

weather report

72°



noon Tuesday

Today
 • Sunset, 8:05 p.m.
Thursday
 • Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.
 • Sunset, 8:05 p.m.

Midday Conditions
 • Soil temperature 72 degrees
 • Humidity 56 percent
 • Sky mostly cloudy
 • Winds southeast at 6 mph
 • Barometer 29.90 inches and rising

• Record High today 104° (1903)
 • Record Low today 30° (1947)

Last 24 Hours*
 High Monday 84°
 Low Monday 61°
 Precipitation Trace
 This month .53
 Year to date 6.18
 Normal .5 of an inch below

The Topside Forecast
 Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 69. North wind around 15 mph, with gusts to 30 mph. Low around 48.

Extended Forecast
 Thursday: A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms after noon. Partly cloudy with a high near 74, low around 48. Friday: A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High near 77, low around 55. Saturday: A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. High near 81, low around 53.
 (National Weather Service)
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 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
 Wheat — \$4.46 bushel
 Posted county price — \$4.47
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Corn — \$3.63 bushel
 Posted county price — \$3.56
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Milo — \$3.33 bushel
 Soybeans — \$7.04 bushel
 Posted county price — \$7.14
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 NuSun crop — \$16.95 cwt.
 Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
 (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Cowboy runs 13th at state

Senior Kerek Mason finished 13th in the boys 1,600-meter run at the state track meet Saturday in Wichita. He was one of three Goodland athletes who qualified for state. See photos, story on Page 10.

Skies brighten for Memorial Day



Veterans, friends and relatives gathered at the Goodland Cemetery on Memorial Day for a tribute to those who served in the armed forces and have died. Over 100 people attended the service and many more decorated graves with flags and flowers for the day.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

By Tom Betz

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 The morning started with grey skies, but the clouds parted to let the sun shine down on the Memorial Day services at the Goodland Cemetery this Monday morning.

Over 100 people gathered at the American Veterans Memorial at the cemetery for the annual service recalling those who served their country in conflicts dating back to the Civil War.

The service in Goodland was one of three the Veterans of Foreign Wars and American Legion presented, with an earlier event in Brewster and a service in Kanorado following the one in Goodland.

Speaker at the Goodland service was the Rev. Hal Lycett of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, who said we need to keep all the memories we have. He said whether they are good memories that bring smiles or some that are not so good, they have to be said out loud.

"Memories are the things that got us here," he said. "The good things are important, as are those that are not so good."

"We gather on Decoration Day to remember those who went before, and who sacrificed so we could have the freedoms we sometimes take for granted."

"We must be sure that memory doesn't get dumped on a pile of ashes as we go through life. We should celebrate that person even if they were lost in war. It is because of memory that life can be celebrated."

Lycett said when he was a boy during World War II, his class wrote to soldiers. Some were people he knew and some were just names they were given to write to.

"I was the only one in the class who heard back from the parents after one of my letters had been returned to them," he said. "They wanted me to know that he had been killed. They were glad to know there were others who knew their son."

"I was 11 or 12, and there wasn't much we could do, but we shared that memory in the classroom."

Father Lycett said memory is something we can use in a positive manner in our lives.

"Memory can get us out to vote," he said. "It can inspire us to make another round planting corn in a field, and it can help us treasure our wife or husband."

"We need to let memory work in our lives."

The services began with the posting of

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Finishing touches going up on new hotel

By Pat Schiefen

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 Goodland's newest hotel is a hive of people putting up signs, finishing the outside, laying tile and moving furniture into rooms.

Elevators are in and have been inspected at the new Holiday Inn Express and Suites, and the parking lot is waiting to handle traffic.

The hotel will add 73 rooms to handle overnight visitors, said Manager Mat Hughes, adding that the franchise inn expects to open soon but the date hasn't been set yet.

"We had four to five semi loads of furniture, including two with mattresses," he said.

To be a franchise, he said, everything from furniture, floor coverings and wall paper has to be approved by Holiday Inn. The hotel is not owned by Holiday Inn but by Doug and Jeanne Irvin of Goodland, Doug's brother, Mike Irvin of Manhattan, and Mike Woofert of Colby.

The hotel will serve a continental breakfast with cinnamon rolls, house coffee and



Workers from Commercial Sign in Colby put a sign on the exterior of the new Holiday Inn Express and Suites south of I-70 on Monday, May 14. The hotel hopes to open by July.

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hot items, Hughes said. The bedding that will be used is specific to Holiday Inn.

The hotel will have regular rooms and three types of suites, junior, regular and corporate. Guests will enter next to a great room with a three-story ceiling, said Hughes. On the main floor are a business room, fitness room, meeting room, pool and 19 guest rooms. The guest rooms have high ceilings which is a different feature, he said.

The meeting room will hold 45 people with audiovisual capabilities and dimmable lights, which he said should be perfect for conferences or reunions. The pool area should be great for parties and families, Hughes said, noting that the pool has stainless-steel sides. The junior suites, which have a wet bar, television and couch, would be great for family reunions, he added.

The manager said he came on board in March. He grew up in Hugoton and moved to Goodland from Hutchinson, where he was at a 220-room full-service hotel.

The owners have built the hotel better than they had to, to keep it current longer, he said.

Shine On teams to hold forum

By Tom Betz

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 The Shine On, Sherman County strategic planning group will hold a community forum Monday to report on the goals and projects its action teams have worked on over the last year.

Brian Linin, a Shine-On steering committee member and finance officer for Frontier Ag, invited Goodland City Commissioners to attend

the forum during their meeting last Monday.

Linin said the forum will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Goodland Elks Lodge, and would last about 90 minutes.

All five action teams will have a spokesperson to give a short explanation of what the team is doing during the 90-minute forum, he said.

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Chamber plans open house

The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce will be looking for a few new members during a drive next week, including an open house on Wednesday set to encourage businesses, people and organizations to join.

"Goodland businesses, individuals and nonprofit organizations can help build our community by joining our Chamber of Commerce," said Sandy Trachsel, a Chamber board member and owner of Trachsel A&B. "In the past year, the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce has dedicated itself to improving its image, to aggressively exploring new opportunities to benefit its members, and to truly become a cornerstone of our community."

Trachsel said the Chamber depends on the memberships to pay for keeping the office open and to pay the part-time manager, Andrea Nelson.

"Without its members, the Chamber of Commerce not only would lack the financial resources necessary to operate," Trachsel said, "but more importantly, it loses the wealth of knowledge and creativity from the members to adapt to an ever-changing environment."

"For our community to match the changes in both the local and global economy, we all need to be flexible and willing to change as well."

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