

weather report

90°



noon Monday

Today

- Sunset, 7:52 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 5:54 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:51 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 77 degrees
- Humidity 30 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southeast 10 mph.
- Barometer 30.08 inches and steady

- Record High today 108° (1937)
- Record Low today 53° (1965)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	93°
Low Sunday	62°
Precipitation	None
This month	Trace
Year to date	9.75
Normal	14.57

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2 a.m., high near 94, low near 65, winds south 5-11 mph. Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high around 96, low around 64, winds south southeast 10-13 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy and hot, high near 97, low around 65. Friday: Partly cloudy, high around 95, low near 63. Saturday: Partly cloudy with chance of showers.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings compiled at midnight.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.97 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.98
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Corn — \$1.94 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.88
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 11¢
 - Milo — \$1.51 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.79 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$6.05
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Millet — \$5 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$9.70 cwt.
 - NuSun — \$10.70 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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Women's tourney here

Peggy Roarke hit the ball uphill Friday in the Tee-Fore-Two Golf Tournament at the Sugar Hills Golf Club. Sixty-two women came out for the three-day tournament. Story, photos on Page 12.

Troopers in Bird City standoff

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

A standoff continued Monday afternoon at the Country Trader Gun and Pawn Shop south of Bird City, with state troopers and sheriff's deputies blocking the area and waiting for reinforcements.

Kansas Highway Patrol officers reportedly tried to stop Vertie Earl Bolyard, owner of the gun shop, in Bird City about 8:30 a.m.

They said Bolyard was wanted on a felony warrant.

Officers said the man took off in a white Chevy pickup and a trooper followed him.

Shortly after 9 a.m., there was a report that Bolyard was headed back to his home, where the gun and pawnshop are located.

The trooper asked the Sherman County sheriff's office for assistance about 8:50 a.m., and a deputy was sent to block Sherman County Road 28 at the county line.

The house is about four miles north of the county line and nine miles south of U.S. on the main Bird City-Edson road, known as Road 28 in Sherman County.

It is nine miles east of K-27. Sherman County Sheriff Kevin

Butts and another deputy headed to the scene.

They returned to Sherman County about noon.

Troopers at the scene asked for the Highway Patrol's Special Response Team, and the squad was being organized and officers were to be on the scene by mid-afternoon.

Some had to be flown in; others were coming by road.

Troopers and sheriff's deputies blocked the roads around the house and were watching through binoculars.

Bolyard was reportedly seen

moving around in the yard, but there were no reports of whether he was armed.

Officers were told to keep their distance because Bolyard reportedly has a 50-caliber gun.

A Cheyenne County deputy, Mark Davidson, said they were blocking the area and waiting for the arrival of the special response team before any decision is made about what to do.

At the courthouse in St. Francis, officials said there was a warrant for Bolyard, but it wouldn't be in the public file until it is served.

That is standard procedure.

About noon it was reported Bolyard's phone had been turned off, and his daughter Cindie Yarger of Goodland, had been turned back at the roadblock.

There was a question about the whereabouts of his estranged wife, Rose, and son Clyde, 12, but it was confirmed later that they were safe.

She works at the Bird City Post Office.

Bolyard's gun shop, north of his house, is stocked with rifles, shotguns and pistols of every size and caliber, plus ammunition for most of the guns.

Patriotic project



Matt Rohr (right) unfurled the American Flag with the help of his father Tom on Thursday afternoon at the new entrance to downtown Goodland at Cherry Ave. and Business U.S. 24. Rohr welded, painted and set the flag pole behind one of the entrance planters for his Eagle Scout project. The eagle atop the pole was added Thursday, too. Photo by Mona Carver/The Goodland Star-News

Citizens question complex

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

A Sherman County couple voiced objections at a city commission meeting last Monday to the speed plans for a coal-fired power plant and an ethanol plant four miles west of town are moving along.

David and Denise Floyd, who live about a mile from the sunflower oil plant at Caruso, said questioned whether the plants will be all good for the area and its economy.

David Floyd is a meteorologist for the National Weather Service. He and his wife are from Wisconsin.

"I moved to Goodland three and a half years ago," David Floyd said, "and if you ask any of the local merchants in town, they can attest that I am a big supporter of the Goodland economy."

"I fully support economic growth in Goodland. But right now I am frustrated and rather angry about the type of business the investors in the Goodland Energy Center have chosen to bring to Goodland."

"I will be up front about one thing, I live a mile from the sunflower plant, and to be blunt, I don't want this noisy, smelly and dirty complex anywhere near me, and I think the

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Power plant officials explore water options

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The new coal-fired power plant west of town will need water, and company officials approached the City Commission last Monday about a partnership with the city to use the water from the city waste water treatment plant.

Ron Pickman, head of the power plant operation and former city manager, said the firm would like to pipe the "grey water" which is now

pumped into a lagoon north of town to the power plant four miles west of the city.

"We are proposing to build about eight miles of pipe to take the effluent to our site," Pickman said. "We would be responsible for all the permits and the cost of transportation of the water."

"We need the water, and it would save the city some cost. We are not asking for a decision, but want to know if you think it is feasible. With

your permission, we will develop a proposal and bring it back at a future meeting for your review."

Pickman said they have \$750,000 to \$1 million to build the pipeline and the one or two pump stations it will take to get the water to the power plant.

One request, he said, is to allow the pipeline to use the city's right-of-way along K-27 and Eighth Street. He said the county would be asked about the use of the right-of-

way along the county road out to the power plant.

The pipeline will require power to be purchased from the city, and Pickman said they would need a power line out to the site.

"We will have our own wastewater treatment plant," he said. "We will have our own water treatment plant. The plant will take everything coming out of the city wastewater treatment plant."

"We will filter and treat the efflu-

ent and reuse the water in the power plant. We have to clean it almost to the point of being drinking water to use in the power plant. We will use the water over and over until it is used up."

Turning to David and Denise Floyd — citizens who live out near Caruso and who spoke earlier in the meeting with questions about the plant development — Pickman said

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New manager has industry experience

By Tom Betz

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Goodland's new city manager has had experience with large-scale development and the challenges that brings to a city.

Wayne Hill, 56, will begin his first day at the city manager on Monday. He was hired by the city commission on Aug. 1 after a two-month search, to replace Ron Pickman.

The former city manager retired in May, but now heads the Goodland Energy Resources effort to build a coal-fired power plant west of town.

Hill was city manager of Guymon, Okla., for 13 years and helped recruit the Seaboard pork processing plant built there.

Hill was the city manager when Seaboard built the plant there in 1995, and since then, population has increased from 7,200 to about

11,000.

"When we recruited Seaboard, we knew it would take two years before the plant would open," he said. "We got our act together. We looked at our subdivision ordinance. We knew we were going to grow."

"Swift (another meatpacker) had closed, and Guymon was not going anywhere."

"We looked at a series of things and did a study. We got the schools and hospital involved, plus all the law enforcement, to see what we were going to have to do."

"They were going to hire 1,200 people. Today they have about 2,400. We had to do our homework two years in advance to look at all the impacts we were going to face. We knew this type of plant brought

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Catch a sheep



One young cowboy bit the dust while running after sheep at the Howdy Rowdy Rodeo on Thursday at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. Participants scrambled to capture a ribbon from the tail of one of the sheep let loose in the pen. Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News