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weather report

47°

noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 4:31 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:32 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 53 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds calm
- Barometer 30.12 inches and steady

- Record High today 67° (2002)
- Record Low today -10° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	50°
Low Sunday	24°
Precipitation	none
This month	.18
Year to date	21.54
Normal	19.71

The Topside Forecast

Today: mostly sunny, high near 58, low near 27, winds west northwest 11-14 mph. Wednesday: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain at night, high near 57, low around 32, winds south southwest 8-29 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy and breezy, high near 54, low around 24. Friday: mostly sunny, high near 50, low near 24.

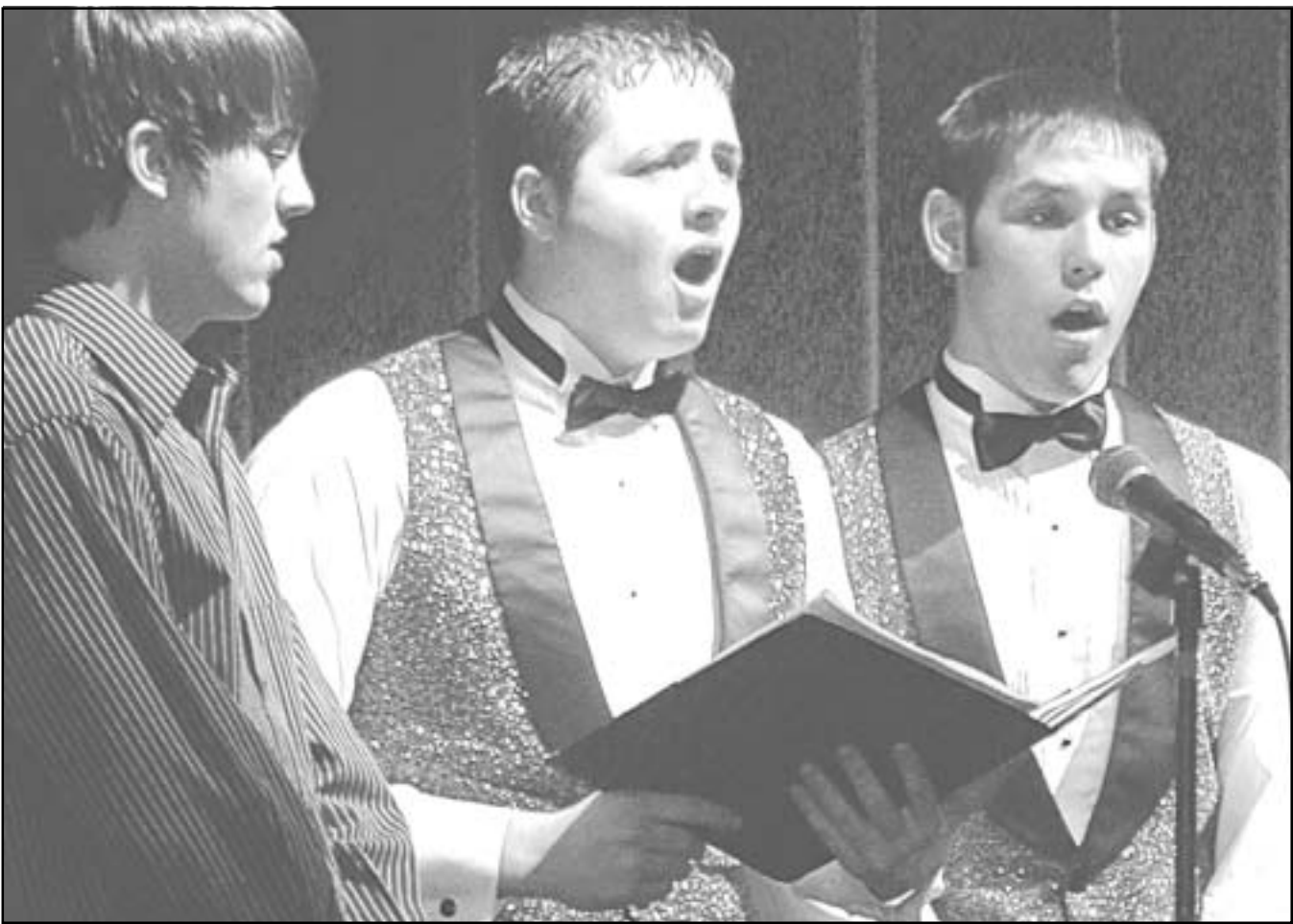
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Special guest Amanda Jolly, now a Kansas State University student, joined the Goodland High School Mass Choir at the Christmas Concert last week. Jolly handled the solo parts of "Summertime" by George Gershwin.



