

weather report

65°

noon Monday



Today

•Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

Wednesday

•Sunrise, 5:36 a.m.

•Sunset, 7:50 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 67 degrees
- Humidity 81 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southeast 10 mph.
- Barometer 29.97 inches and falling

- Record High today 99° (1962)
- Record Low today 29° (1946)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	76°
Low Sunday	64°
Precipitation	none
This month	trace
Year to date	4.34

The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. High near 87, low near 51, winds breezy out of the south at 17-33 mph. Wednesday: partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high near 79, low around 42, winds breezy out of the northwest at 15-29 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high near 64. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. *Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.69 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.74
 - New crop — \$3.66 bushel
 - Corn — \$2.87 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.88
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.61 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$9.61 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$10.02
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Millet — \$6.75 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$11.60 cwt.
 - NuSun — \$11.95
 - Confection — \$16/99 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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Fishing the Kansas ocean

Finding fossils was important, but with the sun beating down, finding some shade was as important. Jennifer Hernandez, Nichole Rutherford and Mila Bell made the most of both as they searched for signs of ancient fish. See Story and photos on Page 10.



Prayers said for peace, wisdom

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News
 Businessmen, political leaders, teachers and students joined Goodland ministers in prayer at the Sherman County courthouse Thursday afternoon as part of the National Day of Prayer.

While each prayer asked God to look over a specific aspect of life, the speakers were united by the common theme of asking Him to preserve the American way of life and the freedoms and protections it provides.

Prayers asked God to provide wisdom and compassion to our government officials at all levels as they serve the people and lead our country forward. They asked God to watch over emergency service personnel and those serving in the military.

Prayers were offered for educators who are charged with developing today's youth into the nation's future. Other prayers were offered for the young people themselves as they face the challenge of making the country and the world, a better place to live.

A prayer was offered asking God to preserve the unity of the family

and its role as the most important influence of a person's development.

About 45 people attended the 40-minute rally, organized by the Goodland Ministerial Association, which featured a series of prayers asking for God's guidance and protection, and to thank him for the freedoms and blessings he has given. Some of the prayers offered were read for those who could not attend. The rally began with the Goodland High School X-Pressos singing the National Anthem and "God Bless America." Pastor Steve Rains of the Calvary Gospel Church welcomed the audience and told them that the spirit of the day, starting on the East Coast, was sweeping across the nation in celebration. He concluded his welcome with an opening prayer.

Pastor John Meckling of the First Baptist Church offered a prayer for the city of Goodland. Next Rains read a prayer by emergency medical technician Cynthia Gutsch, who could not attend due to a death in her family, for the city's emergency personnel.

High school music teacher Randy



People gather in a circle (above) to symbolize unity near the close of Thursday's National Day of Prayer rally. A musical combo (left) of members from the Calvary Gospel Church led the group in three hymns. Photos by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

Berls next offered a prayer for the school district and all its employees and volunteers. After that, high school senior Amy Anderson prayed on behalf of all of Goodland's students.

Next a musical combo from the Calvary Gospel Church led the crowd in singing "My God Reigns," "Open the Eyes of My Heart" and "Shout to the Lord."

After the hymns, Pastor John Coumerilh of the Word of Life Church offered a prayer for government officials. Pat Thompson, a teacher at West Elementary, read prayers sent by state Sen. Stan

Clark, U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran and U.S. Sen. Sam Brownback. She also read a passage from "With Wings like Eagles," by Thomas Kincaid, which honored courthouses across the country as symbols of justice.

City commissioner and businessman John Garcia then offered a prayer for city and county government officials. He was followed by businessman Duane Coash, who offered a prayer for all military men and women, past and present.

Pastor Janet Hernandez of the Goodland United Methodist Church offered a prayer for the families of

Goodland. Father Norbert Dlabal of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church gave the closing prayer.

National Day of Prayer was established as an annual event in 1952 by a joint resolution of Congress signed by President Harry S. Truman. In 1988, an amendment signed by President Ronald Reagan designating the first Thursday in May as National Day of Prayer.

Each year, the president signs a proclamation asking all citizens of the United States to pray on this day in accordance with their faith and join others in the celebration.

First Sherman death in W W II was in crash

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News
 The spotlight on life during World War II the past few months reminded a Goodland woman of her first love, a boy who did not come home.

Laverne Elliott, now Stegman, said she was engaged to Bob Saltzgaver who became the first of about 30 service members from Goodland to die serving their country during World War II.

