

weather report

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noon
Monday



Today

• Sunset, 4:29 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:36 a.m.
 • Sunset, 4:29 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil temperature 39 degrees
- Humidity 53 percent
- Sky mostly clear
- Winds southwest at 12 mph
- Barometer 30.41 inches and falling
- Record High today 77° (1995)
- Record Low today 11° (1937)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	65°
Low Sunday	23°
Precipitation	none
This month	0.76
Year to date	20.16
Above Normal	1.14 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 76, winds out of the southwest at 10 mph and a low around 35.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 66, winds out of the north at 10 mph and a low around 28.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 49 and a low around 28.
 Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 54 and a low around 29.
 Saturday: Sunny with a high near 60 and a low around 33.

(National Weather Service)
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 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.86 bushel	Posted county price — \$5.09
Corn — \$3.43 bushel	Posted county price — \$3.47
Milo — \$2.87 bushel	
Soybeans — \$7.69 bushel	Posted county price — \$8.16
Millet — \$7 hundredweight	
Sunflowers	
Oil current crop — \$14.75 cwt.	Confection — \$35/\$23 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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Wiffleball tourney held

Kirsten Dutton batted for the Rainbows at the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America's wiffle ball tournament last week. See photo and story on Page 10.



Asleigh full of helpers (above) belonging to the Brick Top Cruisers car club made their appearance accompanying Santa in his first appearance of the approaching holidays in the parade on Saturday night. Elizabeth and Dan Estes (right) of Kanorado dressed as Mr. and Mrs. Claus.

Photos by Pat Schiefen
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Christmas season starts

Goodland's holiday season kicked off Saturday with a craft fair, parade, Santa's visit and a Toys for Tots collection.

Police vehicles and fire engines added to noise and lights at the parade with the jolly old man and his wife making an appearance. Brick Top Cruisers car club had a sleigh full of helpers for the season. The Big Brothers/Big Sisters had a float and the state championship girl's golf team was also there.

Receptions honored an Eagle Scout and Goodland High School's Class 3A state champion golf team. A breakfast raised money for the Goodland Skate Park.

Saturday morning kicked off with pancakes, eggs and sausage to raise money for the skate park. Members

of the Shine on Sherman Youth Committee served breakfast at the Rock House with a steady stream of hungry visitors.

The We Did It Craft Fair included a wide variety of items from pecans to home baked cookies, to leather goods, jewelry, purses and baby blankets. Crafters from a wide area of western Kansas, at least as far as Leoti, traveled to the event, and clubs had booths to raise money.

Shoppers had plenty to choose from, as even toward the end of the event, the booths were packed with merchandise, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars post was full of booths.

Santa Claus sat before the "fireplace" at Central Elementary to allow the young and young at heart to

sit on his lap and tell him what they want for Christmas. Santa's visit was followed by the Goodland Ambassadors' reception to honor the Class 3A state champion Goodland Cowgirls golf team.

The Ambassadors served cake, cookies, coffee, hot chocolate and punch to the team and supporters who turned out for the event. The Cowgirls introduced themselves and told the crowd how long they had been golfing (all but sophomore Andrea Roeder had golfed since they were little), senior Chelsie Gausman said a few words to her teammates who will return next year and Cowgirls Coach Connie Livengood showed a slide presentation of the girls' season.

Livengood recounted her experi-

ence and that of the team as they waited for scores to come in at the state tournament and found that Goodland had five of six members in the top 20 and had won.

It was down to the last few minutes, she said; Larned's No. 1 golfer was still out as well as one of her teammates.

"At Lakin (regional), we knew it was going to be a battle at state," Livengood said. "You don't know from the score at regional how state will be because there are ones from other regions."

The course at Emporia, where the state tournament was held, was a long course, not a finesse course, she said.

When asked to say a few words to her teammates, Gausman joked that

one would have to fill her shoes.

"You'll do fine," she said, "with five of six returning. Andrea, the way you improved this year, you'll be kicking butt next year. I'm astounded at how you improved. I'm really proud of the way you improved this year."

Gausman plans to attend Colby Community College.

A reception was held Saturday afternoon at the United Methodist Fellowship Hall for Eagle Scout Jonathan McClung. Members of Kiwanis and the Northwest Kansas Bike Show collected an assortment of toys and money to buy more toys at their Toys for Tots collection outside Wal-Mart and the bike group's toy run at the parade Saturday.

Annual event Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse

Saturday will be the scene of the Nu Phi Mu 31st annual Food and Gift Extravaganza from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse, 13th and Arcade. There will be activities planned for kids as well as shopping opportunities for adults.

From 9:30 a.m. to noon kids can have their photo taken with Santa and there will be a "Make-N-Take" booth also from 9:30 a.m. to noon. There will also be a lunch counter and babysitting is available.

At 1:30 p.m. fully decorated Christmas trees will be auctioned off for Big Brothers/Big Sisters

of Goodland.

Visitors will be able to shop at booths that offer everything from homemade crafts to photography services to cosmetics and housewares, said organizers of the event. They think there will be about 40 booths and about 500 people attend. The event is the fund raiser for the nonacademic sorority and is used to support school activities including athletic and music programs and kid-based events such as the library story hour, Big Brothers Big Sisters and the Brianna Linin Scholarship Fund.

Chili Supper tonight for Shine on Sherman

A free chili supper and Community Conversation sponsored by Shine on Sherman County is planned for 6 p.m. tonight at the Goodland Elks Lodge.

The public is invited to attend and have some chili to hear the updates from the five action teams working to improve the community.

Reports will be from the Youth committee and include an update on the Skate Park; the Community Beautification; Government Alliance, Resource Development and

Regional Health Care.

The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with the monthly meeting of the Sherman County Economic Development Council to be held at the Elks Lodge. The council needs a few good men and is taking nominations for three openings that will be voted on at the meeting.

Council members Chuck Wilkens and Mike Cochran are at the end of their three-year terms and said they are not seeking a second term. Council member Don Newell is in

his second term, but said in October he does not want to continue, leaving an unexpired year on his term. A fourth position is open with Steve West of Western State Bank going off, but he said he will have someone else from the bank be a council member.

The people selected to be council members will be approved by the county commissioners and the terms will begin in January.