

weather report



55°
 noon
 Monday

Today

- Sunset, 6:19 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:50 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:18 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 64 degrees
- Humidity 86 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds north 12 mph
- Barometer 29.96 inches and rising
- Record High today 95° (1934)
- Record Low today 13° (1952)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Sunday 70°
- Low Sunday 57°
- Precipitation .51
- This month 0.51
- Year to date 15.63
- Below normal 2.04 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 68, winds from the north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 42. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 74, winds out of the north at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 44.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 69 and a low around 40. Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 69 and a low around 47. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 69 and a low around 44. Sunday: Sunny with a high near 66.

(National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
 *Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$5.45 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.79
- Corn — \$3.79 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.03
- Milo — \$3.21 bushel
- Soybeans — \$7.88 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.98
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
- Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Flag football season ends

A member of the third and fourth grade Orange team (above left) reached out to snatch a flag from a Yellow team member who was running for a touchdown. The Yellow team won 34-12. See story, photos on Page 11.

Whistle defense program starts

Sherman County Neighborhood Watch and the Goodland Police Department are initiating a new defensive program for the county.

The "whistle defense" community safety program was introduced at the women's self-defense course in March, said Judy McKee, Neighborhood Watch coordinator; interest has continued, so the program will now be spread throughout the county.

Special emphasis will be given in October, she said, in recognition of National Crime Prevention Month.

The program aids police in deterring or preventing crime in neighborhoods, as well as provides a tool for residents to call for help if lost, sick, or injured, she said — it is safe, non-violent and when carried on a key chain, cannot be used as a weapon against you.

"Although, Officer Joni Showalter and I have been proactive in teaching the women's self-defense classes, such as rape aggression defense (RAD), we realize not all women are physically capable of repelling an attacker," McKee said. "We look upon the whistle defense program as an alternative or supplement program."

To obtain a Defender Whistle and learn more about the safety program, she said, attend a 30-minute program on Thursday, Oct. 9, at 11 a.m. at the Goodland Senior Center or at 1:30 p.m. at the Goodland Public Library. Call Judy McKee at 890-5188 or the Goodland Police Department at 890-4575.

The whistle defense program consists of three phases, McKee said, including the distribution of the whistles, getting people to carry them at all times and public education. The distribution of the whistles will be accomplished at meetings and programs with various community groups throughout the county at their request, she added.

The American Defender Whistle is a shrill, loud high quality brass whistle manufactured by the American Whistle Corporation in Columbus, Ohio McKee said. The Defender signals your need for help,



Officer Joni Showalter (left) and Judy McKee hung a poster advertising the whistle defense program at the Goodland Public Library Thursday. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

frighten away someone who means you harm or alerts neighbors to call the police she said.

Designed for senior citizens, adults, or any responsible individual, McKee said, a whistle, key chain and safety instructions are provided at no cost to the citizen. A signature acknowledging receipt of the Defender, as well as instructions about the proper use of the whistle as a safety tool, is required.

"To be effective, the whistle should be carried at all times," McKee said. "I recommend that they be placed on a key chain. The whistles are also to be used by those

who spot trouble. The education of the general public — what to do if they hear a whistle being blown — is very important to the program."

Officer Showalter says anyone hearing the whistle needs to call 911 immediately or the police or sheriff's department.

"Community support is vital," she said. "That's why we need to publicize and make people aware that hearing a whistle blown may be a cry for help."

"There will always be false alarms. We are willing to accept a percentage of calls that may be false. We currently respond to false alarms

on occasion, burglar alarms, car alarms, etc., but we still respond."

Thus far, McKee said, the whistles have been distributed to participants in the women's self defense course, and they have been received with great enthusiasm.

"This program has had great success on college campuses, McKee added, "and employees at large chain stores and malls are being trained to know what the sound of a whistle means."

These whistles represent just one more tool that may save a life or someone from serious injury if properly used, Showalter said.

