

weather
report

79°

noon

Wednesday

Today

• Sunset, 5:57 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:56 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 67 degrees

• Humidity 33 percent

• Sky Partly cloudy

• Winds SE 13 mph

• Barometer 32.06 inches

and falling

• Record High today 90° (2003)

• Record Low today 19° (1936)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 79°

Low Wednesday 35°

Precipitation —

This month 1.8

Year to date 19.09

Above Normal .93 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Cloudy with a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms. High in the mid 60s. Low in mid 40s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain showers. High in the mid 60s. Low in mid 40s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Monday: Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 60s.

Lows in the lower 40s. Tuesday:

Partly cloudy, high around 50.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Fire forces residents to disperse

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About 1:30 p.m. on Tuesday afternoon, smoke was evident at the Good Samaritan Village in St. Francis. The staff called 911 and began moving residents out of the building. Within 15 minutes, all residents were safely out.

By late Tuesday afternoon all the residents had been sorted out to other nursing homes with 12 being moved to the Goodland Good Samaritan Society.

Workers had been putting insulation in the attic of the facility and it was suspected there might have been something that went wrong but there are no reports have confirmed a cause.

The fire apparently started in the attic of the facility toward the east end and spread through the attic and down the walls.

Firemen, emergency medical technicians and law officers were on the scene almost immediately. Residents had been moved to the north and west sides of the building. One of the staff remarked it was a nice day so they could be moved outside.

At one point, the wind changed direction and residents on the north side were moved to the east end. It was a community effort as people arrived to help move the residents and records and gather needed supplies.

Ambulances from around the area arrived to help move residents. The St. Francis Indian activity bus was used as a vehicle to move people who were able to walk and climb the steps.

The St. Francis high school gym was opened up and residents were moved in. Doctors and nurses arrived to help the Village staff with any medical problems, to take vitals and reassure residents that they were going to be OK.

The school staff and students showed up with water and snacks. The students were talking to residents, others were helping load and unload equipment while others were running errands as needed.

Many of the residents were able to be moved to nursing homes in Goodland, Atwood, Wray, Benkelman and Sharon Springs. Others were able to go home with relatives until a place could be found for them.



Cheyenne County firemen sprayed water into holes cut in the roof (above) of the St. Francis Good Samaritan Village to fight a fire that started in the attic. Firemen used special saws to cut holes (right).

Photos by Casey McCormick
St. Francis Herald

A dozen residents were moved to the Sherman County Good Samaritan Society, and one of the relatives said the Goodland bus came to pick them up and had supper waiting for them when they arrived. She said the Goodland staff cleaned up the residents, found clean clothes for those who needed them and were very kind and caring to those who had been uprooted from their "homes."

Pam Black, Goodland Good Samaritan Society director, said she was proud of her staff as she and the director of the St. Francis Good Samaritan were at a meeting in Hutchison when they got the phone call about the fire.

"It was great to walk in and find my staff had organized and taken the

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local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$5.80 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.06

Corn — \$4.92 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.08

Milo — \$4.77 bushel

Soybeans — \$10.83 bushel

Posted county price — \$10.87

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$19.80 cwt.

Confection — no bid cwt.

Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta,

Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean.

These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls win matches

Cowgirl M'Lynn Hinger spiked a ball at the league championships Goodland won on Saturday. The 3A Sub-State will be Saturday afternoon at Lakin. See story, photos on Page 9a.



Hauntingly good time, contest planned for Moonlight Madness

Goodland's ninth annual Moonlight Madness celebration and costume contest will bring out spooks and goblins from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 29, for a night of hauntingly good fun, candy and costume contests.

Several downtown stores will be open late with specials for shopping, and there will be treats for the kids who stop by. The annual Goodland Star-News and Goodland Merchants costume contest will be held at Wolski's Photography, 1100 Main, (formerly Day 3 Digital Photography).

The doors will open at 4:30 p.m., and the first round

of judging will begin 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., those 5 to 8 at 5:30 p.m., and kids 9 to 12 at 6 p.m.

The Goodland Kiwanis Club is donating the prize money, and Walmart is providing candy for all those who participate in the costume contests.

Sponsors for Moonlight Madness include American Communications, 716 W. Business U.S. 24, Gambino's, 402 E. 17th, Dan Brenner Ford, 224 W. Business U.S. 24, and The Goodland Star-News, 1205 Main.

Trees being moved near painting



Chris Zimmerman (left) removes the blades from a transplanted tree Saturday afternoon as the first of hopefully 10 trees to be moved to be positioned around the Van Gogh sunflower painting this fall. So far five trees have been moved said Annette Fairbanks, project coordinator. Jacob and Doug Gerber and Annette Fairbanks (above) helped push the tree into position while Kevin Zimmerman tightened the wires to keep it up right. Jerry Fairbanks watched to make sure the tree was centered. The plan is to establish about 25 or more trees to landscape the city land around the painting.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News