

## weather report

88°

noon Thursday

Today

•Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

Saturday

•Sunrise, 5:33 a.m.

•Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

### Middy Conditions

- Soil temperature 82 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south 10-20 mph.
- Barometer 30.05 inches and falling

- Record High today 106° (1925)
- Record Low today 52° (1990)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	94°
Low Wednesday	61°
Precipitation	none
This month	.44
Year to date	8.72
Normal	11.85

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny, high around 95, low near 63, winds south 7-10 mph. Saturday: Mostly sunny and hot, high near 97, low around 66, winds south 9-30 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, high around 96, low around 62. Monday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high near 91, low near 63. (National Weather Service)

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\* Readings compiled at midnight.

## Annex request gets OK

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners were quick to give their approval Tuesday to the request to allow Goodland to annex 90 acres north of Caruso.

Interim City Manager Tom Armour presented the city resolution, along with City Commissioner Josh Dechant and John Golden, president of Kemp Sugar Co., who owns the land.

The tract is where plans are being made to build a coal-fired power plant, an ethanol plant and a biodiesel plant. Local investors have put together a joint effort to bring two plants from Minnesota and build a biodiesel plant to be able to sell power to the city.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he saw no reason for the county to object to the annexation and made a motion to approve the request. Commissioner Chuck Thomas said it was a good move for both the county and the city as he seconded the motion.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede made it unanimous and said he was pleased to see the local people involved in the development project planned for the property.

"We are not giving anything away," Rasure said

"We are fortunate to have people with a vision of the future," Golden said. "It goes back to the vision of the people who purchased the city power plant back in 1936. We hope to do more in the future."

Ron Pickman, former city manager, who is heading up the power plant program, arrived after the decision had been made, and thanked the commissioners for their quick action.

With the county approval, the next step will be Monday when the city commission will be asked to approve an ordinance making the annexation official.

Pickman said once the annexation is final, the projects can begin in earnest. It is expected to take a year

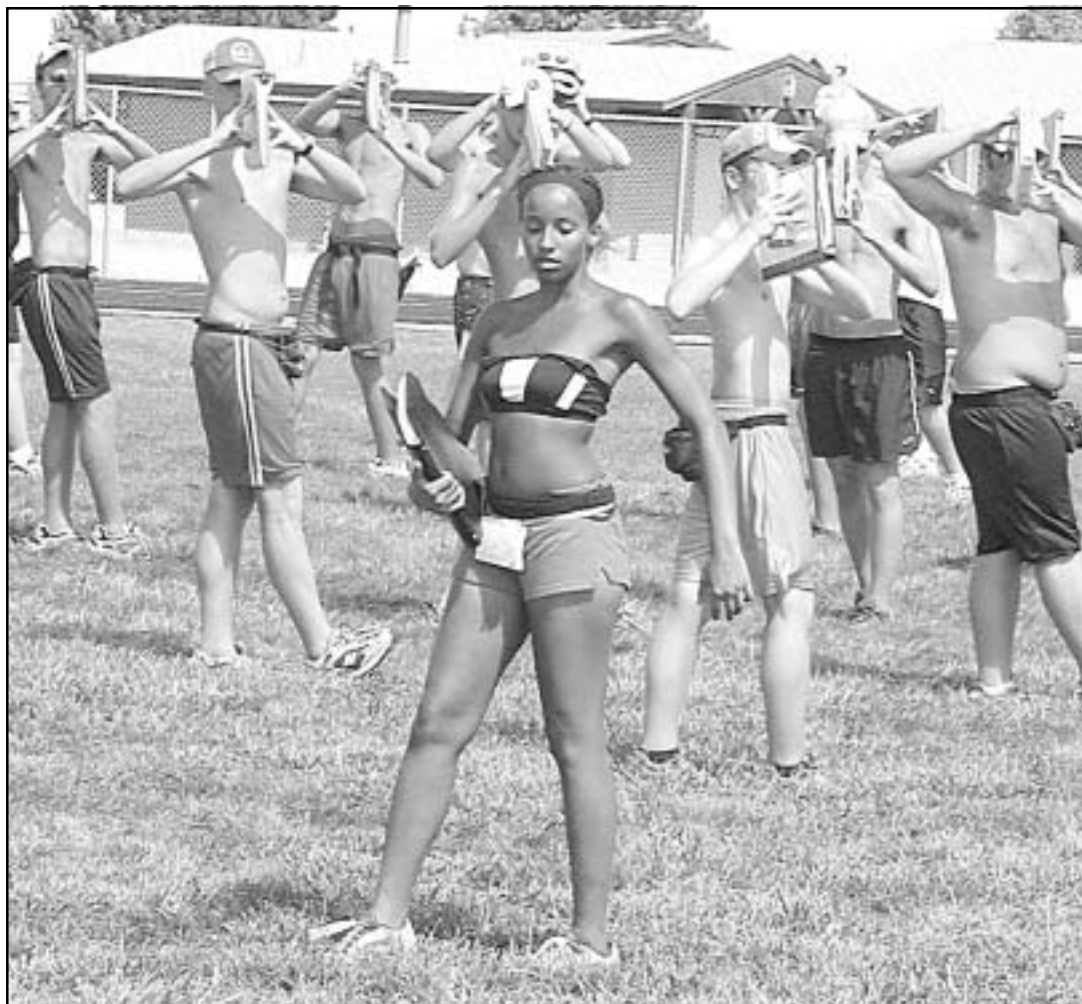
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## Crossmen brave heat to practice

