

**weather
report**

40°

noon Monday

Today

• Sunset, 7:41 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:45 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:42 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 42 degrees

• Humidity 55 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds southwest 10 mph.

• Barometer 30.33 inches

and steady

• Record High today 93° (1949)

• Record Low today 26° (1954)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 50°

Low Sunday 28°

Precipitation none

This month none

Year to date 2.71

Normal 3.66

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, high around 59, low near 38, winds southwest 6-16 mph. Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high around 68, low around 44, winds south southwest 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday - Saturday: mostly sunny with a chance of showers.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings compiled at midnight

**local
markets**

Noon

Wheat — \$2.96 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.14

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$1.73 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.85

Loan deficiency pmt. — 10¢

Milo — \$1.45 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.40 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.68

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.50 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.50 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection — Ask

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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today**

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Tennis team takes second

Cody Engel hit a lob from the baseline during a doubles match against Garden City on Saturday at a tennis tournament in Colby. Engel and his teammate, Doug Eddleman, went 0-4 at No. 2 doubles. Photos on Page 12.

Bomb blast kills Goodland man

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Army officers caught Chuck Lutters, city public works manager, as he was heading to work Monday morning.

When he saw them, he recalled, he knew what was coming: his son Derrick had been killed in a bomb blast in Baghdad the day before.

"I saw the car coming down the street," Lutters said, "and when the two Army guys got out, I knew why they were here.



Lutters

"My heart sank when they said Derrick had been killed."

Derrick Lutters, who lived in Burlington, joined the Goodland National Guard unit out of high school. He volunteered to go to active duty last fall, and was sent to Iraq in January.

"The men said he had been inspecting underneath a bridge in Baghdad when the bomb went off," his dad said. "They said the bomb was triggered remotely. They told me a person would be out today to give me more

details and make arrangements.

"I had seen a report on the news that there was a bombing where one was killed and three wounded. I thought it was good there was just one killed.

"He had such a good nature and was always having fun. I talked to him on Saturday. I knew from his voice he was getting sort of nervous about what they were doing.

"He would never say exactly what they were doing or where he was. I was surprised to find he was in Baghdad. I thought he was in the southern part of the country."

The city staff was in shock Mon-

day after Lutters called to say he wouldn't be at work.

"You hear about the war and those killed," said City Manager Ron Pickman, "but it really stops you cold when it hits this close to home. I have told my people, and we are all as stunned as Chuck was.

"I guess it's sort of a waiting game now to find out the details and what happens next.

"Chuck told me, when the Army men told him, it was like being killed himself. He was so proud of Derrick. This is hard on him. Sure blows any good feeling on this Monday morning."

In September, friends had a farewell get-together for Lutters, Spec. Bryan Varney of Goodland and Sgt. Joe Buster of Downs, all preparing to report for an 18-month tour of active duty.

The three are members of Detachment 1, 170th Maintenance Company, of the Kansas National Guard in Goodland.

Spec. Lutters joined the Guard in January 1999. After graduating from Goodland High School that May, he attended both basic and advanced training at Fort Leonard

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Winter weather makes comeback

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Tiptoeing through the tulips was not an option Friday morning, not barefoot, anyway. The stretch of the flowers in Gulick Park was covered in snowy frost.

Goodland saw a trace of snow Wednesday, 0.1 of an inch Thursday and 0.3 of an inch Friday.

Moisture reached 0.35 of an inch Wednesday, 0.01 of an inch Thursday and 0.05 of an inch on Friday.

For the month, we had a total of 2.12 inches of rain, 0.61 of an inch above normal. Year to date, the rainfall totaled 2.71 inches, still 0.87 of an inch below normal.

Temperatures last week were low, with a slight climb to 52 degrees Saturday morning.

Thursday's high only reached 37, breaking a record for lowest high temperature for that date. The normal temperature 66 degrees.

Monday morning, record-breaking temperatures continued, with McCook, Neb., setting a new record low at 24 degrees. That marked the third coldest temperature ever recorded in McCook in May.

Jerry Killingsworth, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service here, said the weather pattern right now is funneling winds straight from northwest Canada

into the northern plains.

"This is very much a winter pattern," he said.

Friday, the high only reached 40 degrees and low was 30. Killingsworth said the normal high this time of year is 66 degrees.

"So we're a good almost 30 degrees below normal," he said.

The unusual pattern is setting up warmer-than-normal temperatures in Alaska, he said.

