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Goodland promenade



 Sunset, 7:52 p.m. Wednesday Sunrise, 5:34 a.m. Sunset, 7:53 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Soil temperature 61 degrees		
Humidity 8 percent		
Sky mostly sunny		
Winds southwest 14 to 22 mpl		
Barometer 29.50 inches		
and falling		
Record High today 97° (1941)		
Record Low today 25° (1953)		
Last 24 Hours*		
High Sunday 74°		
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ow Sunday	28°
Precipitation	none
This month	0.48
Year to date	2.52
Below normal	2.14 inche
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The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 57, winds breezy out of the north at 15 to 20 mph and a low around 39. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 68, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 43.

Extended Forecast Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Noon Wheat - \$7.82 bushel Posted county price — \$7.72 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢



a runway on the floor of Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday evening to give an audience of more than 400 people a chance

Goodland High School juniors and seniors promenaded across to see the elegantly dressed couples attending the annual prom, held later at the Goodland Elks Lodge.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Newlift approved at center

By Tom Betz

ntbetz@nwkansas.com Access for the elderly and handicapped to the main floor of the Carnegie Arts Center has been a problem for more than five years, but last Monday the city accepted a bid to replace the outside wheelchair lift.

Steve Criswell, city building inspector, said he got only one bid, from B&B Sales of Salina for \$14,035, that met the specifications.

Criswell said the city would have to do some concrete work and provide the electrical power, bringing the total cost nearly to the \$15,000 the commission has in the budget.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks asked what happened to the old lift.

Criswell said it broke before he came to Goodland and could not be repaired. He said the city had tried several other ways to make the building accessible, but the state Historical Society felt all those plans would deface the building.

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Tons of trash hauled away in city cleanup

By Tom Betz

ntbetz@nwkansas.com Volunteers gathered under cool, grey skies for Goodland's fourth annual citywide cleanup, but as the temperature warmed up, so did the 10 teams of volunteers, who scattered around town to pick up tons of trash.

Andi Nelson, Goodland Chamber of Commerce executive director, estimated that 85 people showed up to work. She said she felt the day had gone well and the weather cooperated to make it a good day.

The volunteers gathered about 8:30 a.m. on a vacant lot across Caldwell Avenue from Rasure Lumber. As the teams arrived, Nelson assigned them sections of the city. It did not take long for the first loaded trailers to come back to be unloaded and have the trash separated into piles of trees and yard waste, metal, electronics and all other trash. City trucks helped haul trees and yard waste to the transfer station. Compactor trash trucks from In the Can hauled the other trash as the volunteers filled dumpsters with the loads from around town. Teams consisted of three to six people who drove up and down the assigned streets, stopping to pick up piles of trash that had been put out at the curb. Every imaginable type of trash came in, and the piles grew through the morning as the returning teams lined up to unload and head back for their second, third, fourth and many more rounds, until the whole city had been covered. The volunteers from each team helped load the trailers, and when they came back, they helped unload so they could head out again. The collection was finished about 1 p.m. and the volunteers ate sloppy joes and cookies provided by the Shine On Sherman County committees. Nelson said she did not have any figures from the transfer station about how much was hauled. Tim and Amy Isham picked up all the metal for recycling to be sent to Denver by late Saturday afternoon.



Corn — \$5.77 bushel Posted county price — \$5.76 Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢ Milo — \$5.34 bushel Soybeans - \$13.31 bushel Posted county price - \$12.49 Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢ Millet — \$7 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢ Confection - \$30/\$20 cwt. Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop) (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)





Kids enter Soccer Shoot

Chelsea Phillips kicked a soccer ball at one of five goals in the under-8 division of the Elks "Soccer Shoot" program held at North Elementary on Friday. Winners will be announced at 7 p.m. on Thursday at the Elks Hall. See Photo on Page 12.

Demo derby owners ask city to allow cars in driveway

By Tom Betz

ntbetz@nwkansas.com Two demolition-derby car owners asked city commissioners Monday to consider giving them from May to August to work on the cars in their driveways, leaving with a promise that the city would study the request.

J.J. Howard and Neal Thornburg asked the commissioners to consider the time before the county fair to allow them to build and work on

their cars in their driveway, which is presently against the city ordinance.

Mayor Rick Billinger said he could understand both sides of the issue, and asked city staff, including City Manager Wayne Hill and Steve Criswell, city building inspector, to look at the issue.

Billinger said the commission had added a provision a few years ago requiring stock-car drivers to put their racers behind a fence.

Howard said he brings his car out on the for everyone to have a place to work on the driveway to work on it. He said he has be able to weld on it before each race and uses the same car in several derbies.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she had received a call about the derby cars, adding that she felt the ordinances were passed to keep the city clean.

She asked Howard if with all the empty buildings in town, it would not make sense

cars inside?

"Not everyone gets along," Howard replied, "and there would be some sabotage."

Commissioner Dave Daniels asked about having a cover to put over the car when the owner is not working on it.

Howard said the stacks sticking out of the