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Kids delighted with new playground

Goodland, Kansas 67735

weather report **47**° noon Thursday

Today Sunset, 5:18 p.m. Saturday Sunrise, 6:42 a.m.

- Sunset, 5:19 p.m.
- **Midday Conditions**
- Soil temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 32 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds south 7 mph.
- Barometer 30.26 inches
- and steady • Record High today 78° (1962)
- Record Low today -13° (1981)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	44°
Low Wednesday	15°
Precipitation	none
This month	.17
Year to date	.26
Normal	.52

The Topside Forecast

Today: mostly sunny, high near 56, low near 29, winds west southwest 6-13 mph. Saturday: mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain, high near 55, low around 31, winds west southwest 7 mph.

Extended Forecast Sunday: partly cloudy and breezy, high around 52, low around 25. Monday: partly cloudy, high near 48, low near 23. Tuesday: slight chance rain or snow. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m



Noon Wheat - \$3.07 bushel Posted county price — \$3.08 Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢ Corn — \$1.79 bushel Posted county price — \$1.70Loan deficiency pmt. — 25¢Milo — \$1.46 bushel Soybeans — \$4.54 bushel Posted county price — \$4.68Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢Millet — \$6 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$11.20 cwt. NuSun — \$11.30 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.)



Milan Brannick (right) enjoyed a sunny afternoon Saturday trying out the new monkey rings at the playground. Tyler Stindt (above) climbed up the steps to get to the two large slides. Jason Hixon, director of the Goodland city recreation department, said kids started playing as soon as crews finished the playground equipment at Gulick Park. Hixon said city workers spent roughly a week to dig out the area, pour concrete and set up the play area. Travis Gillahan (below right) and Eric Smith filled in the playground with one foot of rocks last Thursday. The equipment cost \$19,428, half of the original price because of a Healthy Kids Grant from the manufacturer.

Photos by Kathryn Burke and Jason Hixon The Goodland Star-News





Pioneer Park OK'd

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News The City of Goodland found \$10,000.

Citizens stepped up with \$17,897. Pioneer Park took another step toward reality Monday when the city commission unanimously accepted the low bid for the project, with some proposed cutbacks to be negotiated.

Bids for the park and drainage project were tabled at the Jan. 24 meeting, with the bid was about \$85.000 over the available money.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the staff had reviewed the options, and presented the commission with three options for the park.

The first was to leave the project much as it was designed and bring the total cost down to \$481,074 the city has. The second would require a re-bid and the estimated cost of the reduced project was \$435,854, but there was no guarantee of that. The final option would cut the project in half and give a \$210,000 grant back to the state. The cost of the final option would be about \$200,000 without landscaping, a hike-and-bike path or trees and shrubs.

Pickman said with the efforts of the city staff and the Rev. Gene Tromble's group, the available money for the project has increased to \$477,915 and with the negotiations, there still would be a shortfall of \$3,084. Pickman said he felt the city staff could find that much in the budget or Mr. Tromble might scrounge up additional donations to cover the gap.

"Option 3 is not a good solution," said Mayor Rick Billinger.

"Options 1 and 2 have a difference of \$45,000," said Commissioner John Garcia. "What does this mean





K-27 bridge project begins

Workers unloaded Ibeams for the new bridge on K-27, about eight miles south of Goodland, from a truck Monday next to the site of the old bridge. The project is to begin in March. Photo on Page 3.

Food, fun brings chamber members together

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News Behind the scenes, people are preparing for the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce's annual meeting and banquet at 6 p.m. Thursday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

The banquet will feature a talk by Jeanette Siemens, manager of the Pratt Chamber of Commerce for 15 years. Chamber Manager Courtney Warden said Siemens faced many of the same challenges Goodland's Chamber has been up against.

'We're very excited to have her," she said.

rison, with a chance for business After everyone is seated, Kizer said,

before dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. choir, will start their program.

Tickets were \$17.50 for Chamber members and \$20 for non-members. A table of eight were discounted to \$120 total, or \$15 a head. Dress for the evening will be business casual and the dinner will feature a Val-

"It's gonna be a fun night," said

At a meeting Tuesday, Chamber board members agreed on a tentative program that would feature the stylings of the Goodland High jazz band during social hour.

Board member Tremon Kizer, the The party starts in the student high school band director, said the union in the middle of the campus group will prepare about 40 minutes of the technical college, 1209 Har- of music to play until dinner time.

people and members to socialize the X-Pressos, the schools show

Chamber President Donna Swager said the board should approach a religious leader to say a prayer before they eat.

The meal will be roast beef with mashed potatoes and gravy, a choice of two vegetables, Jello salad, dessert and coffee or tea.

When the entertainment and meal are over, Warden said, they will hold the business meeting. Swager said, although it will be shortened, they will have a regular meeting and call for committee reports at the banauet.

Warden said the chairmen will give a brief explanation of their committees.

The banquet will feature installa-

Special city makeover planned

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News With some muscle and a lot of volvitalization committee believes they can give the town a makeover.

Ken Clouse, chairman of the committee, said meetings to promote a city-wide clean-up have been growing as more people express an interest in keeping up the town's appearance

"We do have people really interested in a cleanup," he said.

The group plans to get the whole unteers, the Goodland Area Chamber town involved in "trash days" Satof Commerce beautification and re- urday, April 9, and Saturday, April 19.

> He said the city is being asked to issue a proclamation for the event sometime in April.

Clouse said volunteers are needed to make the project work. They plan to split up the town, with some groups assigned to the north-south

roads and others tackling the eastwest streets.

We hope to have enough trucks and volunteers," he said. "We need to get enough enthusiasm to build some excitement around this.'

He said one weekend will be devoted to tree limbs and yard waste and another for construction and demolition debris. He said they might have to set up another date to

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to the overall project?

"You would see a reduction in what you would get for the money, "Pickman replied.

"Option 1 looks like the best to me," Garcia said.

"What I am wondering is, what the questions have been from the people who were asked to donate?" Commissioner Dean Blume asked Tromble.

"We have had a good response," Tromble said. "We got one check for

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tion of new board members and of- tier Equity Exchange, won the job

ficers, including the reinstallation of of vice-president; Dan Rasure of

Winners highlighted

Swager, Wheat Ridge Acres, as

board president. Brian Linin, Fron-

entine's Day theme. Warden. "We're excited."