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## weather report

83°

noon Monday



### Today

• Sunset, 7:33 p.m.

### Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:08 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:31 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 72 degrees

• Humidity 32 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds variable 4 mph

• Barometer 29.80 inches

and rising

• Record High today 105° (1936)

• Record Low today 43° (1928)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 92°

Low Sunday 55°

Precipitation .02

This month 1.04

Year to date 13.93

Normal 15.80

### The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight, high near 88, low near 54, winds north northwest 5-13 mph. Wednesday: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high around 87, low around 56, winds north northwest 6-28 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high near 93, low around 54.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Karen Duell kept a close eye on her 3-year-old daughter Jessi (far left) as they tried to win a treat at the cake walk contest Saturday. Organizers had banana bread, German chocolate cake, cupcakes and cookies to give away, along with a Scooby Doo and a race car cake they auctioned off when the walk was over. Four-year-old Elizabeth Mueller (left) hopped her way to the finish line in a potato sack race Saturday. Kids got to hit a piñata and run in a three-legged race, too. Rusty the dog (above) perched on the roof of Domingo Perez Jr.'s 1964 Chevrolet Impala as he drove down Main Avenue Saturday. The parade featured over 20 entries, including contestants in the sexy tractor contest, the town's ambulance and several antique vehicles.

Photo by Kathryn Gurfinkel/The Goodland Star/News

## Kanorado Pioneer Day a full day of events, fun

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

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On dusty Main Street in tiny Kanorado, people from both sides of the Kansas-Colorado boarder got together at the annual Pioneer Day festival Saturday.

The day started with a breakfast at King's Cafe and booth setup for the street market. Cleaners, dolls, makeup, cooking utensils and even fruit and vegetables were all for sale in between and in front of the old buildings lining Main.

A parade kicked off at 10 a.m. with the town ambulance turning on a siren that sent a loud screech through the town. The parade was free to enter and more than 20 floats

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## Newest city commissioner sworn in

By Tom Betz

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The Goodland City Commission was back full strength with the swearing in Monday of Jim Mull to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Chuck Lutters, who is the city's new public works director. City Clerk Mary Volk swore in Mull at the opening of the regular meeting, and he was welcomed by the other four commissioners.

Mull, principal at Grant Junior High and North Elementary, said he was honored to be asked to serve another term. He was a commissioner from 1991 to 2001.

"I have been kidding Lutters for several years on Mondays," Mull said. "I would see him heading to the meeting and would say, 'How about some golf?'"

"On my way to the meeting to-

night, I saw Lutters at the corner and he grinned and said, 'Want a beer?' I don't know how long he was waiting for me."

City Manger Ron Pickman said the next commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, Sept. 6, but since that is Labor Day, the meeting will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7.

Commissioner Dave Daniels asked about the status of Pioneer Park. He said he felt if it was not moving, the city might start looking for another engineering firm.

"I think we have dug out feet long enough," Daniels said. "This project should have been done over a year ago. I know they are busy, but they have had the final plans in their hands for about eight weeks. This needs to be done, and now that it is this late it probably won't get done

until next spring."

Pickman said he talked to Darin Neufeld of Evans, Bierly and Hutchison, the engineering firm handling the project, and told him the same thing in the past week.

Commissioner John Garcia said he had the same thought as Daniels, and wondered what would happen if they changed firms on this project.

Pickman said if they changed engineers, the process would have to start back at square one and it would take longer.

The commissioners agreed that Pickman should keep pressure on Neufeld and that the commissioners should call him about the project.

Commissioner Dean Blume said people are asking him about repairing the streets.

"They are asking me when the city is going to put a program before

the voters," Blume said. "We need to get together a proposal and let the citizens make the decision.

"I would like the staff to give us the options and let the people decide."

"How do we start that process?" Daniels ask.

Pickman said the staff had provided the figures during budget workshops, but could gather it again for the next commission meeting.

He said the basic thing the commission has to do is determine which streets would be involved, the cost and how many years it would take to pay a bond issue off with either a sales tax or property taxes.

"I am not on this sales tax thing," said Mayor Rick Billinger, who owns a modular home sales business. "It is not much on the small items, but it is more on the big items,

and seems to me to give some businesses a disadvantage against outside competitors."

Pickman said the city is proceeding on the water park mitigation process to determine responsibility for problems at the water park and the kiddie pool. He said the notices have been sent to all those involved. The mitigation process involves the contractors and architect who worked on the water park. Sullivan and Palmer of Lenexa were the architects for the water park. Rhoads Construction of Goodland had a \$826,870 contract for the building and Associated Pool Builders' contract for the pool was for \$1,274,200.

He said the boiler has developed a problem that is part of the mitiga-

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## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.83 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.95

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.39 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.97

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.90 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.89 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.63

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$10.40 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.70 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection — \$19/\$13 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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## Tennis team getting ready

Goodland High senior Grace Langness got in some net practice Friday afternoon at Steever Park. The tennis girls will open their season Thursday in Cimmaron. Story, photo on Page 10.

## Micro loan project had 50 applications

By Tom Betz

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The Sherman County micro loan program is winding down after making six loans to small businesses from 50 applications, the Sherman County Economic Development Council learned last Tuesday.

Carolyn Applegate, economic development director, said the program has been successful, but not as successful as hoped because many of the business people who took an application felt the paperwork was excessive.

She said when the county gets the money back from the current loans, it will be able to loan it out again, and she hopes to make the process more streamlined.

There will be several business openings this month, Applegate said, and she hopes members of the council will drop by to talk to the owners. She said there will be a new auto body shop, Beauty for Life and a New York Life Insurance office.

Three more openings are expected next month.

On a larger project, Twenty-First Century Bean is moving forward with plans to relocate a pinto bean business to the plant at Ruleton, she said, and the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission is helping with the loan.

"There are other signs of progress that have opened in this month," Applegate said, "and while we did nod directly have much to do with some of them, they are worth checking out."

"The new Herl's showroom is worth seeing. He said it is the same number of cars he had downtown, but they are more visible now."

"Motor Town is open where the old Heartland Motors was, and he is very happy with the location. He has removed the trees, painted the building and put up a new sign."

"He told me he had several people

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## Pipeline moving through county



Workers were shifting sections of pipe Monday morning, and preparing to string sections along the trench through southwestern Sherman County. The line runs from an I-70 crossing just west of Kanorado to K-27 about a mile south of the Sherman-Wallace county line. Kim Wallace, spokesperson for El Paso Corp., said the ditch was completed Friday, and that the stringing of the pipe will take most of this week. She said the welding crew is expected to move into Sherman County by the beginning of September. The 380-mile, 36-inch Cheyenne Plains gas pipeline is being constructed in three sections from Wyoming to Greensburg.

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