

weather report

55°

noon Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 7:23 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:09 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 45 degrees

• Humidity 66 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds southeast 32-37 mph.

• Barometer 30.04 inches

and falling

• Record High today 92° (2002)

• Record Low today 20° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 60°

Low Wednesday 30°

Precipitation none

This month 1.38

Year to date 1.97

Normal 2.59

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, high around 66, low near 42, winds north 7-30 mph. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 69, low around 41, winds south 5-14 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 71, low around 42. Monday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms after 10 p.m., high around 74, low around 41. Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high around 60.

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* Readings recorded at midnight.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.82 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.96

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$1.80 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.84

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.52 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.46 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.64

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.80 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.80 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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Cowboys finish seventh

Goodland sophomore Nathan Linin takes a chip shot as he approaches the green of the fifth hole at the Sugar Hills Golf Club Tuesday. Story, photo on Page 12.

Women worried by rape report

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

An Atwood teen-ager reported a sexual assault by a man posing as a police officer last month, and women have been circulating an e-mail that advises them to keep going if they aren't sure it's a real officer.

Some of the details in the e-mail aren't accurate, said Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts, and the advice to keep going is wrong. While he understands why women would be concerned about being pulled over in a desolate area, Butts said, the incident should not be an excuse for people not to stop when police want them to pull over.

The e-mail from Bev Reiter, a dispatcher in Oberlin, says the phony officer was driving a white Chevy Caprice, but Butts said the Raw-

lins County undersheriff told him it was a Chevy Impala. It had a "Kojak light," Butts said, a small rotating light with a magnet that can be thrown on the top of the car or the dash.

"If anyone ever tries to get you to stop using this method," the e-mail says, "do not stop. Continue on to someplace with people around. Any real police officer is not going to have a problem with this."

That is not sound advice, Butts said. Whenever they see flashing lights of an emergency vehicle, he said, drivers need to pull over. Not doing so could cause an accident, he said, and if it is a legitimate law enforcement officer, when the car continues on, he will call in other officers, thinking it is a chase. Then, he said, the person probably would be pulled out of the car at gunpoint.

However, he said, there are ways to protect yourself, especially if you are afraid it's not a real officer.

Lock the doors, he said, and open the window just a crack to communicate with the officer. You can hand the officer your driver's license through the crack, Butts said, you can ask the officer for identification or you can turn on your emergency flashers and tell the officer you're not comfortable stopping there and ask him to follow you to a populated area.

Reiter sent the e-mail to advise women who are being pulled over to call 911 to ask if it's a real officer. Butts agrees. If you have a cell phone, he said, you can call dispatch and tell them who you are and where you are and ask if it's a real officer pulling you over. They will know if it is, he said.

Reiter said she heard about the event when her supervisor at dispatch talked about it. She's a foster parent with the St. Francis Academy in Colby and knows a lot of women with the organization who travel alone. She sent the e-mail to those women so they would be aware of the danger that can be out on the highway.

"Forewarned is forearmed," Reiter said.

The e-mail ended up being forwarded to many women and was sent to a reporter at *The Star-News* by Diana Heble, a national sales director with Mary Kay Cosmetics.

A 16-year-old Atwood girl reported a sexual assault by a man posing as a police officer, and the case is under investigation in

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Businessmen beat school staff, 70-69

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

One point was the difference between winning and losing as area business members beat staff and supporters of the Goodland schools in a basketball game last Thursday to raise money for the Goodland Music Boosters.

The second annual "Basketball Madness" at the Max Jones Fieldhouse helped the boosters raise about \$500 to help music students.

"That will definitely help us with some scholarships this May," said President Connie Grieve.

The team of teachers, coaches and other school staff played business people from town in a full-court game lasting four eight-minute quarters.

"The guys enjoyed themselves," Grieve said, "and no one got hurt."

The fun started at 5 p.m. with booster volunteers serving chicken noodle and vegetable soup and pork sandwiches before the game. The concession stand also featured home-made pies and cold drinks.

"That went quite well," Grieve said, adding it was a busy night, so the turnout wasn't a large as they hoped for.

The game started with the X-Pressos, the high school show choir, singing the national anthem a cappella.

The teams stood toe-to-toe for the tip-off and the game was under way. Although the business team won, 70 to 69, the school team put up a fight.

"I really enjoyed the competitiveness," Grieve said. "They play well together."

During the first-quarter break, Janet Redlin performed a skit and sang *On a Night Like This* by Trick Pony. The X-Pressos and Les Chantes, a high school women's choir, performed at half time. The high school band and the Grant Junior High eighth-grade band played throughout the game.

This year, Grieve said, the winners were awarded a real trophy. She said the boosters plans to have another match next year. She hopes to have a bigger turnout and maybe have the event on the school calendar.