Parade Thursday honors class of '58

By Pat Schiefen
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Goodland High School and the Sherman County High School Alumni Association are getting geared up for the annual homecoming parade and pep rally on Thursday. The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. with the bonfire and pep rally following at 7 p.m.

Thursday's activities will start with the homecoming parade. The theme for this year's homecoming is "Cowboys Up-Devils Down." The honored class will be the Class of 1958 from Goodland, Kanorado and Edson.

The parade will start at Eighth and Main, proceed to 13th and Main, turning east and heading to Cowboy Stadium. Participants in the parade are to assemble around 6 p.m. Convertibles, classic cars and motorcycles will assemble in front of the library and court house on Broadway. Floats, flatbed trailers and organizational entries will gather on Eighth beside the court house and Gulick Park.

Appearances will be made by the 2008 Homecoming King and Queen candidates, Goodland High School fall sports teams, the "Jumpin' Juniors," senior parents, cheer leaders and members of the Black and Gold Booster Club.

At the pep rally there will be skits by the Senior parents and Senior members of the football team, Cowboy cheerleaders, a number from the "Jumping Juniors" and the band.

The alumni association will give \$50 to all high school organizations or classes with entries. Other floats are welcomed.

The Cowboys will play the Oberlin Red Devils in the homecoming football game at 6 p.m. on Friday at Cowboy Stadium.

Army band, chorus schedule free concert here

The United States Army Field Band and Soldiers Chorus of Washington, DC, will be in Goodland at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6 for a free public performance at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Field Band's concert is sponsored by *The Goodland Star-News* and the Goodland School District.

Tickets for the free concert are available through the Star-News office at 1205 Main, and by mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope sent to Attention: Army Field Band Tickets, 1205 Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

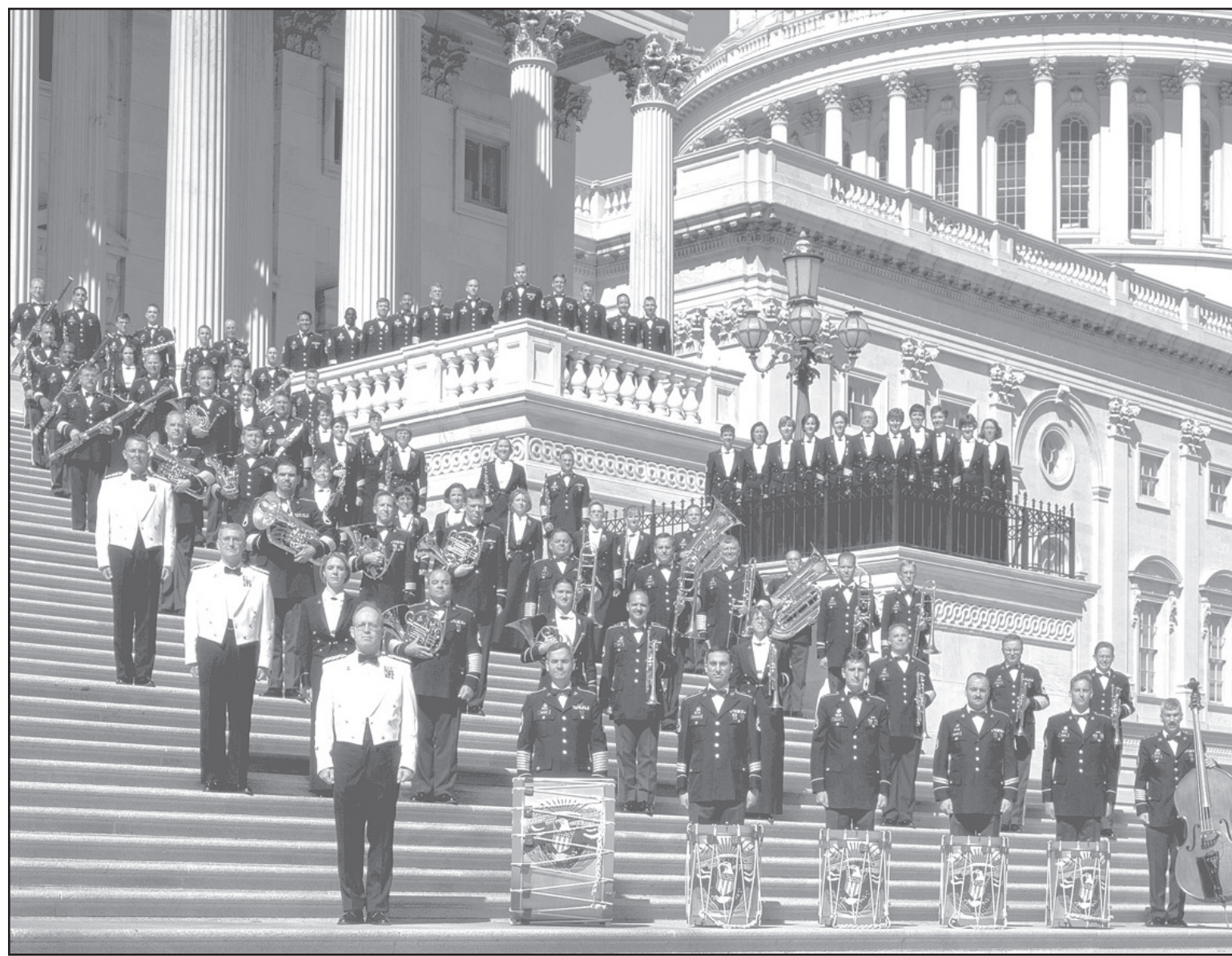
As the premier touring musical representative for the United States Army, the Field Band travels thousands of miles each year throughout the nation and abroad, keeping the will of the American people behind the members of the armed forces and supporting diplomatic efforts around the world.