Saltzgaver joined the U.S. Navy in June 1940 after graduating from Sherman Community High School. He was sent to Great Lakes Naval Base, north of Chicago, for recruit

training, after which he was trained as an aerographer at the naval air station in Pensacola, Fla.

After that, he was assigned to the Patrol Wing, Atlantic Fleet, at the Norfolk Naval Base in Virginia.

On January 23, 1942, Saltzgaver was on a patrol flight along the North Carolina coast when the Navy PBV seaplane he was on crashed into the Atlantic near Oregon Inlet, about 95 miles southeast of Norfolk.

All eight crew members were killed.

Saltzgaver's body, with naval escort, arrived in Goodland by train the morning of Jan. 30.

His funeral was held that after-

noon at the Methodist Church. The Rev. Basil Johnson of the Methodist Church and Rev. Earl Strader of the Christian Church, officiated.

A member of the naval escort was Petty Officer James Dean of Colby, a shipmate of Saltzgaver at Norfolk.

Members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion provided graveside military honors, including a rifle salute and taps.

The Feb. 5 edition of *The Sherman County Herald* said the attendance was "one of the largest in recent years."

Stegman said she and Saltzgaver were high school sweethearts.

He worked at her father's Stan-

dard Oil station on Main Avenue before joining the Navy. She said he was a serious young man who loved football and basketball, both of which he lettered in during high school.

His big dream was to own his own car.

Saltzgaver was born June 6, 1921 in Limon, Colo., to Floyd and Bessie Saltzgaver.

The family moved to Goodland a few years later.

Saltzgaver was a petty officer third class when he died. His decorations included the American Defense Medal and the World War II Victory Medal.



Bob Saltzgaver

Commission changes policy on agenda deadlines

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

On a 4-1 vote last Monday, the City Commission decided to move its agenda deadline up to 1 p.m. the Thursday before each meeting to give the commissioners more time to study packet information.

The question about getting the packets earlier was raised by Commissioner Dave Daniels, who said he wanted more time to study and research the issues.

City Manager Ron Pickman said he wanted the commission to decide on a policy, and the staff would work with whatever was decided.

The packets are now ready by Friday afternoon, and if not picked up by each commissioner they are delivered by the police department.

Pickman said sometimes it is difficult for the police to find the commissioners, so it may be Saturday before all packets are delivered.

Commissioner Chuck Lutters said he did not have a problem with how the packets were being done now and did not see any reason to change.

Commissioner Dean Blume said he had no problem with the current system, and that he went to the city office and picked up his packet on Friday if he was in the area.

Mayor Rick Billinger said he had no problem either way, and asked what reason the staff had for not doing the packets earlier.

Pickman said bill payment sometimes is a problem, depending on the date of the commission meetings.

He said there have been a few times when having the packets done earlier would have meant some vendors would not be paid as quickly.

As to the deadline for the agenda items, Pickman said the problem is that a lot of items are not coming in until Thursday or Friday.

"This is the commission's meeting," Pickman said. "We can change. All we (the staff) ask is that you make a decision and stick to it."

Commissioner John Garcia said getting the packet at least a day earlier would allow him to be better informed so he could better represent the citizens of the city.

"I would encourage you to call me if you want more information about an item on the agenda," Pickman said.

"Once we have a cutoff for the agenda, everyone needs to know that."

Daniels said he would like to see the visitors slot back on the agenda, and would like to see the agenda deadline at noon Thursday.

Lutters said he did not see how moving the deadline up would be a benefit.

He questioned whether an earlier deadline might allow time for some commissioners to violate the state open meetings law by discussing city business outside the commission meetings.

Garcia said he did not believe this was a problem, but that a way to allow two commissioners to discuss city business without violating the law would be to change the quorum

number to four members instead of the current three-member rule.

"I think the win-win is to have it ready on Thursday," Daniels said.

Lutters made a motion to leave the agenda and packet deadline on Friday. Blume seconded the motion.

It lost on a 3-2 vote with Daniels, Garcia and Billinger voting No. Lutters and Blume voted Yes.

Daniels then made a motion to have the agenda cutoff at 1 p.m. and packet deadline at 2 p.m. on Thursday. Garcia seconded the motion.

It passed on a 4-1 vote with Daniels, Garcia, Lutters and Billinger voting Yes. Blume voted No.

Pickman said he preferred to have the packets picked up because it is easier on the police department not to have to deliver them.