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- **Midday Conditions** • Soil temperature 73 degrees
- Humidity 23 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds north 8 mph
- Barometer 29.77 inches and steady
- Record High today 97° (1955) • Record Low today 31° (1993)

#### Last 24 Hours\*

The Tonside Forecast	
Normal	16.91
Year to date	14.32
This month	.037
Precipitation	none
Low Sunday	60°
High Sunday	97°

Today: mostly sunny, high around 82, low near 54, winds north 9-13 mph. Wednesday: mostly sunny, high around 78, low around 51, winds north northeast 6-13 mph.

**Extended Forecast** Thursday: mostly sunny, high near 84, low near 51. Friday: mostly sunny, high around 84, low near 51. Saturday: mostly sunny, high around 88, low around 57. Sunday: mostly sunny and breezy. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Noon Wheat — \$3.08 bushel Posted county price — \$3.18 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢ Corn — \$2.22 bushel Posted county price — \$1.91 Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢ Milo — \$1.72 bushel Soybeans - \$5.38 bushel Posted county price — \$5.41 Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢ Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$10.15 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢NuSun — \$10.40 cwt. 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. )



By Tom Betz The Goodland Star-News Leaders of Goodland baseball programs thanked the city last Tuesday for work on Memorial Field, Park over the last two years. and said they would like to get some grass on the infield this year.

tennial Complex, hosts youth baseball programs, and next spring will be home to a new Goodland High School baseball team. Memorial Park was erected north of the softball fields when Steever Park be-Liz West and John Dautel, who the city for help

volunteer with the baseball programs, told the commissioners the city crews have done a great job of improving the field at Centennial

Dautel said they have a problem trying to hold the dirt in the infield, The field, part of the city's Cen- and the winds are making it difficult. He suggested that some of the sprinklers could be moved to help keep the ground wet. He said they have raised the infield over 18 inches in points.

"The best answer is to grass the came the site of the new water park. infield," Dautel said. 'We are asking

added, "but need help.

'We are looking for drought resistant grass, and because the water lines freeze, the water is turned off early in the fall and not turned on until late in the spring.

helped plant trees, and they will replace some that died last year.

doing; it is looking good now."

West said she has been gathering information on grass seed and sod options. She said the seed is cheaper, but takes more water. The sod is

"We have some funds," West three to four times more expensive. "We can fund a part of this," she added.

> Dautel said he hopes to get more volunteers to help work on the fields next year.

"We want more people to help "The boys on the teams have with keeping the fields in good shape," he said.

West said sod for the infield 'Please don't stop what you are would cost \$1,500 while the seed would be \$163.

Asked how much they could raise, West said they could pay about tant to get it right with the number a third, and Dautel said they are working on some fund raisers.

Commissioner Jim Mull said he thought they needed to be careful about what they are planning and to be sure it is the right thing.

"There were mistakes made at Steever Park," Mull said. "Those made it an unusable field for about two years.

"I think you ought to talk to the experts about what is the best way to go. A baseball diamond is not like planting grass in your yard."

Mull said it would be very impor-

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## Cowboys clobber Indians



Senior tailback Lane Winter (No. 15) ran around the right end on his way to a first down during the second quarter of the Cowboys' 33-8 win over the St. Francis Indians on Friday at Cowboy Stadium. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Firemen list equipment needs

County commissioners asked ru- leave a second truck in Kanorado. said long term, Brewster needs anrai fire officials about their equip ment needs at a meeting last Tuesday, and heard about new trucks purchased or planned for Kanorado, Goodland and Brewster volunteers. Goodland rural Fire Chief Kenny Griffith said a grant application is being finished for a new truck for Goodland. He said the fire board had chase was for Brewster. Griffith and decided to ask for a 50 percent matching grant, which would be said they saved money for that truck, about  $\overline{50,000}$  for half the cost of a

# City will buy new street truck

### By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News In a split vote Tuesday, the Goodland City Commission approved buying a new truck for the street department.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the staff recommended the low bid of \$18,602 from Herl Chevrolet on a 2005 four-wheel-drive pickup.

Rich Simon said this would be the first new vehicle for the department in two years, and it has been in the budget for two years.

Commissioner Dean Blume made a motion to approve the bid, saying he felt the staff needed to have better equipment. Commissioner Jim Mull seconded the motion

Mull, Blume and Dave Daniels voted yes. John Garcia and Mayor Rick Billinger voted no.