Daniel Schields (from left), Tysen Lofland and Brandon Hatfield joined the Men's Chorale to sing "Deck the Halls" and "Good Christian Men, Rejoice" at the Goodland High School Christmas Concert last week.



Goodland High School students played instruments and sang their hearts out at the Christmas concert last week. Saxophone players (from left) Shannon Johnson, Andrea Grieve, Ashley Cebula, Jeff Moore, Jenna McGinley and Jena McCall entertained the audience with lively holiday songs.

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Choirs, bands display talents

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

The first few notes of "Adeste Fidelis," or "Oh Come All Ye Faithful," rang out through the auditorium at Goodland High School last Monday as members of the Concert Band started the annual Christmas Concert.

The music filled the hall in stereo, with the brass section lining both sides of seats for the first song.

A grateful crowd roared with applause after the first song and awaited the next. Led by school band teacher Tremon Kizer, the band played "The Budapest Carol" by Leland Forsblad, "Silent Night," "Sleigh Ride" and "God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen."

After the band, students helped the teachers set up bleachers and rows of the Black and Gold Choir

filled the stage.

Under the direction of Randy Berls, choir and music department director, the choir started by singing "Rise Up Shepherd and Follow." Next they sang "Good News," followed by "Frosty the Snowman."

The rich harmony of the Men's Chorale choir, an all male group, surrounded the audience with lively renditions of "Deck the Halls" and "Good Christian Men, Rejoice."

Les Chantes, an all female group, belted out "The Snow Has a Song" and "Sleigh Ride."

The X-Pressos, decked out in sparkley gold dresses for the girls and gold jackets for the boys, started with an a cappella version of "Goin' to Bethlehem."

They followed with "In Decem-

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local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$3.10 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.27

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$1.86 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.74

Loan deficiency pmt. — 21¢

Milo — \$1.54 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.88 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.90

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$6 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$12.75 cwt.

NuSun — \$12.85 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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Brewster girl on Warriors

The Lady Warriors of Sterling College have the best record in the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference at 11-3 and share first place with three other teams at 3-1. In her second season is sophomore forward Alicia Collett. Alicia is a 2003 graduate of Brewster High. Story, photo on Page 12.

Marketing plan still on hold

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

A decision on a proposal to develop a marketing plan for the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau by Free Bird Business Solutions of Topeka was put on hold this month until the bureau decides it can afford the program.

Free Bird is a new business with few references, and none is from a convention and visitors bureau or similar organization, board members said. At the November meeting of the bureau's board, Claudia

Larkin, Free Bird president, presented her proposal, which included a fee of \$10,000. Donna Price, the bureau's director, said since that meeting, Free Bird had lowered the fee to \$8,000.

If the proposal was accepted as is, the \$2,000 savings would be the only money left in the marketing portion of the bureau's budget after paying for and implementing the marketing \$40,000 plan.

Board President Dale Neill asked the members to look over the proposed budget for 2005, develop

some ideas and bring them to January's meeting. Copies of that budget were to be forwarded to the four members who didn't make the December meeting.

The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 18, at the Comfort Inn, I-70 and K-27.

The bureau is planning a retreat, tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, Jan. 25. Price said the retreat would be a chance for the new members to learn what the bureau is about and

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Board appointments top county agenda

Appointments to two county advisory boards are on the Sherman County commission's agenda for their final meeting of the year at 8 a.m. Thursday.

The Sherman County courthouse will be close at noon on Thursday to allow the offices to finish up the year. All offices will be closed Friday for the New Year's holiday.

There are at least two vacancies on the Good Samaritan Center board, with the death of Richard Hawks this year and an opening left when Joan Walker moved away. Terms of Robert Moyer and Jackie Elliott are set to expire, making four positions to fill.

The commissioners are ex-

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Homes, streets decked out for the holidays



The holiday season brings out lots of colorful lights, like those on the historic Ennis-Handy House and the wreaths that line Main, Eighth, Business U.S. 24 and parts

of K-27. The wreaths were enhanced this year with the new welcome banners flown during the Topside Tipoff.



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