

weather report

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noon Thursday

Today
•Sunset, 6:42 p.m.

Saturday
•Sunrise, 6:37 a.m.
•Sunset, 6:41 p.m.

Midday Conditions
•Soil temperature 54 degrees
•Humidity 32 percent
•Sky clear and sunny
•Winds west 20 mph
•Barometer 30.14 inches and steady
•Record High today 96° (1966)
•Record Low today 30° (2000)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	55°
Low Wednesday	43°
Precipitation	1.01
This month	2.38
Year to date	16.33
Normal	17.25

The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy, high near 75, low near 47, winds west 4-7 mph. Saturday: partly cloudy, high around 76, low around 48, winds south 6-10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m., high around 72, low around 48. Monday: partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high 69, low near 46. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.06 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.16
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.11 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.71
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$1.61 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.65 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.74
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10.45 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.55 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$25
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Runner wins medal

Junior Kylie Smith (right) ran with a runner from Ulysses for part of the course. She finished 18th and earned a medal in her first competitive race of the season. Photo, story on Page 9.

City prepares for Flatlander events

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland Star-News

Other than Goodland's annual Flatlander Fall Festival, where else can hot rods, children's games and scruffy dogs coexist on the same street on the same weekend?

The fun starts on Main Avenue with the 18th Annual Fall Festival Rod Run.

David Thede with the Goodland Early Iron Car Club predicts they will have around 250 car entries. The cars will be on display between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Main all day Saturday and the car club will have games and giveaways.

Traveling north, visitors will run into live entertainment, games and food booths organized by the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Kids can enjoy a dunk tank, a bucking bull, face painting and fortune telling while parents can watch performances by area musical groups.

The Scruffy Dog contest sponsored by KLOE Radio and the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter will be held on 11th Street at 11 a.m. Saturday.

The Goodland Activities Center

Weekend festival scheduled for fun

Here is the schedule for the Flatlander Fall Festival and Goodland High School Homecoming activities this weekend. The Chamber of Commerce will have two information booths on Main Avenue to help visitors.

FRIDAY

6 p.m. — Goodland High School Homecoming football game, Cowboy Stadium.
9 p.m. to 12 a.m. — Homecoming dance, high school gym.
6:30 p.m. — Stock car races, Sherman County Speedway.

SATURDAY

8 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Early Iron of Western Kansas Rod Run, Main Ave. south.
8 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Northwest Kansas Bike Show, Main Ave. north.
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Street Festival, Main Ave. central.
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Quilt Show, Goodland United Methodist Church.
10 a.m. to 5 p.m. — Antique/Modified Tractor Show, 1600 Block of Main.
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Scale Model Show, 1118 Main.

will hold a Punt, Pass and Kick contest at Cowboys Stadium 10 a.m. Saturday, with registration for grades 8 through 15 starting at 9 a.m. At 1 p.m. at 11th and Main The

10 a.m. — Punt Pass and Kick contest, Cowboys Stadium.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Beer garden, 1619 Main.
11 a.m. — Scruffy Dog Contest, 11th and Main.
10 a.m. — 4 p.m. Flatlanders photo contest and community canvas, Carnegie Arts Center.

1 p.m. — *The Goodland Star-News* drawing for a \$1,000 shopping spree.

3:30 p.m. — Bike show games, Bankwest parking lot.
5 p.m. — Bike show dinner and awards, the Elks Club.
5:30 p.m. — Stock car races, Sherman County Speedway.
6 p.m. — Car club dinner, Veterans of Foreign Wars.
8 p.m. — Parade of motorcycles, Main Ave.
9 p.m. to 1 a.m. — Public car club dance, Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

SUNDAY

8 a.m. — Bike show Sunday service.
9 a.m. — Bike show poker run, Main Ave.
10 a.m. — Car club poker run, Main Ave.
Car club awards following poker run.

Goodland Star-News will hold a drawing to give away a \$1,000 shopping spree sponsored by Goodland merchants.

Food vendors will line Main, and

a beer garden will be available from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday at 1609 Main.

At the north end of Main, the Northwest Kansas Bike Show will

be set up with motorcycles on display. The show will include bike games throughout the day, with a motorcycle run on Saturday night.

Information booths will be set up in front of the Chamber office on Main and near the Economic Development office south of 12th Street. The booths will have canopies printed with the word 'Information' and the Chamber logo.

Volunteers manning the booths will give away maps and directions and sell bottles of water and "Support our Troops" magnets in the shape of yellow ribbons.

For off-Main activities, visitors can check out the stock car races on Friday and Saturday night at the Goodland Speedway at the fairgrounds.

The Goodland United Methodist Church will hold a quilt show starting at 10 a.m. Saturday and a scale model show with displays of all kinds of miniatures will open at the same time at 1118 Main.

Antique tractor fans can stop by the Antique/Modified Tractor Show in the 1600 Block of Main starting at 10 a.m.

