

weather report

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noon Thursday

Today
• Sunset, 7:11 p.m.
Saturday
• Sunrise, 6:28 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:12 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 52 degrees
• Humidity 27 percent
• Sky clear and sunny
• Winds southeast 16 mph
• Barometer 29.91 inches and falling
• Record High today 86° (1996)
• Record Low today 0° (1936)

Last 24 Hours*
High Wednesday 72°
Low Wednesday 25°
Precipitation none
This month 0.0
Year to date 1.37

The Topside Forecast
Today: partly cloudy and breezy, high near 60, low near 36, winds east southeast 11-32 mph.
Saturday: mostly cloudy with patchy fog early, high around 53, low around 32, winds east 7-13 mph.

Extended Forecast
Sunday: partly cloudy, high near 62, low around 34. Monday: partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high near 69, low near 35. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high near 60, low around 31.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
Wheat — \$3.85 bushel
New crop — \$3.84 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.74
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$3.12 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.93
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$2.94 bushel
Soybeans — \$9.67 bushel
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$12.50 cwt.
NuSun — \$12.75 cwt.
Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$15
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Track season opens today
Sophomore Kali Reitcheck and freshman Dani Bedore practiced sprints, getting ready for the Cowboys' and Cowgirls' first track meet of the season today in Norton. See story on Page 11.

Truck driver turns in keys

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

No more big rigs for Kris Nylander.
The former Goodland truck driver is immersed in fine fabrics, sequins, appliques and stones, making wearable art for horse and rider and combining two of her favorite things — horses and sewing.

Nylander drove a truck for 20 years before an injury forced her to look at other options.

She earned a degree in graphic illustration art at Colby Community College, graduating in May 2003, and started a costume sewing business in October. She took her business on the road for its grand opening Feb. 13 at an Arabian Horse Association trade show in Scottsdale, Ariz.

Nylander said she realizes she is known as something of an oddball, but she seems to enjoy being a little left of center.

“People who know me know I’m weird,” she said. “Creative is a kinder word, a sandwich or two shy of a picnic.”

Although she’s a little unusual, Nylander is someone to be taken seriously, a determined woman with tremendous talent and skill.

Though a portable sewing machine on her kitchen table is her main business equipment, Nylander says she has what it takes to make it in this business.

“I’m going to succeed,” she said, “and there’s a market for it.”

That is, a market for fancy riding costumes. Prices start at \$2,200, Nylander said, and go up. One costume at a show she went to was \$8,000.

These aren’t costumes for school plays and small theater productions;

they are an art form. the main market comes from competitors at horse shows.

The Arabian horse class at the Scottsdale show, “Arabian Horses Around the World,” Nylander said, made the trade show the perfect place to debut her work.

Nylander’s creations include an Arabian princess get-up with a matching costume trimmed with bells for the horse, a Cleopatra costume, a Chinese-inspired outfit and a striped, Bedouin robe.

The costumes are made of velvet, satin, silk and other fine fabrics and adorned with sequins and glass or plastic gemstones, tassels, fringe and anything else Nylander or her family stumbles on.

Attention to detail make her costumes works of art worthy of being displayed in a museum. Nylander said even her competitor at the trade show was impressed with her work.

“I had a good show,” she said, “no orders or sales but positive feedback from clothiers, and even the competition was impressed. He’s been in business 30 years.”

Among other things, she said, her competitor was amazed that the gemstones on her costumes were individually set, rather than glued on. And Nylander said she heard many similar comments from people looking at her work at the show.

“People couldn’t believe my costumes were lined,” she said, “and that I hid my seams.”

The “invisible” thread Nylander uses to hide her stitches also drew comments. She said she had to show several people what “invisible” thread is.

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Kris Nylander showed Monday afternoon how the hat and veil looked above the Arabian princess costume she exhibited at a trade show in Scottsdale, Ariz., in February. Nylander held the pieces of her Cleopatra costume together, showing how they matched with the horses’ costume shown at the bottom.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News



Hobbies of sewing, horses now career

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

Costumer Kris Nylander has had an interesting road to her career, but her talent and artistry, as well as her uniqueness, seems to stem from her family.

Nylander said she has been sewing since she was 12 and has always loved horses. She said she had thought for a long time she would enjoy a career that would allow her to spend her time sewing and with her horses, but waited until she was in her 50s to make sewing more than a hobby.

Sewing isn’t her only talent. Nylander said she started playing

classical violin when she was six and continued through her school years.

“But then I got married and started raising kids,” she said, “and music kind of went by the wayside.”

While Nylander was raising her sons, their father was unemployed for a time, and that made earning a living a priority for her. The family lived in Flagstaff, Ariz., at the time, in 1976, she said. She had been waiting tables and tending bar, but a new career was on the horizon.

“I heard someone on the (CB) radio,” she said, “saying he was going to pick up a girl who was hitchhiking and teach her to drive so he could

have a break.”

She said she called the trucker and told him not to do that. Nylander said she told him she would talk to her husband about it, and he could teach her to drive, and she would relieve him behind the wheel.

