans of Foreign

Wars to help? No, we can't do enough, but we must do everything we can to help the men and women who are serving today and those who will serve in the future."

"This is not the same type of war, it is not going to be over in days, but will take longer, and we must stay the course."

Dixon said it was up to those who have served and those with family serving to speak up and not remain silent when people criticize the actions in Iraq.

"At what point does our freedom to demonstrate and criticize go beyond dissent and encourage our enemy?" he asked. "It is up to us to speak up and not let a vocal minority be the only voice that is heard."

Dixon urged those present to let their elected leaders know they support the war on terrorism.

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Merchant Christmas program begins Tuesday

There will be \$400 hidden in The Goodland Star-News on Tuesday, Nov. 25, but only a few people with the right numbers will win part of it. Let's hope you're one of them.

The holiday season is gearing up in Sherman County, and so is Goodland merchants' annual Christmas on Us promotion, which will spread a total of \$2,500 around to 12 lucky shoppers over a month's time.

The contest starts on Tuesday, with participating businesses handing out tickets to customers, and will end on Saturday, Dec. 20, when the grand prize of \$1,500 and second prize of \$500 will be given away drawing.

Shoppers will have plenty of chances to win smaller \$50 prizes along the way.

Businesses will hand out one ticket for every \$10 a customer spends, with a limit of 250 tickets per transaction. Of course, you can win without spending a dime, because if you ask Star-News employees, they'll give you one free ticket each week.

The customer takes one half of each ticket and the other half is dropped into wrapped collection boxes, which are emptied once a week into a large barrel. Star-News staff will pick a number of tickets each week and hide the winning numbers in Christmas on Us advertisements, which will run every Tuesday.

Winners have six days to bring their winning tickets to The Star-News office, 1205 Main, and collect \$50 in scrip, which can be spent at participating businesses.

Ten \$50 instant prizes will be given out over four weeks, for a total of \$500. Eight winning numbers will appear in ads on Tuesday, which means eight shoppers have a chance to win up to \$400 in the first week. Other numbers will appear on Tuesday, Dec. 2, Dec. 9 and Dec. 16.

If all of the \$50 instant winners aren't claimed during the month, they will be awarded at the grand prize drawing.

There are a few rules.

- You must be 18 to participate.
- Employees of participating businesses are not eligible at their workplace, but can collect tickets from other sponsors. Star-News employees are not eligible.
- All prizes will be awarded in scrip, which can be spent at participating businesses.
- The last day to collect tickets is Friday, Dec. 19.
- Winners must be present at the grand prize drawing and be able to

show their winning ticket.

Participating businesses are American Communications, Hitchcock Inc., Mann's Jewelry, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Knott Just Books, Scooter's and Sight and Sound, Bankwest, Jacque's Hallmark, Frontier Equity Exchange, Aten Department Store, Miller's Electronics, Elliott's, People's State Bank, Eagle Cable Television, El Dorado, Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliance, Seamhead and The Star-News.

Kanorado bridge closed

The bridge about two miles east of Kanorado on old U.S. 24 was closed Monday and demolition began Wednesday to replace the bridge.

Curt Way, county public works manager, said the project began Monday when work crews began taking the railings off the bridge.

"The road is closed to thru traffic," Way said. "Drivers should use

alternate routes, and the road will be closed for about three months depending on the weather."

Way said the total cost for the project is about \$465,000. Most of that, \$366,884, is federal money. The county's cost is the \$99,000, for which they are seeking a grant, and engineering costs of about \$25,000.

The project is expected to take about 90 working days, Way said.