Since its formation in 1946, the Field Band has appeared in all 50 states and in more than 30 countries on four continents.

Along with the Soldiers' Chorus, which was founded in 1957, this 65-member Concert Band presents a powerful and diverse program of marches, overtures, popular music, patriotic selections, and instrumental and vocal solos. A music critic for the Boston Globe called a Field Band performance "a cause to stand up and cheer."

Colonel Thomas H. Palmatier of Ballston Spa, N.Y., is the band's present commander and conductor. He is the ninth director in the Field Band's history. Colonel Palmatier brings to this command more than 20 years experience in military music.

The band — known as the Musical Ambassadors — includes the Army's finest Soldier-musicians. Many have studied at the country's leading conservatories and schools of music, have performed with major symphonies, and taught at colleges and universities before



Members of the United States Army Field band and Soldiers Chorus lined the steps of the U.S. Capitol building in Washington. The 65-member band and 29-member chorus are scheduled to

entering the service. All of the musicians have been selected by highly competitive audition for assignment to the Field Band.

The Soldiers' Chorus, the vocal complement of the Field Band, is made up of 29 highly trained and talented vocalists. The chorus presents arrangements of well-known popular and patriotic compositions

at each performance.

Past performance highlights include World War II 50th anniversary commemorations in the United States and Europe, Presidential Inaugural Parades, the rededication of the Statue of Liberty, nationally televised broadcasts on Memorial Day and the Fourth of July, and the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake

City. Joint concerts with many of the nation's leading orchestras, including the Boston Pops, Detroit Symphony Orchestra, and Cincinnati Pops, have received rave reviews.

The Field Band's members, selected by highly competitive audition, represent some of the finest musical talent in America. More than five decades as the mili-

tary's most traveled musicians have earned them the title, "The Musical Ambassadors of the Army."

For additional information about the Field Band's performance please contact the Star-News (785) 899-2338.

The concert is free to the public, but people do need to get tickets from *The Goodland Star-News*.

