

weather report

61°

10:30 a.m.
Monday



Today

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:47 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil temperature 38 degrees
- Humidity 20 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds northwest 15 mph
- Barometer 30.09 inches and rising
- Record High today 75° (2003)
- Record Low today -3° (1896)

Last 24 Hours*

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| High Sunday | 56° |
| Low Sunday | 31° |
| Precipitation | none |
| This month | 0.31 |
| Year to date | 18.92 |
| Below normal | 0.23 inches |

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 46, winds out of the north at 5 mph becoming calm and a low around 23. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 58, winds out of the south at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 26.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow, a high near 30 and a low around 12. Friday: Sunny with a high near 37 and a low around 22. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow, a high near 43 and a low around 22.

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local markets



10:30 a.m.

- Wheat — \$6.06 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.97
- Corn — \$5.79 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.65
- Milo — \$5.47 bushel
- Soybeans — \$9.84 bushel
Posted county price — \$10.49
- Millet — \$11.50 hundred-weight
- Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$28.95 cwt.
Confection — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$28 (new crop)
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean.

inside today

More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News



Decorating for the season

Sherman County Historical Society member Wallace Hansen helps get the outside decorations done at the Ennis-Handy House, 12th and Center. See full photo on Page 5.

City moves toward consolidation

The first draft of the agreement to unify the City of Goodland's fire department and the Sherman County Rural Fire Department was shown to the city commissioners at the last city commission meeting.

City Manager Doug Gerber said that to date it has been pretty successful to have Goodland Fire Chief Brian James also be the chief for the rural fire department.

Commissioner Bill Finley asked James if he foresaw any problems for him to deal with a fire board instead of having to deal with the city commission.

James said it would be a change

but that he didn't think it would be a problem.

Under the draft proposal the fire department's for the Rural Fire District number one and the city would consolidate under a fire board.

The combined entity would cover any fires from County Road 10 to County Road 29 or from Ruleton to Edson.

The commissioner expressed concern that fire response in the city remain the same.

Fire Chief James said that he would expect the same performance from his men whether it would be under the city or the fire board.

In the draft the city would no longer be responsible for the management of the fire department. They would pay a fee to the board for management with the total being around three mills.

Gerber said that would be less than what it is now.

A representative from the fire board said the board would be reorganized to include members from the city.

Gerber said that the fire equipment would belong to the fire board. For the short term the equipment would be left at the city building.

Mayor John Garcia expressed

concerns about what would happen when it came time to buy a new fire truck.

The fire board representative said the board would be responsible. When asked if the agreement would cover Kanorado and Brewster Gerber said it would not.

Commissioner Finley asked about what would happen to the building inspector jobs that James currently does. James replied that the city would have to hire someone to do that. The city would retain those funds for that use.

When asked about his salary and benefits James said that has not been

discussed yet.

Finley wanted to know what the fire board thought of the tentative agreement. The fire board was scheduled to meet later that night.

Gerber said the agreement was to get a dialog started with the fire board.

When asked about how he liked the idea Fire Chief James said, "I like it. It's a good idea. The department would be run the way it is now."

First winner claims \$50 instant prize

The first set of numbers have been drawn for the \$50 instant prizes and were in the Christmas on Us ads in The Goodland Star-News on Friday. People need to check the numbers off the tickets they have received from the participating merchants and compare them to the ones in the ads.

The first winner of the \$50 instant prize was Brenda Fisher. She got her winning number from a ticket she received at Cowboy Express and claimed her prize on Monday morning.

There will be 10 lucky winners of the \$50 instant prizes, a \$500 second place winner and a grand prize winner will collect \$1,000 in the Goodland Merchants "Christmas on Us" promotion that will spread a total of \$2,000 around to lucky shoppers the next three weeks.

Be sure to collect your tickets at participating merchants, and you may be one of those who find your number hidden in the special merchant ads inside Friday's *The Goodland Star-News*.

