

weather report

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noon

Monday

Today

Sunset, 5:48 p.m.

Wednesday

Sunrise, 6:05 a.m.

Sunset, 5:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 41 degrees

• Humidity 93 percent

• Sky overcast

• Winds southeast 15-24 mph

• Barometer 29.62 inches and falling

• Record High today 83° (1989)

• Record Low today -4° (1932)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 48°

Low Sunday 21°

Precipitation 0.46

This month 0.57

Year to date 0.89

Above normal 0.17 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of rain before 11 a.m., a 30 percent chance of snow at night, a high near 43, winds out of the north at 15 to 35 mph and a low around 30.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers, a high near 43, winds out of the north at 10 mph and a low around 29.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow showers, a high near 41 and a low around 25.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow, a high near 43 and a low around 25.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.96 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.16

Corn — \$3.19 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.50

Milo — \$2.94 bushel

Soybeans — \$8.50 bushel

Posted county price — \$8.76

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$15 cwt.

Confection — \$28/\$15 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

More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News

Cowgirls end season

Cowgirl Ashley Archer shot through the outstretched hands of the Oakley Lady Plainsmen. The Cowgirls lost to the Lady Monarchs, 51-32 to end the season at 11-11. See story, photo on Page 8.

Homeowners want to fix houses

By Pat Schiefen
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The Goodland City Commission heard from three home owners Monday night about the resolutions to be passed and published telling the owners to fix them up or tear them down.

Harold Schlosser and Sena Brown Schlosser, owners of 1607 Texas, appeared to talk about their future plans for the house.

The Fire Chief and Building Inspector Brian James found that there is a general lack of maintenance and is an attractive nuisance to children, vagrants and criminals. He said there was a lack of weather protection on some areas of exterior walls and roof and

there were windows with broken or missing glass. The entire property is not kept up with dead trees and overgrown vegetation in the back yard.

“We are getting ready to repairs on it,” said Sena Schlosser. “It is liveable and that she had lived in it previously.”

She also said that the winter weather has delayed the outside work.

“We need more time,” she said. “The trees need to come down.”

Goodland Mayor Josh Dechant said the commission would work with them as long as progress was being made. He said that the trash could be picked up and mowing could be done on a nice day.

Angel Brown Morgan, owner of 1516 Grand, talked about her plans for the house.

Building Inspector James found a general lack of maintenance which attracts children, vagrants and criminals. There is a lack of weather protection on some areas of exterior walls and roof and part of the roof on the west side is falling in. Neighbors have seen squirrels running in and out of the roof probably in the attic.

Morgan said she had lost her job last year and planned to clean the yard up in the spring. She said her family get together and they do several homes at the same time. She also said she was planning on making the needed repairs.

Mayor Dechant also told her that the city would work with her on time providing some progress was being made.

Helen Dobbs representing TeHe Enterprises, Inc. talked about the firm’s plans for the house on 314 W. 10th. Dobbs had a list of proposed repairs to the house. She said work is underway to complete roof repairs.

Building Inspector James found a general lack of maintenance which would attract children, vagrants and criminals. The front porch is sagging and there is a lack of weather protection on some areas of the exterior walls and roof. Neighbors have reports cats running in and out of the building.

College could use armory to expand classes

By Tom Betz
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A citizens committee has looked at the Kansas National Guard armory and will recommend to the city commission on Monday the best use would be to allow Northwest Tech to expand and use the building.

Members of the citizen committee met in mid-February to tour the armory and get a feel for what might be available. The committee included nine citizens and City Manager Doug Gerber.

A second meeting of the committee was held on Thursday, Feb. 25, at the city administration building to hear from Dr. Ed Mills, president of Northwest Kansas Technical College, and his plans for expanding the college into the aviation field.

Dr. Mills said he has had some preliminary discussions with university programs in the eastern part of the state who might be willing to become a partner with Northwest Tech. He said having the armory as a possible location for the programs would be a good starting point.

He said the idea is to look at expanding into the avionics field and civil engineering. He said nothing has been put in writing on any of the plans, but he feels having the armory as an asset can move the plans forward.

Rob Tomsic, owner of Topside Office Products, said he was pleased with the plan, and said he wanted to see the building used to help bring people to town. He said adding more students and teachers would be one way to help expand the economy.

Rev. Travis Blake of the First Baptist Church said he had talked to Dr. Mills about the college plans for the armory. He said he felt the college was on the right track with their plans.

A tribute to the Goodland Kansas National Guards members who have been in Iraq and Afghanistan is one of two hanging on the walls of the armory left behind when the armory was closed at the end of February. What to do with these will be one of the questions to be answered in the future.

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Blake had said at the first committee meeting the community has a great need for meeting rooms that can be used at low cost. He said several organizations have come to his church asking to use meeting rooms. He said it would be good if the plans for the armory could include allowing community groups to use a portion of the building for

meetings.

Dr. Mills said he did not know what could be arranged there, but would keep it in mind as plans go forward.

Other members of the citizen committee included Helen Dobbs, office manager of economic development council, Jimmy Gillespie a city police officer, Karen Gillihan city

librarian, Annette Fairbanks a city commissioner, Dana Belshe of Sunflower Extension District and Debbie Martin of First National Bank.

The committee agreed to recommend to the city commission the best use of the armory would be to work out an agreement with the college.

Dr. Mills said it would not be a

problem if the city wanted to either lease the armory to the college or deed it to the college. He did say if the college plans could not be realized he would feel the armory ought to be returned to the city.

Dr. Mills said he was optimistic about the future plans for expanding the college.

Gerber said he told the city commissioners the deed for the armory has not been completed, but expects it to be sent from the state by the end of May. He said the Kansas National Guard people are asking to hold a closing ceremony at the armory, and a suggested date has been set in April.

A question about naming the armory for Sgt. Derrick Lutters, who was killed in Iraq, was raised by Commissioner Rick Billinger.

Dr. Mills said it sounded like a good idea to him, and he would ask the college board. He said he would talk to Chuck Lutters, Derrick’s father who works at the college, but he felt it was a good idea and would fit with what the college wanted to do.

Gerber said he was asking the father and mother about what they would like to see done, and said he felt the city would do what the family wants. He said the plan to name the armory and build a gazebo in Lutter’s honor would be something to be decided in the future.

Staff Sgt. Mark Reasoner talked to the commissioners at the last meeting about the gazebo and the naming plans. He said it had been the hope of the guard unit members to name the building for Lutters, but were told under the state rules that could not be done. He said with the city in ownership the naming option could be considered.

Soggy week forecast

Rain drops greeted drivers on Main Ave. Monday morning as a storm dropped about half and inch of rain in the morning. The National Weather Service forecast was for possible rain mixed with snow Monday night into today with a 60 percent chance of snow today dropping to possible snow flurries by tonight. The weather will remain cold with chances of snow through Thursday. Friday the forecast is for mostly sunny during the day, but with a chance of rain showers in the afternoon and evening.

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