

weather report

66°
noon
Monday



Today
• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.
Saturday
• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 68 degrees
• Humidity 50 percent
• Sky mostly cloudy
• Winds southeast 15-20 mph
• Barometer 30.19 inches and steady

• Record High today 102° (2002)
• Record Low today 34° (1895)

Last 24 Hours*
High Sunday 89°
Low Sunday 57°
Precipitation none
This month 0.69
Year to date 3.94
Below normal 4.75 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 82, winds south 10 to 15 mph and a low around 60. Wednesday: Partly sunny with 30 percent chance of showers at night, a high near 90, winds south 5 to 10 mph and a low around 62.

Extended Forecast
Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers after noon, a high near 88 and a low around 62. Friday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

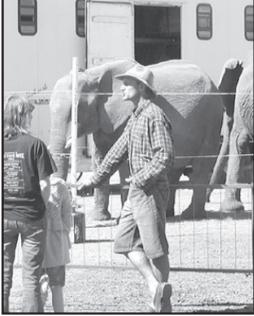


Noon
Wheat — \$8.75 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.50
Corn — \$6.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.87
Milo — \$6.53 bushel
Soybeans — \$14 bushel
Posted county price — \$14.61
Millett — \$7 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today



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Elephants thrill kids

The middle aged (30 to 40 year old) male and female elephants that belonged to the Culpepper Merriweather Circus that had two afternoon performances on Saturday behind the Howard Johnson Hotel. See photos, story on Page 3.

Flag raised at Wheat Ridge Acres

By Tom Betz

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The American flag had a birthday Saturday, and more than 60 people gathered at Wheat Ridge Acres to join members of the Goodland Elks Lodge in celebrating the flag's 231st anniversary.

Ron Barkley, Elks Americanism chairman, said the Stars and Stripes was officially approved by the Second Continental Congress on June 14, 1777, and June 14 was established by Congress as National Flag Day in 1949.

At the end of the ceremony in the Wheat Ridge Acres dining room, people gathered out in front, where an American Flag that had been flown over the U.S. Capitol was raised on a new flag pole. Devin Mangus and Adam Duell, members of the Goodland High School Future Community and Career Leaders of America, and retired Army Lt. Col. Richard Daise helped raise the flag outside the front door.

Barkley said the flag was presented to Cindy Plecher, Wheat Ridge activities director, and supplied by Congressman Jerry Moran (R-Hays).

Barkley said in the years he has done the Flag Day ceremony, the Elks have moved it around to different locations, presenting the flags from Moran with certificates showing they had flown over the Capitol.

Lindy Smith, a sixth grader from Weskan, read her Americanism essay contest entry, which won the local and district contests. She received a \$50 savings bond for each victory.

Smith was asked to read a second essay, written by Ross Nichols an eighth grader from St. Francis, who was unable to attend. Nichols won the local contest in his division and received a \$50 savings bond.

Patriotic music was performed by the Mangus family, with Devin doing the honors for the National Anthem and accompanying his father Danny and sister Dani on "God Bless the U.S.A." and "God Bless America."

Devin Mangus and Duell presented and retired a flag in an indoor ceremony.

Barkley said Flag Day is a special time for Elks because the national



Retired Lt. Col. Richard Daise and Devin Mangus unfolded an American Flag and Adam Duell held the rope to raise the flag on a new pole at Wheat Ridge Acres as part of a Flag Day ceremony Saturday morning. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



Smith

Linthacum

organization adopted the American Flag as part of its emblem in 1907, and in 1911 declared that every lodge should observe Flag Day each year.

Exalted Ruler Scott Jarrett, head of the Goodland Elks, thanked everyone for coming and conducted a brief Elks' Flag Day ceremony. Dale Price said the Lecturing Knight's part, and Zona Price, club secretary, did the Loyal Knight's part, while Leading Knight Robin Deeds said his part of the ceremony.

Walt Linthacum, a past Exalted Ruler who is a special emissary for the Grand Exalted Ruler of Kansas, did the Esquire part and presented a special tribute to the flag.



The Mangus family, Danny (left), Devin (right) and Dani (center) sang patriotic music for a Flag Day ceremony at Wheat Ridge Acres on Saturday.

Effort to save Penney's shows progress

By Tom Betz

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J.C. Penney's officials told people in Goodland Friday they are receiving lots of letters, e-mails and calls from people in northwest Kansas asking that the Goodland store not close in September, as was announced about two weeks ago.

John Garcia, a city commissioner and owner of Garcia's Home Furnishing and Appliance, said Friday he had been in contact with an executive of the J.C. Penney Co. Garcia said he wanted to assure people a coordinated effort was underway to convince the company to keep the store open.

He said officials are discussing options with

the Penney's office. He said the last call was initiated by Penney's, which he felt meant the executives were interested in talking about what could be done here.

Garcia said the official he talked to said the executive offices in Plano, Texas, have been getting letters, phone calls and e-mails asking that the store remain open.

He urged people to keep writing letters, saying he feels the campaign is showing the company officials how important the store is to people here.

He said the group here is considering the idea of sending a delegation from the city and county to make a case for keeping the store open, but any decision about that would depend on the

details of incentives that might be offered.

He said the city, county, Economic Development Council and Goodland Chamber of Commerce members involved in the discussions have indicated they are willing to help in any way possible to keep the store open.

Steve West, vice-chairman of the county Economic Development Council and president of Western State Bank, said Friday he had talked to Garcia, and felt the contacts Garcia has made are the best avenue to pursue.

West agreed it is good for people to continue sending letters, e-mails and making phone calls, as it keeps the store in front of the Penney's executives.

Letters can be sent to Myron (Mike) Ull-

man III, chairman and chief executive officer; Kenneth Hicks, president, chief merchandising officer and director; and Mike Taxter, director of J.C. Penney stores. The address is J.C. Penney Co. 6501 Legacy Drive, Plano, TX 75024.

Of the three listed, Taxter has been with Penney's since 1971 and has been a store manager and district manager before moving up in the corporate ranks to be the director of stores. Garcia agrees that Taxter may be the key person in the effort to keep the store open, but said it is good to send letters to all three.

In addition, the e-mail address for Tim Lyons, corporate communications manager, is jpcpcorcomm@jcpenny.com.

City crew helps erect youth skate park sign

A sign for the Skate Park at Steever Park was erected last Tuesday with the help of city employees and Shine On Sherman County youth committee members west of the site where forms are being built for the first phase of the concrete base.

Phil Erickson, city street department supervisor, had the help of Ryan Gausman, Eric Linnell and Chase Stevens from the committee to drill out the holes and set the sign.

Connie Livengood, co-chair of the committee, said Kayla Sharp, an art student and committee member, painted the sign in about three weeks, with help from Goodland High art teacher Jeff First on the detailing.

Committee members present to see the sign erected included Kyle Mulenthaler, Jordan Cochrane, Courtney Cowan, Elizabeth Well-

man, Kimber Linnell, Shaina Varney, Alyssa Brady, Starla Kear, Iris Scheopner and Kim Bohme, the co-chair.

The committee has raised more than \$30,000 over the past year to pay for the first phase of the skate park, pouring the concrete pad. Livengood said the group is now raising money for a half-pipe and other stunt equipment.

Street Department supervisor Phil Erickson put a level on the north leg of the Goodland Skate Park sign erected on Tuesday at Steever Park.

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