

weather report

36°

noon Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 5:42 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:12 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:43 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 38 degrees
• Humidity 96 percent
• Sky cloudy and overcast with light rain

• Winds southeast 10 mph

• Barometer 29.70 inches

and falling

• Record High today 75° (1956)

• Record Low today -15° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 48°

Low Wednesday 32°

Precipitation trace

The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy and gradually becoming clear, high around 42, low near 23, winds north-northwest 10-15 mph. Saturday: partly cloudy and gradually becoming clear, high around 52, low around 23, winds west 6-13 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy, high near 53, low around 24. Monday: partly cloudy, high near 53, low near 26. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high around 54, low around 29.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.42 bushel

New crop — \$3.43 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.52

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.80 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.73

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.62 bushel

Soybeans — \$8.79 bushel

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$12.25 cwt.

NuSun — \$12.50 cwt.

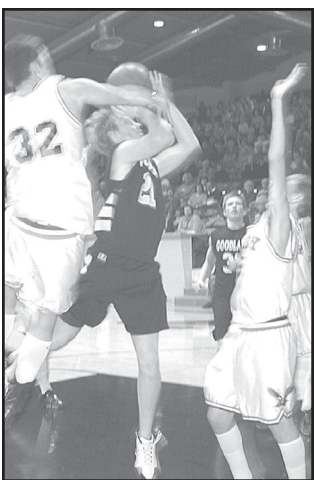
Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt.

Pinto beans — Withdrawn

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys lose at the buzzer

Junior Lane Winter (center in above photo) was fouled by Colby's Bruce Arnberger early in the fourth period of the substate game Tuesday in Colby, which the Eagles won on a last-second basket, 53-51.

Show tickets on sale

Tickets went on sale Monday for the Taste of Home Cooking School at Max Jones Fieldhouse at 6 p.m. Tuesday, April 13, sponsored by *The Goodland Star-News*.

"There were a lot of calls about the show before the tickets were actually available," said Sheila Smith, *Star-News* office manager, "and they are now on sale at our office."

"We have taken down names of those who called, and are calling some of them where possible."

"Tickets are on sale at our sister newspapers, *The Colby Free Press*, *Norton Telegram*, *Oberlin Herald* and *St. Francis Herald*."

"Tickets are \$7 each in advance and if there are any left, they will be \$8 at the door. The doors of the fieldhouse will open at 4 p.m. to give everyone a chance to visit the many booths we expect to have along with the special cooking program."

Theme of the cooking session will be "Back to Basics," said Margaret McCutcheon, a home economist with the Taste of Home Cooking School, who will handle the program. Basic what, you ask?

"We are talking about basic cooking skills — the classic cooking techniques your grandmother passed onto your mother and she, in turn, hoped to pass onto you," McCutcheon said. "If your menus consist of carry-out foods and heat-serve entrees, you might now regret that you disregarded Mom's 'lessons.' So here's your opportunity to see how easy cooking can be."

Everyone who attends will receive a primer for successful cooking, a free copy of the Taste of Home Recipe Collection. This full-colored cookbook contains about 150 unpretentious, family-pleasing recipes.

The Star-News is eager to host this tribute to traditional cooking techniques.

"This program has the 'recipe' for success — helpful tips, an entertaining home economist, reliable recipes and lots of prizes," said Smith. "Get your tickets early, because you won't want to miss out."

Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday



Curtis Duncan (above left), announcer at KLOE/KKCI/KWGB, dressed as the Cat in the Hat, held up the book, which he read to students at West Elementary School on Tuesday. School Librarian Marcia Smith (above right), also dressed as the Cat, shushed the children. Students at Central Elementary (right) enjoyed cupcakes as part of Dr. Seuss' 100th birthday celebration.

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City approves paperwork for block-grant loan

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The City Commission approved several pieces of paperwork to execute a \$200,000 Community Development Block Grant economic development loan for Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp.

Doug Bruggeman, with the Northwest Kansas Regional Planning and Development Commission in Hill City, was at the meeting Monday to explain each document and answer questions.

The loan is for \$189,500 plus \$10,500 in administration costs for a total of \$200,000, he said.

The loan, which is through the Kansas Department of Commerce,

is for a total of six years and six months at 4 percent interest.

