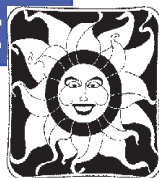


weather report



69°
 noon
 Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 5:50 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 7:12 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:48 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 40 degrees
- Humidity 27 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southwest 7 mph
- Barometer 30.65 inches and falling
- Record High today 86° (1943)
- Record Low today 10° (1925)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	53°
Low Sunday	24°
Precipitation	none
This month	4.28
Year to date	19.40
Above normal	1.01 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 67, winds out of the west at 5 mph becoming southerly and a low around 35. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 72, winds out of the west 5 to 10 mph becoming southerly and a low around 39.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 71 and a low around 38. Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 68 and a low around 39. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 65 and a low around 38. 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 — \$4.70 bushel
 Posted county price — \$4.58
 - Corn — \$3.40 bushel
 Posted county price — \$3.41
 - Milo — \$2.79 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$7.58 bushel
 Posted county price — \$7.75
 - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$15.50 cwt.
 - Confection — \$35/\$23 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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Costumes hit at party

Big Brothers Big Sisters had a Halloween Dance on Saturday night at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Kids of all ages were there as well as adults and the Goodland Line Dancers. See photos on Page 3.

Mayor wants to flip coin on bids

By Tom Betz

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Two Goodland companies bids for a small tractor were within \$280 and Mayor Rick Billinger suggested flipping a coin to determine the winner.

Ultimately Commissioner Dave Daniels made a motion to award the bid to Goodland Greenline as the winner at \$20,580 that passed 4-0 with Billinger saying he wanted to abstain because he wanted to flip a coin.

Rich Simon, public works director, presented the bids from Goodland Greenline, Yost Farm Supply and Witzel and Rhea all of Goodland. He said a bid from Cochran

Farm Supply was received about 55 minutes late for the bid opening on Oct. 16, and was not opened.

Simon said the bid from Witzel and Rhea for \$19,744 did not meet the specifications, and specifically that it did not have a hydrostatic drive.

He said the difference on the other two was in the horsepower, but did not feel that was a major problem. He said the transmission was the main thing.

Billinger asked what was different about the apparent low bids from Yost Farm Supply for \$18,907, and a second one for \$19,600.

Simon said the lowest price tractor from

Yost did not have the hydrostatic drive although it had more horsepower than was in the specifications. He said the other one did not match the specifications and did not have the turf tires.

Jon Yost said the the higher priced one did have the hydrostatic drive.

Simon said when he looked at the bid the transmission was written down as a deviation from the bid, which he took meant that it did not have the hydrostatic transmission.

Yost said the higher priced of his two bids did have the hydrostatic transmission, and that as to the tires they could be changed.

Billinger said he was going by the same

thing Simon had been looking at.

Commissioner Josh Dechant said he asked Simon at the last meeting what the tractor was going to be used for.

"We use it in the parks, for aeration at the ball parks and as a mowing tractor and for spraying at the sewer plant," Simon said.

"Can we afford to hold off until next year," Dechant said.

Simon said the money is in the budget for this year, but not included in next year.

"There is no money in the budget for next year," City Clerk Mary Volk said. "It is in the

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Goblin invasion tonight

Tonight is the seventh annual Moonlight Madness celebration in downtown Goodland and kids of all ages will find fun and games from a number of merchants who will be open till 7 p.m. to meet all the trick-or-treaters.

The Word of Life Church group plans to have special games and other fun in the old bank building at 1102 Main Ave., across the street from El Dorado Western Wear.

Businesses participating in the event or handing out candy include Jacque's Hallmark, 1124 Main, Jeff's Junktiques, 1010 Main, The Almond Tree, 1024 Main, Smitteo's Video's, 1018 Main (will be open to 9 p.m.) and The Goodland Star-News, 1205 Main.

The costume contest will be held in the basement at El Dorado, 1101 Main, from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

The young spooks and goblins will begin to gather at El Dorado about 4:30 p.m., and the first round of judging begins at 5 p.m.

There will be three age groups, with cash prizes for first, second and third in each. The 4-and-under group will be judged at 5 p.m., 5 to 8 at 5:30 p.m., and 9 to 12 at 6 p.m. Parents are encouraged to have their trick-or-treaters at El Dorado before each age group judging begins.

The Goodland Kiwanis Club has donated the costume contest prize money, and Walmart has provided candy for all those who participate in the costume contest. Several judges have volunteered to help select the winning costumes.

Two points for a safety



Cowboy Keegan Smith tackled Titan quarterback C.J. Shaffer for a safety in the first half of the district football game at Cowboys Stadium on Friday. The Cowboys won the game over Ness City-Dighton 43-8. The Cowboys (1-1 in district) final game will be at 6 p.m. on Thursday against the Norton Blue Jays (2-0 in district) who defeated Scott City, 26-14 on Friday.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Flu shot mass clinic today

Today is the best day to get a flu shot if you live in Sherman County.

The Sherman County Health Department is having a mass flu shot clinic from 2 to 7 p.m. today at the Goodland Elks Lodge for anyone who wants to get a flu shot.

Kathy Ryan, health department administrator, said state officials are urging the county to do the mass clinic as an annual exercise.

Appointments are not required. Medicare, medicaid, Unicare and commercial insurance are accepted otherwise the shots cost \$20.

People who are at risk to develop complications from the flu should get the shot. This includes children from six months and up, pregnant women, people over 50, people with chronic medical conditions and people living in nursing and long term care facilities. Other people include healthcare workers, caregivers of children less than six months old and contacts of people who are at high risk for complications.

People who should not get the shot if they have severe allergy to chicken eggs, have had a severe reaction to flu shots, developed Guillain-Barre syndrome within six weeks of getting a flu shot, less than six months of age and people with an illness that are running a fever.

Ryan said October or November is thought to be the best time to get the shot. People can still be vaccinated in December or later. Flu season can begin as early as October and lasts until May she said.

Free tickets available for Army Band, Chorus concert

Tickets continue to be available for the United States Army Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus free concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 6, at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The Field Band and Soldiers' Chorus concert is sponsored by

The Goodland Star-News and the Goodland School District.

Tickets for the free concert continue to be 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.

Up to nine members of the Goodland High School band will join the Army Field Band during the concert.

The Army Band invited members

of the high school band to sit in for one of the songs during the concert and nine of the members have accepted and have a couple of weeks to practice on the music that was sent out from the Army Band. Those participating include LeRoy Prine,

Clarinet; J.P. McCool and Tanner Oharah, Trombone; Tyler Jones, Drums and percussion; Andrew Shores, Tuba; BreAnna Nemechek, Tenor Sax; Devin Mangus and

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Early voting continues this week

The general election on is one week away, but Sherman County voters can vote early, said Sherman County Clerk Janet Rumpel.

She said through Friday more than 190 people had been in to vote, and expects more this week.

She said anyone who is registered to vote can vote early. Voters can vote early at the clerk's office until noon on Monday, Nov. 3.

Rumpel said the clerk's office hours at the Sherman County Courthouse, 813 Broadway, is from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 to 5 p.m. Monday Through Friday.

Take cover



Two members of Team England took cover behind cable spools and stacked hay bales as they defended the Red flag against the Blue Team Saturday morning during a paintball battle held on a special course in the southeast corner of the Northwest Kansas Technical College campus. Loren Schnable, 44, (front) and Chad DeJong,

38, (back right) were two of the members of Team England that won the first round of paintball contests. Other members of the winning team were Captain Jacob Schnabel 13, Jordan McCombs, 13, and Brandon Sissel, 14. See more photos on Page 7.

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