Classmates choose homecoming royals

The finalists for the Goodland High School Homecoming king and queen have been chosen by their classmates.

In the running for king are seniors Richard Bauman, David Livengood and Wade Taylor. For queen, finalists are seniors Kara

Angelos, Megan Sheldon and Aubrea Winter.

Other nominees for king this year were Dexter Deeds, Bret Jarmin, Brock Lohr, Derrick Raymer and Drew Wilkens.

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Merchants, newspaper offer \$1,000 shopping spree

Drop boxes around town are filling up with entries to win the \$1,000 shopping spree sponsored by *The Goodland Star-News* and Goodland merchants.

You could be the lucky contestant to have your name drawn at 1 p.m. this Saturday at the Flatlander Fall Festival stage at 11th and Main—but only if you enter by mid-day today.

The winner will get to shop 'til he (or she) drops, spending \$1,000 at participating businesses. The lucky shopper can choose from items at Mann's Jewelry and Gifts, Wane's Carpet and Drapery, Hitchcock Inc., Miller's Electronics, Aten Department Store and Hank's Cafe.

An article featuring pictures of the

winner and items from the shopping spree will be shown in *The Goodland Star-News*.

Today is the last chance to enter to win the contest at the participating businesses or at the newspaper office.

Contestants must be present at the drawing Saturday to win.

Prevention center rallies to stop drinking

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

The Regional Prevention Center has chosen Homecoming weeks in Goodland and in Colby to launch a program to curb underage drinking.

The campaign, "It's OK to Say No Way!", was conceived by the prevention center and a Topeka advertising agency with help from students and adults in Sherman and Thomas counties.

A five-year grant from the federal Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention is paying for giveaways and informational materials for the campaign.

About 100 students at Goodland High School received free soda, gum and snacks, T-shirts and pencils and were entered to win 10 door prizes Monday afternoon at the campaign kick off.

Cris Lovington, community prevention consultant for Sherman, Wallace and Cheyenne counties, acted as a cheerleader at the event, encouraging students to shout the campaign's slogan.

"What is it OK to say?" she asked.

"No Way!" students responded.



Art Lovington, family development specialist at the Harvest America Corp., handed out buttons with the "It's OK to Say No Way" logo on them as high school students contemplated which snacks to take at the Regional Prevention Center's underage drinking prevention campaign at Goodland High School.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

"I didn't hear you," Lovington said.

"No Way!" the students shouted louder.

"Who can say 'No Way?'" Lovington asked.

City offices switch to early schedule

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland Star-News

Early birds who want to settle city business at the crack of dawn will be glad to know that the Goodland City Commission approved a schedule change Monday to put employees on an earlier shift starting in November.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the switch will change the work day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

He said it will put city workers on the same schedule as state offices working in Central Time. The switch, he said, will make coordination with state offices easier for Goodland employees.

Commissioner Jim Mull asked

if the change would disrupt service to the public.

"Don't you think that's kind of an inconvenience to citizens?," he asked.

Mayor Rick Billinger said he doesn't change his hours to match up with the state, so why should the city offices?

"I don't cater to the rest of Kansas," he argued, adding that although he was challenging the idea, he wasn't necessarily against it.

Pickman said change wouldn't affect bill paying because the city has a 24-hour payment drop box. City Clerk Mary Volk said the

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New technology will move clerk's office into 21st century

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland Star-News

The city clerk's office will move into the 21st century with five new computers after commissioners approved a request Monday from City Clerk Mary Volk.

The computers will come from Dell through a state contract at \$1,400 each, including software.

Volk sent commissioners a memo outlining the office's need for new equipment. She said the computers they have are old ones recycled from the Police Department. The computers "lock up" or stop working regularly, she said, and she fears they will lose important work. She said the computers are an essential tool for office work and reports.

"They handle everything," she

said. "It's something you can't live without, unfortunately."

The new computers will come equipped with up-to-date features and room to grow, she said.

Volk had not budgeted for new computers until 2005, but she said the need is urgent. Because the new technology is not in the current budget, the entire upgrade project will not be fully paid for until 2006.

Although the computers are old and outdated, commissioners agreed to search for a place to donate the machines.

Commissioners also decided on the Clean Drinking Water Fee Monday, agreeing to pay the state 3 cents for every 1,000 gallons of water sold at retail. By electing to pay the fee, the city will now be exempt from

paying state sales tax on purchases for the public water supply. The tax exception will be available on items used in the operation and maintenance of the water supply.

According to the rules to sign up for the fee, the 3 cents can not be passed on to the user, but must be paid by the water system.

The issue was tabled last meeting when commissioners decided to find out if the fee could be raised. City Manager Ron Pickman said there is no guarantee the fee will stay the same, but this year it would have saved the city \$1,000.

The 3 cents would only be applicable on water sold at retail, he said, so water used for fires or other ser-

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