Participating businesses are: Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliance, Elliott's, Cowboy Corner Express, Jacque's Hallmark, Olde Westport Trading Company, Cochran Farm Supply, Gambino's Pizza, Casey's General Store and the Star-News.

Shoppers will have plenty of chances to win the \$50 "instant prizes" along with a new batch of numbers hidden in the ads published in each Friday's edition.

Participating businesses will hand out one ticket for every \$1 up to \$10 a customer spends, and one additional ticket for any portion over \$10 and for every \$10 over with a limit of 250 tickets per transaction.

If you ask at the Star-News office, we'll give you one free ticket each week. No purchase is required to win. If you buy a newspaper at the same time we will give you another ticket.

The customer takes half of each ticket and the other side is dropped into gift-wrapped collection boxes, which are emptied once a week into a large barrel. The Star-News staff will pick tickets each week and hide the winning numbers in "Christmas on Us" advertisements, which will run every Friday.

Winners have four days, until noon each Wednesday, to bring their tickets to The Star-News office, 1205 Main, and collect \$50 in scrip,



Fisher

which can be spent at participating businesses.

At least 10 of the \$50 instant prizes will be given out over four weeks, for a total of \$500. Eight winning numbers will appear in ads, which means eight shoppers have a chance to win up to \$400 with the prizes given out on a first come basis until all the prizes are gone. Numbers will appear on Nov. 25, Dec. 2 and Dec. 9. All of the \$50 instant winners will be given out during the month.

The grand prize drawing for \$1,000 and second prize for \$500 will be held at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Dec. 20, on 12th Street across from the Sherman Theater.

It's simple enough, but there are a few rules.

- You must be 18 to participate.
- Employees of participating businesses are not eligible at their workplace, but can collect tickets from other sponsors. Star-News employees and their immediate family are not eligible.
- All prizes will be awarded in scrip, which can be spent only at participating businesses.
- The last day to collect tickets is Monday, Dec. 19.
- Winners must be present at the grand prize drawing and be able to show their winning ticket.
- All winners agree to have their name and photo published in the Star-News. Winners of major prizes must provide their tax identification number, and agree to be interviewed and photographed for publication in the newspaper.
- Be sure to remind the clerk if you're not offered tickets. If that happens, you should get one extra ticket.

Ringling for a good cause



Joy Hayden was out ringing the bell on Sunday in front of Walmart to raise money for the Salvation Army. On Saturday morning the annual food drive for Genesis will take place. Donations should be placed in a bag on their front porch by 9 a.m. Genesis has always given out food baskets for Christmas that are put together using the donations collected. For information call 890-2299. Photo by Pat Schiefe/The Goodland Star-News

Canadian artist to visit Sunflower painting

The Canadian painter of the reproduction of the VanGogh Three Sunflowers in a Vase hanging on The Big Easel will be in Goodland on Friday and Saturday for a special program at the High Plains Museum.

Karen Anderson, museum curator and Michael Solomon, economic development director have been working with Canadian artist Cameron Cross for him to visit Goodland to inspect the VanGogh painting and help raise money to repair the painting and help raise money for an electronic kiosk at the VanGogh

Park for visitors.

Cross will arrive on Thursday and hopes to inspect the VanGogh painting that afternoon. The city electrical department will put him in a lift to see what needs to be done to repair the painting.

Cross will spend all day on Friday working with Goodland High School art students on a small easel project. Cross has an idea for a small easel painting similar to those erected at Gulick Park and Steever Park.

Saturday Cross will be the speaker at a dinner at 6:30 p.m. on Sat-

urday to be held at the High Plains Museum. Cross will talk about The Big Easel Project, his travels and his life as an artist.

Goodland Girl Scout Brooke Lockhart, a junior at Goodland High School, will give a short presentation about her Gold Award project to establish an electronic kiosk at the VanGogh Park for visitors that would include a historic tour of Goodland.

Tickets for the dinner are \$25 and are available at the museum.

Genesis Food Drive Saturday

Place your donations on your porch by 9 a.m. to be picked up.

