

weather report

60°



noon Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 6:00 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 7:04 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:58 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 53 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky Sunny
- Winds Northwest at 10 mph
- Barometer 30.05 inches and rising
- Record High today 90° (1921)
- Record Low today 18° (1976)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 57°
- Low Wednesday 36°
- Precipitation .01
- This month 2.41
- Year to date 15.26

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, highs in the 60s, lows in the 40s. north winds at 10 to 20 mph, 20 percent chance of rain after midnight.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, highs in the 60s, lows in the 40s. Sunday: Mostly clear, highs in the 50s and lows in the 20s. Monday: Partly cloudy, high in the 60s and lows in the 30s. Tuesday: Partly cloudy, highs in the 60s and lows in the 30s. Wednesday: Mostly sunny and highs in the mid 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.30 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.31
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Corn — \$1.79 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.53
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 41c
- Milo — \$1.50 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.82 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.14
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Millet — \$6.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$9.25 cwt.
- NuSun Crop — \$9.50
- Confection — Call
- Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Cowboys face Panthers

Cowboy Bobby Miller followed his blockers for a good gain during the game against Clay Center last Friday, but the Cowboys lost the game. Tonight the Cowboys face the Panthers in Concordia for the second district game. See story, photo on Page 9a.

Santa's sleigh to start in Goodland

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Halloween is right around the corner, and peaking over the witches' caldron are Santa's elves getting ready to fill his sleigh with all kinds of holiday presents and events.

To help bring people to Goodland for their holiday shopping, the Sherman County Economic Development Council agreed Tuesday to provide \$3,450 to pay for promotion for the Christmas season.

Chairman John Garcia had asked representatives from groups that have been involved in holiday promotion to come to the meeting and develop a strategy to promote Goodland. He said the council was stepping forward because the Goodland Chamber of Commerce was not in financial shape to lead the efforts.

"We want to make sure this is a good holiday shopping season for our businesses," Garcia said, "and we want to help get the promotional plans started to make it successful."

Kay Younger, the council's office manager, handed out a list of things that needed to be decided for the Christmas programs.

The top of the list had the target date of Saturday, Nov. 19, for the kickoff. Garcia said that date was selected because of the craft fairs scheduled for Max Jones Fieldhouse and at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

Everyone agreed that was a good time to kick off the holiday promotion, and Santa's arrival and Christmas parade should be that afternoon.

The parade was held after dark last year because the Chamber wanted to encourage

people to enter lighted floats. Kathy Melia from the Goodland Ambassadors and Debbie Reed from the Chamber said it might be better to do it a bit earlier this time.

With the craft shows closing down about 4 p.m., someone suggested that would be a good time to encourage people to come downtown.

Garcia asked Reed if she would help organize the parade, and she agreed to be the contact person. Curtis Duncan, a personality and newsmen for KLOE radio, suggested contacting the ministerial alliance to get the churches involved. Those interested in participating in the parade can contact Reed at Hayden Inc. real estate office, 1401 Main or by phone at 890-6231.

The question of a holiday theme was

brought up, and Marty Melia, owner of KLOE/KKCI/KWGB, said the theme last year was "a hometown holiday." Duncan had several suggestions "Goodland, good Christmas," "Candy Lane Christmas in Goodland," or "Crossroads Christmas in Goodland."

The group decided to let the media representatives from *The Goodland Star-News*, the radio stations and S & T Telephone get together to work out the promotion details and come up with a theme.

At a meeting Wednesday afternoon, the media people settled on the theme "Santa's sleigh starts in Goodland."

Kathy Melia said the Ambassadors would help with the Santa visit and handle the re-

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Storm closures reviewed

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

An early winter storm dumped up to 17 inches of snow in Colorado on Oct. 10, closing I-70 and some secondary roads in Colorado.

When motels in Burlington filled up with stranded travelers, Colorado officials asked that the freeway be closed at Goodland. When Goodland hotels filled up, the closure was backed up to Colby.

And that meant, as a practical matter, that people with business in Sherman County couldn't get here, even though the roads in Kansas were fine.

Sherman County Commissioners spent some time Tuesday talking to Sheriff Kevin Butts and Public Works Director Curt Way about the county policy for closing county roads and helping the state when major highways are closed because of weather conditions.

