

weather
report

81°

noon Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 8:17 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:22 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 66 degrees
- Humidity 32 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 16-22 mph
- Barometer 30.07 inches and rising
- Record High today 104° (1990)
- Record Low today 42° (1958)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	85°
Low Wednesday	56°
Precipitation	none
This month	2.93
Year to date	8.11

The Topside Forecast

Today: cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, high near 73, low near 55, winds south southeast 5-15 mph. Saturday: cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers, high around 70, low around 52, winds east southeast 8-11 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, high around 78, low around 56. Monday to Wednesday: mostly cloudy, high 82-89, low around 60. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.26 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.22
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.71 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.54
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.34 bushel
- Soybeans — \$8.78 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.94
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Millet — \$5.75 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$10.90 cwt.
- NuSun — \$11.15 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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Lady Outlaws
head to Colby

Andrea Wolak scored the Lady Outlaws fourth run in the first inning of the first game against Sharon Springs Wednesday. See story, photos on Page 12.

Goalie ready for anything



Young soccer players attending the week-long Challenger British Soccer Camp at North Elementary School, sponsored by the

Goodland Activities Center, practiced their skills Tuesday morning during a scrimmage. More photos on Page 11.

Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

City denies chamber request for beer license

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The Freedom Fest street dance on July 3, will be alcohol free after the city commission Monday denied the chamber beer license application.

Seven people were at the meeting to oppose the beer license request, and when the decision was made Commissioner Dave Daniels and Chuck Lutters voted in favor of the license, but John Garcia and Dean Blume voted against leaving it up to Mayor Rick Billinger who voted against making it a 2-3 vote.

Rob Tomsic said he was opposed to the license because "I don't think any organization outside a retail business should be able to sell alcohol."

Cris Lovington, of the Regional Prevention Center, said she was opposed to the serving of alcohol, but that she was willing to work with the Chamber of Commerce to provide an alternative like soda pop.

She handed out letters from the Mothers Against Drunk Driving, which was in opposition to the liquor license.

"I don't want the alcohol to be sold," Lovington said. "I know the

Grant writer renewed for third year

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The grant writer program received support from the city commission Monday to continue for a third year, and decisions from the other three partners are expected next week.

Penny Nemechek, the hired grant writer, told the city commission that over \$400,000 has been received in grant money through the first two years and there are currently three grants pending.

She said she is averaging submitting one grant per month, and they are mostly by which one has

the next deadline.

"I have been working to find better sources of money," Nemechek said, "and think that has gotten better with the research and meeting monthly with other grant writers to compare notes."

She said the three pending grants are one for the school district for an afternoon program and two for the hospital including one for assistance to develop a system of electronic records.

"I think Penny has been working hard," Commissioner Chuck Lutters said. "I'd like to see it go another year."

The program costs \$36,000 for

the year and that is shared equally by the city, Sherman County, Goodland School District and Goodland Regional Medical Center. The annual cost to the city is \$9,000.

The hospital was added to the program last year, and Nemechek said she would be talking to them on Tuesday, the school district on Monday and the county on Wednesday morning.

"I agree we should let it go another year," Mayor Rick Billinger said. "If the other organizations go with it we should go along."

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City
roundup

At their meeting Monday, city commissioners:

- Denied the Chamber of Commerce request for a beer license. Story to the left.
- Agreed to renew the grant writer program for a third year if the other three organizations approve next week. Story in box to the left.
- Heard a request from the Goodland Arts Council for \$3,000 in next year's city budget to help operate the Carnegie Arts Center. Story on Page 10.

decision is up to you, and I will work with the chamber to provide an alternative if the license is granted."

She said it was difficult to work with young kids on this issue, and she would be willing to help provide designated drivers and ways to help control the amount of alcohol a per-

son could buy if the license were approved.

Donna Swager, chamber president, and Courtney Warden, chamber executive director, spoke in support and said they had received a number of calls on the beer garden.