Someone else came on the radio, Nylander said, and told her not to do that. He said to go to Albuquerque, she said, because a trucking company was hiring minorities.

She said she told the man he had misunderstood, that she was white. But the trucker told her that women are minorities.

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Board believes Chamber moving ahead

By Greg Stover
The Goodland Star-News

More than 60 people turned out for the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce annual meeting Monday night at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall to find out what changes the group has undergone and its plans for the future.

During her introduction, President Donna Swager said this was the first full meeting of the Chamber she has attended in a long time. She described some of the changes in the board has put in place, such as fewer members and new faces.

Swager had each of the members present introduce themselves starting with Debbie Reed, of Eklund’s First Insurance, who was attending her first function as a board member. She replaced Scott Weber, who resigned in February.

During her introduction, Swager said serving as president was both a challenge and a pleasure, and said



New Chamber board member Debbie Reed (far left) and Executive Director Courtney Warden (second from left) talked with Marti Scott (right) at Monday’s annual meeting of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce. In the background is Eric Yonkey.

Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

she looked forward to the chance to make a difference during her term.

Swager introduced the Chamber’s new executive director, Courtney Warden, who started work March 1.

Warden said she is enjoying her job and is developing a lot of ideas to enhance the effectiveness and image of the Chamber.

Swager talked about the Chamber’s

plan of action to nourish business in Goodland and keep it thriving. She said the Chamber is developing a website to help keep people informed about what is happening in town.

Swager said Warden is working on fund-raising ideas and has been asked to help make this year’s Freedom Fest and Flatlander Festival bigger and better. She said Warden will be working closely with the Sherman County Economic Development Council and the Convention and Visitors’ Bureau to coordinate efforts.

Carolyn Applegate, economic development director, reported on the business closing and opening for 2003 and those so far this year.

She said six businesses closed in 2003 eliminating 14 jobs, while 36 businesses opened, expanded or changed hands, creating 97 jobs.

In 2004 so far, she said, there have been four closings affecting seven jobs and 11 openings creating 40 jobs.

Applegate said with cooperation among the Chamber, economic development and the visitor’s bureau, Goodland now has a chance for a united movement forward to good times.

She said her office has started in a new direction marketing Goodland as an ideal manufacturing and distribution location. She said the council is developing an advertising campaign to appeal to warehouse and distribution businesses.

Applegate emphasized that this new campaign is in addition to the continuing development of agriculture, retail and service businesses in Sherman County.

Swager described some of the changes the board has implemented to make the Chamber more efficient. She said the board’s bylaws have been rewritten to include, among other things, reducing the number of

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Hazardous waste collection Saturday morning

People who want to get rid of old half-filled paint cans, batteries, cleaning products or fuel cans sitting around the house or farm will have a chance to do it Saturday.

Sherman County citizens will be able to bring their household hazardous waste to the county facility at 1820 Cherry Ave., across from Pizza Hut, from 7 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, Commissioner Mitch Tiede, Rural Fire Chief Kenny Griffith, who works for the county road and bridge department; and Daryl West, head of the Noxious Weed Department, will be on hand to handle the waste.

Tiede said a trained supervisor will come from Hays to help with the collection, and be there for the bulk-ing of flammable liquids. He said there is a class coming up in the next month which will allow the county people to get the training to handle

the collections in the future.

The facility will accept products that are considered hazardous waste and should not be placed in the trash dumpsters.

These items include old gasoline, transmission fluid, brake and starting fluids, auto batteries, carburetor and fuel cleaners. The county will not take used oil.

Household products include ammonia-based cleaners, bleach, disinfectants, drain cleaners, floor and furniture polish, general all-purpose cleaners, mothballs, metal polish, nail polish and remover, oven cleaners, pool chemicals, photo chemicals, rug and upholstery cleaners and toilet cleaners.

Home improvement products include adhesives, enamel or oil-based paints, paint stripper, thinners and turpentine, stains, finishes or preser-

vatives and latex or water-based paints, which may be recycled.

Pesticides include ant and roach killers, arsenic-based compounds, botanicals, carbonates, chlorinated hydrocarbons, herbicides, organophosphates and rat and mouse poisons.

Miscellaneous household items include batteries, both wet and dry cells, pet products, photo processing chemicals, fingernail polish remover, pool chemicals and electronic items.

The county will accept non-working computer monitors at the collection Saturday. Only the monitors will be accepted, as other parts of the computer can be taken to the transfer station.

The county will accept old fire extinguishers which will be taken apart and recycled by Dennis Bentzinger.

Among the items that will not be accepted are explosives, ammunition, dioxins, compressed gas cylin-

ders, infectious waste, asbestos, radioactive waste, commercial hazardous wastes and unknown materials.

Time change Sunday

Sunday is the beginning of Daylight Saving Time, when the clocks are to be moved ahead one hour.

Officially, daylight time begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, and will continue until the last Sunday in October.

Most people set their clocks ahead before going to bed Saturday to be sure they don't miss church or an important event the next day.