"It's not unprecedented," he said, adding that everyone from the Rocky Mountains to the Mississippi River is being affected.

Killingsworth said we should see warmer temperatures starting today.

"We're going to have a gradual warm-up," he said.

Temperatures are expected to reach near normal for Wednesday, he said, and even above normal, in the 70s, for Thursday and Friday.

Along with warmer days, he said, the weather service is forecasting a chance of isolated thunderstorms for today through Thursday. He said they expect a better chance of thunderstorms on Friday and Saturday, but it's too early to be certain.

Today, Killingsworth said, the high is expected to be in the upper 50s with partly cloudy skies and a south wind.



Tulips in Gulick Park, at the corner of 8th and Caldwell, were covered in snow Friday morning. Cars, mailboxes and the ground had a dusting early in the morning.

Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News

Sheriff buys dishwasher for Bastille

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Doing dishes is not in the job description for the county sheriff, but having a dishwasher may save some money, Sherman County commissioners heard Friday.

Sheriff Kevin Butts was at the meeting to ask permission to purchase a dishwasher for about \$500. He said wants to replace the foam cups and bowls used at the jail with reusable plastic.

"We are spending about \$550 a month for cups," Butts said. "With an average of 15 inmates, we go through 1,000 cups in 17 days."

He plans to replace the cups and bowls with plastic that costs about \$17 per case, and use the dishwasher to reduce the costs.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked who would be doing the dishes?

Butts said it would be the jail staff. He said there is a sink where the dishwasher can be installed.

"This would pay for itself in a year," Thomas said.

Another cost for inmate care is the meals, and Butts said they are going to Wal-Mart now sometimes twice a week to buy the food at a cost of about \$400 a month.

"Wal-Mart doesn't give us any discounts," he said, "and if they are out of something we need, there is nothing we can do. We have an upright freezer that former Sheriff



For Veronica Morris, 4, the 2005 KLOE Home and Garden Show Saturday was all about the balloons. She took a seat in a little rocking chair at the Grinnell Furniture booth.

Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News

Home, Garden Show pulls weekend crowd

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Whether you were shopping for the home or garden this weekend, the 2005 KLOE Home and Garden Show had something for everyone.

The booths were as diverse as the people stopping by, with a photography studio, a neighborhood watch booth and even Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman County.

The parking lot at the Max Jones Fieldhouse was full of cars of visitors hailing from all over, including many from Colorado and Nebraska.

Marty Melia, show organizer and station owner, said Saturday morning was a busy time. He said it looked like the show was a success.

People stopping by the door could register for a wheelbarrow full of prizes and several booths had giveaways.

The carpentry department of the Northwest Kansas Technical College gave away a miter saw, Nature's Sparkle gave a gift certificate and the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce had bottles of water and Christmas ornaments.

Rasure's Do It Center, a co-sponsor for the show, took up an entire side of the gym, seven booths, with a home display. From lawn mowers and garden tools to screen doors and closet organizers, the section offered items for home or garden.

A section set up on the north side of the gym featured yard-art displays. A water wheel entered by Dean Schemm of Wallace won first place in the adult section of the contest.

The display featured a bird feeder shaped like a Cheshire cat, a wooden garden welcome sign, a garden gazing ball holder and more.

The Just Ponds and More booth had a sign-up sheet to go on a pond tour.

Sears in Colby brought refrigerators, lawn mowers and a dishwasher. The store also displayed an indoor stove that burns corn instead of wood.

Hand-made wooden boxes lined the floor behind the Joes Boxes and Benches booth. The boxes, made for planting indoor and outdoor vegetation, came plain or hand-painted.

Goodell Greenhouse and Floral of St. Francis brought in live plants, including blooming flowers and a sculpted tree.

Implement dealers Goodland Greenline and Witzel and Rhea were on hand with lawn mowers and other equipment.

Visitors could get their cable hooked up through S & T Communications or Eagle Cable.

Other booths included Reliv supplement drinks sold by Jane Keck, Oakley Redi Mix and Machine, Bird's Alternatives, Video Kingdom, New York Life, Electrolux, Cal Spas, Nancy Dietz Interiors, Herl Chevrolet/Buick, Creative Curbing, Grinnell Furniture, The Goodland Star-News, the Shade Tree Commission, Victorian House, Grand Crown Travel of Branson, Mo., Mobile Connections, Discount Siding, the Carefree Gardener, FotoGirl Photography and area Master Gardeners.

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