Swager said the idea was to pro-

vide a street dance to keep the younger people, ages 21-28, in the community and make the weekend a big celebration bringing more people to the city.

She said the beer garden would be set up to prevent the old trunks that people used to go to for alcohol, and

that there would be security on the beer garden and a limit to the number of drinks.

She said several organizations from the high school wanted to help, and were willing to be designated

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Freedom Fest to be weekend of fun, fireworks, dancing

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland Star-News

Freedom Fest activities for the Fourth of July weekend will start and end with fun.

Friday, businesses in downtown Goodland will hold sidewalk sales from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Most businesses are participating," said Courtney Warden, executive director of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce.

The weekend continues on Saturday with sidewalk sales and a city-wide garage sale. Warden said garage sale participants can set up tables of merchandise in front of closed businesses on Main Street. She said anyone interested holding

a garage sale can sign up.

The first-ever water volleyball and water basketball tournament will begin at 9 a.m. at Steever Park. The finals for the tournament will be at 11 a.m.

At 10 a.m., the Freedom Pageant begins at the park. Boys and girls ages 2 through 7 will compete for the title of Mr. Firecracker and Miss Sparkler. The pageant will cost \$1 to enter and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The Freedom Fest parade will kick off at 6 p.m. Saturday on Main Avenue and go south from 10th to 17th Street.

The theme for the parade is "We Support Our Troops, Red White and

Blue."

Businesses will be given a chance to "Adopt a Soldier" for their floats. The soldiers can be active service men and women, veterans or pictures of veterans to ride on the floats. For a \$10 entry fee, businesses can enter a float in the parade complete with adopted soldier and for \$1 anyone can ride a bicycle in the parade. The deadline to enter a soldier for the parade is today.

A free street dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday downtown on 10th from Main to Center Avenue. A deejay will supply music.

Festivities on the Fourth will begin at 5 p.m. when the gates to the

Sherman County Fairgrounds open. Admission is \$1 for the night's entertainment.

Rides at the home-owned carnival will be open until 9 p.m. and entertainment will be provided by the Goodland Area Singers. Rides at the home-owned carnival will cost 50¢ per ticket.

The grandstands will house a scale model show, where collectors will be displaying their models. Warden said she thinks enthusiasts are trying to get people interested in a joining a club.

The Chamber will serve a dinner of hot dogs, hamburgers, buffalo wings, corn on the cob, beans and chips from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the 4-

H building. At 9 p.m., deejay Andrew Melia will provide music and give away prizes.

The Rotary Club will provide free watermelon.

The fireworks will start at 10:15 p.m. with a show produced by Joe Diaz, a Goodland native who has been in charge of the display for several years.

The Chamber is billing this year's production as "The Biggest Fireworks Display between Denver and Kansas City."

The Chamber is still taking donations to help pay for the fireworks, Warden said. Members will receive six months of free advertising on the Chamber's web site with a donation.

Rains
stall
harvest

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

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Hopes to start harvesting wheat in Sherman County were dashed last week by heavy rains, but sunshine this week has allowed fields to dry out enough to start test cutting.

County extension agent Dana Belshe said farmers were gearing up and harvest was moving towards the area when rain delayed progress.

"We were just at the stage where we were getting ready to start," he said.

The National Weather Service reported eight consecutive days of rain in the county totaling 1.82 inches. The showers brought June rainfall to 0.62 inches above normal for a total of 2.93 inches.

The sun did come out Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday allowing some fields to dry out for test cutting.

Operations manager for Mueller Grain Company Tom Stewart said they got their first load late Wednesday afternoon. He said technically the wheat was a test cut, but he expects harvest to pick up from there.

"This is the beginning," he said. Lynn Hoelting, general manager for Mueller, said they historically get their first loads of wheat around June 25. He said they have been ready since last week.

Belshe said most of the wheat in northwest Kansas is ripe and ready for harvest, but will have to dry out before being cut.

"If the sun shines...," he said. "We'll be test cutting."

Some wheat plants are still finish-

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