During the storm, the Kansas Department of Transportation and Highway Patrol were asked to close I-70 here, and as the day wore on, the closure was extended to Colby.

Problems surfaced when the Highway Patrol asked the county to close County Road 64, old U.S. 24,

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Sunflower harvest keeps plant busy



Fall harvest is in full swing and the trucks have been lining up to deliver sunflower seeds to the ADM-Northern Sun plant at Caruso, west of Goodland. The line has been steady this week.

Monday afternoon, 18 trucks were waiting north of the plant and five more trucks were in the plant area dumping their loads.

Photo by Erica Harlan/The Goodland Star-News

Central parents want crossing light moved

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Parents and teachers at Central School want the city to move the pedestrian light from in front of the building to 13th Street, but city officials say it's not that simple.

The state would have to OK the change, said City Manager Wayne Hill at the meeting Monday, and the

intersection would require signals for all four directions at a cost of several thousand dollars.

Hill said he had been approached by members of the Central School Improvement Team to see if the city could move the crosswalk and light from the middle of the block north to the 13th Street intersection. Hill said had talked to Darin Neufeld of

Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, the engineering firm which works with the city, about the possibility, since that intersection will be rebuilt in the next year.

"We found it is more complicated than first thought," Hill said. "It will have to be approved by the state, and we cannot put the existing light at the corner."

"We can put up some additional crossing signs at the intersection. One issue that Neufeld is researching is having to put lights on all four directions."

Neufeld said he has talked with the state about stop lights at the intersection, and will have more de-

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Italian supper a hit for council



Juli Shelley, a member of the Goodland Arts Council board, helped cook an Italian dinner Saturday for the council's fund raiser, "A Mediterranean Evening." The event, which included dinner, music, a humorous speaker and a silent auction, exceeded the board's goals, said Tina Goodwin, director of the Carnegie Arts Center, and about 120 people were served.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Pioneer park completed; city ready to erect gazebo

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The city's new entrance on Cherry — Pioneer Park — is nearly complete, as the contractor completed his work last week and the city accepted it on Wednesday.

City Manager Wayne Hill and Darin Neufeld of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, the engineering firm for the project, told city commissioners Dave Daniels, Annette Fairbanks and John Garcia at a meeting on Monday that Mike Miller of Miller Construction has completed his part of the project, and the city staff had examined the work to see it met the specifications.

Neufeld said Miller had replaced a couple of sections of concrete that did not meet the specifications, but that the contractor and his crew had worked well with the city throughout the project.

The city will erect a gazebo purchased by the Goodland Kiwanis Club over two years ago.

Hill said the club has decided to allow the city to put up the gazebo, and sent the city a check for \$5,000 to pay for the labor. He said the club paid about \$5,000 for the shelter, which has been in storage waiting for the park to be done.

Neufeld said it will be up to Rich Simon, head of the parks and water department, to determine when the gazebo can be erected.

Hill said inspectors from the state Department of Transportation planned to be in town Wednesday morning to look at the project and inspect the intersection with Cherry Ave. and Business U.S. 24, where a widening project is planned.

"I hope many of you can be there at 10:30

a.m. to meet with the state people to show our interest in their help for these projects," Hill said.

After the inspection team looks at the city projects, they were to go to Caruso at 11:15 a.m. to look at a section of County Road 14.

The county has applied for a \$2 million state economic development grant to rebuild the road because of the heavy truck traffic.

The commissioners approved a contract for engineering services for the project on Business U.S. 24, which will build turn lanes at the Cherry Ave. intersection.

Neufeld said the state told the city several weeks ago there was \$300,000 available to build the turn lanes, which were part of the original plans, but had been cut because of a shortage of money.

He told the commissioners the total project would cost \$398,000 with the city paying 25 percent (about \$98,000).

The total project includes the cost of design and construction engineering, which Neufeld said should be a maximum of \$32,733. This is different than other highway projects because the engineering is usually part of the cost of the city or county, and is not reimbursed by the state.

Daniels asked when the project could begin, and Neufeld said the best would be to have the bids let in July 2007 with construction to begin in the spring of 2008.

"This is set up for a January 2008 bid letting," Neufeld said, "but we had a go-ahead from the state about nine weeks ago, and the survey work has been done. We will try to get it moved up to July 2007 for the bids, but this is money in the 2008 budget."