Members of the Crossmen Drum and Bugle Corps braved the heat to practice a new routine at the Goodland High School track Wednesday. The group spent all day practicing and then settled into the Max Jones Fieldhouse overnight. The Crossmen were scheduled to perform for the town at 9 p.m. Thursday in the Cowboy stadium.

Photos by Kathryn Burke  
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## Kemp Sugar annexation to be approved Monday

The next step in the annexation process for the 90 acres north Caruso will be adoption Monday of an ordinance accepting the land.

That was made possible when Sherman County commissioners approved the move at their meeting Tuesday.

The land is where Goodland Energy Resources plans to locate a coal-fired power plant and an ethanol plant. Both plants have been purchased from Minnesota and are to be shipped to Sherman County. The biodiesel plant will be built nearby to give the three plants the ability to share resources.

## Adronics grand opening on Tuesday

The doors to Goodland's new antenna plant will be open to the public at 11 a.m. Tuesday for tours of the facility.

Troy Robinson, a co-vice president of Adronics/Elrob Manufacturing Corp., said the open house is an invitation for everyone in Goodland to check out the plant.

He said they will be feeding about 400 people, on a first come, first serve basis.

Robinson said the city requested the open house to perform a ribbon cutting and let people see the building.

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Other items on the agenda are:

- Selection of colors for the entrance signs at the corner of Cherry

Avenue and Business U.S. 24, and an update on the progress on Pioneer Park.

- The 2004 audit report.
- Residential solid waste rates at 224 E. 16th. Owner Bob Brown

asked the city to reduce the rate because there are no longer any apartments being rented. City commissioners were to look at the situation and talk about a way to determine how to handle such cases.

• An ordinance raising the mill levy for the Goodland Public Library. City Clerk Mary Volk said the new budget request from the library will raise the property tax rate from 4.65 mills this year to 4.8 mills next year.

• Adoption of the Standard Traffic and Uniform Public Offense

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## Goodland country singer featured in magazine

Andra Townsend made the Monday, July 4, edition of *Country Weekly* magazine with a mention in the "Scene and Heard" section about her new single, "Hidden Heroes," from the album "Andra."

Townsend, the daughter of Alan and Lynda Townsend of Goodland, has a sister Christa Smith, Texas, and a brother Ross Townsend. She graduated from high school here in 2001.

Columnist Larry Holden said the song was written by Townsend and Eddie Kilgallon, founding keyboardist of the band Ricochet, co-writer of George Strait's song "One Night at a Time," and now key-

boardist in Montgomery Gentry's road band.

"I heard a powerful and touching song the other day," Holden wrote, adding Townsend and Kilgallon drew on family experiences to write the song.

Townsend's brother-in-law, Doug, is an Air Force major.

Townsend sang the song at the funeral of Army Sgt. Derrick Luters, who was killed on duty in Iraq.

The single and the album are available at [www.andracountry.com](http://www.andracountry.com). A portion of the proceeds from the single goes to charities supporting military families.



Townsend

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## Store moves up to Main

Daniel Ordoñez showed a cowboy hat to a couple of customers in the new El Dorado store at 1101 Main. Story, photos on Page 3.

## National Guard birthday tour plans stop at armory Sunday

Goodland will be the first stop in a "Whistle Stop Caravan" Sunday afternoon to celebrate the Kansas National Guard's 150th birthday.

The Kansas National Guard began as the Kansas Territorial Militia on Aug. 30, 1855. To help celebrate the occasion, a giant birthday card will be circulated to gather signatures throughout the state. Goodland will be the first stop at 2 p.m. on Sunday at the armory on Armory Road, just south of the airport.

The caravan is part of the year-long celebration commemorating 150 years of service to the state and its citizens, the Guard says. The birthday program includes a traveling museum and a special "Humvee" used by the Kansas Army National Guard's Recruiting and Retention Command.

Items in the traveling display include a jeep from

the 1950s and a Civil War cannon. The museum will have photos, uniforms, documents, weapons and other pieces of equipment representing the different periods of history of the Kansas National Guard.

The caravan will be in town for about an hour at each stop. The Guard's goal is to visit each community in Kansas that has an armory, getting as many signatures on the card as possible so it can be displayed at the big celebration on Saturday, Aug. 27, in Topeka.

Lt. Col. Doug Jacobs, chief work force supervisor of the Kansas National Guard's Joint Forces Headquarters, will speak on the tour.

Goodland is home to Detachment 1 of the 170th Maintenance Company, which is headquartered in

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