"It's something for us to build on," she said.

Players for the school included Tremon Kizer, band teacher; Brent Flanders, a Goodland graduate and basketball coach for Brewster Schools; John Dautel, who referees



Janet Redlin (above) performed a skit with Cliff Leach singing *On a Night Like This* by Trick Pony. Curt Minner (right) scored for the Goodland Schools team at a basketball game fundraiser for the Goodland Music Boosters club last Thursday. Minner was assisted by team mate Travis Witman (in white) while businessmen Dwane Timm (left) and Danny Archer looked for a rebound.

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for high school games; Brian Bartels, biology teacher at the high school; Travis Witman, social studies teacher; Curt Minner, assistant coach for girls basketball; Jason Hickson, assistant football coach; Jon McLean, high school physical education and geography teacher and football and basketball coach; Andy Scheopner, physical education teacher for North and West Elementary and softball coach; Jeff McCall, former Goodland graduate and son of Al, former wrestling coach for the school; and coach Randy Berls, the vocal music teacher.

On the business team were Sid Unruh, Unruh

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Second round of citywide cleanup Saturday

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Get out your gloves, rev up your trucks and get ready for some serious spring cleaning this weekend as the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce holds its second citywide cleanup of the spring this Saturday.

This weekend's effort will focus on picking up metal trash and tree limbs.

Volunteers plan to meet at the Northwest Kansas Technical College at 8 a.m. to make final plans and choose routes for the clean up, then fan out over the city from 9 a.m. to noon.

The first cleanup on Saturday, April 2, brought in 17,260 pounds of construction debris, almost 4,840 pounds of metal, 4,580 pounds of furniture and trash and an estimate 15,000 pounds of tree limbs.

Ken Clouse, college president and chairman for the Chamber Beautification and Revitalization committee, said he hopes the last cleanup opened some people's eyes and prepared them for this weekend. "There's still plenty of trash out there," he said.

Anyone who can not move their junk can call Clouse at 899-3641, he

Landfill procedures reviewed

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Saturday is the second round of the citywide cleanup program, and Tuesday the Sherman County commissioners discussed how the first day went and what might be done better.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he asked to have the item on the agenda to make sure everyone understood what was going on, and to see if there were things that needed to be improved.

Curt Way, county public works manager, and Margaret Russell, transfer station supervisor, said they had misunderstood that the cleanup would go all day on Saturday. They thought it was only from 8 a.m. to noon.

Rasure said the idea was to allow people to bring material to the transfer station all that day at no charge to encourage more of the trash in the city to be hauled away.

One problem on the first cleanup day, he said, was

that Russell was the only person at the transfer station.

She said she had planned to have another person there, but they could not work. She had a man come out at 11 a.m. to help run the equipment and keep the piles pushed up.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he felt they needed an additional person to be out there, and volunteered to help on Saturday. Way said he planned to be out at the transfer station, too.

Phil Erickson, division manager of streets, alley and public grounds for the city, said one of the problems had been with unloading the furniture and mattresses.

"We didn't know they were going to pick up everything," Erickson said. "I was a little surprised when Ken Clouse, head of the beautification committee, told us that when we gathered at the college

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said, and volunteers will come do the heavy lifting.

City workers again will volunteer to man one truck, making a couple more available. The county pitched in with three men and one truck. Curt Way, public works director, said the crew will operate the truck

and have access to a front end loader, a tractor with a bucket on the front to lift heavy items.

All of the regular fees at the Sherman County Landfill have been waived by the county except for tires.

Along with the cleanup Saturday, the county will hold a household

hazardous waste collection from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Cherry Ave. across from Pizza Hut. They will take chemicals, oil based and latex paint, garden chemicals and similar items.

In the Can, the county's trash contractor, is donating trucks to the

project to help get items from town to the landfill. Alex's Radiator and Repair has volunteered a truck, too.

Like last time, volunteers will be split into teams of four or five and each team will be assigned a truck and they will follow to help pick up the junk.

After the cleanup, to thank volunteers for their help, the Beautification committee will hold a barbecue at Gulick Park from noon to 1 p.m.

"We will be having a lunch barbecue just say thank you for helping with this event," said Chamber Manager Courtney Warden.

She sent out an email Thursday asking for volunteers to help cleanup, too.

"I have heard several comments that two weeks ago everyone had a lot of fun," she said.

The final cleanup of the month is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, when organizers and volunteers will pick up trash along the highway entrances to town.

To volunteer to help with the next cleanup, call Clouse at 890-3641, Christie Rasure at 890-7149 or Arlo Hansen at 890-6692.

If you have tree limbs or metal that

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