Garcia said he voted no because the city was facing too tight a budget to be buying new vehicles. Billinger said he was voting no on new vehicles because he had voted to raise taxes and had pledged to do everything he could to keep spending down.

Other bids were from Dan Brenner Ford, \$19,115, and Finley Motors, \$19,267. In other business, the commission:

utility poles on Main to hold new welcome flags up. Dale Neill, president of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, Ryan Hageman of Wendy's and Dave Branda of the Sherman Theatre, said the flags would be put up only for special events, and asked the city for help in putting them up.

Pickman said the existing brackets can be used, but new bands will need to be purchased at a cost of \$300. The representatives said the Chamber could be flexible about when the flags would go up and come down, and that it would be more on the city's schedule. Blume said that if the city is to do it, the Chamber would need to schedule with the city in advance.

Mull said Flatlander is a major event, and it would be good to promote the city from within. Garcia recommended the city help, and made a motion to spend the \$300. Daniels seconded and it passed unanimously.

Pickman asked Neill if the city could get some volunteers to help put the flags up and take them down. Neill said he was sure there would be a way to help. Chuck Lutters, public works director, asked about storage, and Neill said the Convention and Visitors Bureau would handle the storage and had purchased extra flags for replacement if one is lost or ripped. Unanimously approved a request from the Master Gardeners to purchase \$125 of tulip bulbs for the flower garden at Gulick Park. Pickman said they will plant the bulbs to add some spring color. Approved a request for sidewalk displays for the 1100 block of Main for a sidewalk sale Thursday through Saturday. Unanimously approved purchase of a trailer-mounted sewer cleaner unit from Key Equipment and Supply of Kansas City, Kansas, at a cost of \$33,675. Pickman said there was \$43,000 in the equipment





### **Girls race** at Wamego

Junior Tiffany Thomas (No. 305) and sophomore Whitney Dautel (No. 303) stayed close together throughout the two-mile race at the Wamego Invitational. Thomas finished in 13 minutes, 34 seconds. Story, photo on page 11.

new pumper. A new truck for Kanorado is in the works, with the chassis to be delivered this month and then taken to Hays to have the tank and fire equipment installed.

Commission Chairman Mitch Tiede asked what would happen with the old truck in Kanorado.

Griffith said they plan to take the pump and tank off the old one and put it on the old Goodland truck to

Tiede said that brings up the ambulance problem. A group from Kanorado has been working on a building to house the ambulance. There is room for the ambulance in the fire house now, but that changes when the new fire truck arrives.

The other recent fire truck pur-Fire Board member Marvin Duell and then did a lease-purchase on the one for Kanorado.

Griffith said the lease-purchase was a favorable mark for the grant application because it shows the county is trying to address equipment needs on its own. He said they did an income survey of the fire district, contacting 326 homes, and that information is included in the grant application to show the level of income of those in the fire district. Brewster Chief Willard Crumrine

other truck to replace an old one because the pump and tank are worn out and the steel tank is rusting. He said it would cost over \$58,000 to put a new tank and pump on the 1978 chassis, but that ii was not really worth it because the truck would have to be retrofitted.

Griffith said the lease purchase program is a good deal because of the low interest rate.

'We have been getting behind on replacing trucks," Tiede said.

We had a shoestring budget for years," Griffith said. "We couldn't even make a payment."

Commissioner Kevin Rasure suggested the fire board give the commissioners a time line on the fire equipment so they can work it into the budget.

Crumrine said a fire house expan-

• Approved a request from Courtney Warden, Chamber of Commerce manager, to have bleachers on 11th Street for the Scruffy Dog Contest and entertainment at the Flatlander Fall Festival on Sept. 25. She asked the commission to share the cost of portable toilets, about \$650. Mull said he would donate \$50, Billinger said he would donate \$50, Garcia agreed to donate \$50, and Daniels said he would donate \$50 to help pay for the potties. The commission approved closing Main from 8th to 17th for the festival from 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 25.

• Approved having the city crew See Fire, Page 7 help raise the flag brackets on 43

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## Fertilizer fill-up draws 23 trucks



Twenty-three empty trucks waited Sunday at the ADM-Collingwood Grain elevator for a train shipment of fertilizer. The MAP (mono-aluminum phosphate) fertilseed for planting.

izer will be loaded on the trucks, delivered to customers and mixed with winter wheat Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News