Bruggeman said the loan has an 18-month deferred payment where only the interest will be paid, and beginning the 19th month the principal will be repaid over 60 months.

Commissioner John Garcia asked Bruggeman if there would be any taxpayer money from Goodland in the loan. Bruggeman said there was none.

"I just wanted that to be clear," Garcia said.

The grant agreement says the total of \$200,000 will come from federal funds which are handled through the state, and Aircraft Seal and Gasket will provide \$100,000 for the total package.

Commissioner Dean Blume made a motion to approve the grant agreement. It was seconded by Commissioner Dave Daniels and passed unanimously 4-0. Garcia and Mayor Rick Billinger voted in favor. Commissioner Chuck Lutters, who works for Aircraft Seal and Gasket, was absent.

The commission also approved an agreement with Northwest Kansas Planning and Development for administering the grant and a loan agreement with Aircraft Seal and Gasket.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the cost of \$10,500 comes out of the \$200,000 total in the grant. Bruggeman agreed and said this portion is a true grant which does not

get paid back as part of the package.

The development commission will handle the paperwork for the grant, he said, but the city will be responsible for having the records audited.

A question was asked about how the money was being used, and Bruggeman said it will be used to purchase equipment for the Goodland plant.

The budget included with the documents showed that Aircraft Seal and Gasket plans to use \$170,000 to purchase machinery and equipment and \$19,500 will be used to purchase materials.

Of the \$100,000, the company will spend \$89,500 on payroll, utilities and start-up costs and \$10,500

for inventory.

Garcia asked about the security for the loan.

Bruggeman said the equipment will be the security along with a personal guaranty from Herb Menold and Wilbur Hanley, the principal owners of the company.

The loan agreement calls for the company to hire six full-time employees, with at least four low and moderate-income, within the first two years of the loan.

Billinger asked if city would be liable if the company did not pay loan. Bruggeman said the city would be responsible for helping the state handle the foreclosure and disposal of the secured property.

Benches planned for parents at Gulick Park playground

By Tom Betz

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Benches for parents to sit on while their kids play at Gulick Park were approved as part of an Eagle Scout project at Monday's city commission meeting.

Tim Gittinger, who is working on his Eagle project, asked the City Commission to approve his final plans for the benches to be placed in around the play equipment and swing sets of Gulick Park.

"I am planning to dedicate this project in memory of Don Harding for his 47 years of supporting Scouting," Gittinger said.

The commissioners approved the project by consensus.

City Manager Ron Pickman said it was a good project and nice im-

City Roundup

The City Commission met Monday and approved:

- Paperwork to execute a \$200,000 Community Development Block Grant economic development loan for Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp. Story above.
- Benches for parents to sit on while their kids play at Gulick Park, and appointment of an airport zoning

commission. Story to left.

- Abid for \$136,194, to purchase two new dump trucks from Dan Brenner Ford. Story on Page 3.

- Commissioners were warned that power costs and electric bills may take a jump this spring as the main supplier shuts down for maintenance at the end of April. Story to come.

provement for the park.

Over the past few months Pickman has been talking to the commission about the height restrictions around the Goodland Municipal

Airport, and the need to create some zoning control of this area.

He presented the commission with regulations from the Federal Aviation Administration regional

office which said the city is responsible for taking legal steps to protect the airspace around the runways, which said the city needed zoning restrictions "to protect the airport and the public investment in the airport."

Pickman said the city has to establish an airport protection zone or face the potential costs of having obstructions removed.

Commissioner Dean Blume asked if the zoning would extend beyond the city limits.

Pickman said airport zoning is different from other types of zoning, but that it did not matter if land was within the city limits or even in a different county.

"The state law allows the airport height zoning to be 10,000 feet

from any point on the airport runways," Pickman said.

Pickman said state law sets up special airport zoning regulations and the first step is to establish an airport zoning commission. The law says where there is an existing city planning or zoning commission they may be appointed as the airport zoning commission.

The state law grandfather anything that has been previously built in the zoning area, he said, and the owner cannot be forced to remove, lower or alter an existing building.

Commissioner Dave Daniels made the motion to appoint the city zoning commission as the airport zoning commission. Blume seconded the motion, which was approved 4-0.