

weather report

56°

noon Monday



Today

- Sunset, 4:32 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:32 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:32 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 29 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds south at 12 mph
- Barometer 29.75 inches and falling
- Record High today 79° (1963)
- Record Low today 5° (1955)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	49°
Low Sunday	26°
Precipitation	—
This month	.04
Year to date	15.50

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high 37, low 14, north wind between 30 and 40 mph with gusts as high as 65.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high 49, low 24, west wind around 24 mph. Thursday: partly cloudy and breezy, high 52, low 24. Friday: high 60, low 25. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high 57, low 27. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.33 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.26
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Corn — \$1.79 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.56
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 38c
- Milo — \$1.47 bushel
- Soybeans — \$5.17 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.09
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Millet — \$5.75 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$7 cwt.
- NuSun crop — \$8
- 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.)

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Team wins tournament

Senior Mark Starr of SFD waited for a pitch during Friday's wiffle ball championship game against Off-in-da-Closet in Max Jones Fieldhouse. See photos, story on Page 8a.



Veterans of Foreign Wars color guard member Dan Cullens (far left photo), held his gun at present arms as Bud Luckert posted the American flag at the Veterans Day service Friday. Dick Liess (above) talked with Jillian Parker, Jena McCall, Aaron Duell and Michael Smith before the ceremony. Winners of the Patriot Pen (left) were Kaitlyn Lammers, Alexandra Borders and Dane Frazier.

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Town salutes those who served, died for country

By Tom Betz
 The Goodland Star-News

War produces veterans who know what it costs to be an American, a Korean War soldier told the crowd at Goodland's Veterans Day service on Friday morning.

More than 100 people attended the service at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, held each year at 11 a.m. on Nov. 11 in memory of those who serve and have died for the country since the end of World War I.

Bill Bennett, a retired teacher and Korean veteran from Colby, asked the veterans in the audience to stand

and be recognized by the war they served in. There were no World War I veterans, as there is believed to be only one left in the entire state.

When Bennett asked for those from World War II, about 20 veterans stood. There were 10 for Korea, six for Vietnam and two from the Gulf War and Iraq.

"We always have sadness when we come back from war," he said. "I remember the funeral in May for Derrick Lutters, and was struck by the smile he had in the photo of him in his full gear and helmet."

"War produced veterans, and we

will have casualties. The drums of war have beaten for a long, long time.

"We have to continue to care about preserving the U.S. or it will diminish."

Bennett talked about the first American soldier, George Washington, and how he became "the indispensable man" as he was called by the Continental Congress to recruit, train and lead the American army. Through their sacrifices, he said, they gave birth to the nation we have today.

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City may consolidate recreation programs

By Tom Betz
 The Goodland Star-News

Details have to be worked out, but the Goodland City Commission has given the city manager approval to work with the Goodland Activity Center to consolidate recreation programs.

Rich Simon, superintendent of public works, told the commission the idea of consolidating the recreation program surfaced after Jason Hickson resigned as city-county recreation director, saying he planned to move to WaKeeney in December.

Simon said he and City Manager Wayne Hill had discussed the idea and decided to approach the activity center board.

Steve Jimenez, director of the center, told the commissioners last Monday, Nov. 7, that the center

board was interested in taking over the adult recreation programs being done by city-county recreation.

"I think the timing is right," Jimenez said. "There are a lot of details to be worked out."

"Our specialty is running programs. We run a number of programs now and have up to 200 kids in one program."

Jimenez said running the programs would be up to the activity center, but maintenance of fields and facilities still would be up to the city.

"We would do the field set up as part of our program," he said. "Running operations, and everything that goes along with that, such as registrations, recruiting teams and dealing with parents, would be the activity center's responsibility...."

"Equipment being used to run the programs would be used by the ac-

tivity center, and future equipment would be paid for by the activity center. Eventually, all the equipment would be owned by the activity center."

Jimenez asked about the vehicles being used by the recreation department. He said the center would like to have use of the pickup that Hickson has been using and a tractor at the ball fields. He said the agency does not have any vehicles. The activity center would buy fuel, Jimenez said, but would ask the city to help maintain the vehicles.

"We have insurance to cover activities that are not at our center," he said, "but we would ask the city to help with the increase in insurance costs from increased participation. On staffing, we ask for money to bring those into line with the current recreation position. We need to add

a part time employee to assist, and take over running the concessions.

"We are a non-profit organization. All we do goes to our staff, our buildings and to help benefit the kids. This would stabilize us...."

Commissioners were receptive.

"This is great if we can get the details worked out," said Commissioner Annette Fairbanks.

"Since Jason has turned in his resignation, it might help the city out with some costs and help the center," said Simon. "Jason is going on to bigger things in WaKeeney."

"There is a contract on concessions, and we would have to notify them by Dec. 1, which is 180 days before the contract comes up."

"I think we are duplicating things and feel we can save some money," said Mayor Rick Billinger.

Simon said he had gone to the

county commission meeting on Oct. 31 to tell them what the proposal is, and had talked to the people on the city-county recreation board.

One of the unanswered questions is what happens to the board. Hill said it is possible the board will have to remain in place because of the property tax levy the county collects for recreation.

"We are not closing," Jimenez said of rumors about problems at the activity center. "Things are tight, but we are doing good, and this would be a good thing for both the city and us. I think we are in a good situation, and are a stable business."

"This is something we should pursue," Commissioner Dave Daniels said. "We need to get something back from Wayne (Hill) about

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'Christmas on Us' ticket giveaway begins Friday

There will be \$400 hidden in *The Goodland Star-News* next Tuesday, and people with the right numbers can win part of it.

Be sure to collect your tickets at participating merchants beginning on Friday and you may be one of those who find your number hidden in the "Christmas on Us" ads inside the Tuesday paper.

The holiday season is gearing up in Sherman County, and so is Goodland merchants' eighth annual "Christmas on Us" promotion, which will spread a total of \$2,500 around to 12 lucky shoppers over the next month. Friday will be the first day to collect tickets for all the prizes.

The Christmas season kicks off at 4 p.m. on Saturday with the arrival of Santa Claus in a parade down Main Avenue to the Aten's building. There are two craft fairs that day, Nu Phi Mu at Max Jones Fieldhouse

and We Did It at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

"Santa's sleigh starts in Goodland" is the theme for the holiday shopping season.

Melvin Rall, 1607 Broadway, won the Christmas on Us \$1,500 grand prize last year. Sandy Smith of Goodland won the \$500 first prize.

The contest starts Friday, with businesses handing out tickets to customers, and will end on Saturday, Dec. 17, when the grand prize of \$1,500 and second prize of \$500 will be given away downtown.

Shoppers will have plenty of chances to win smaller \$50 "instant prizes" along the way.

Participating businesses will hand out one ticket for every \$10 a customer spends, with a limit of 250 tickets per transaction. If you ask at the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce at 1208 Main and *The*

Star-News office, we'll give you one free ticket each week. No purchase is required to win.

The customer takes one half of each ticket and the other half is dropped into gift-wrapped collection boxes, which are emptied once a week into a large barrel. *The Star-News* staff will pick tickets each week and hide the winning numbers in "Christmas on Us" advertisements, which will run every Tuesday.

Winners have four days, until 5 p.m. each Friday, to bring their tickets to *The Star-News* office, 1205 Main, and collect \$50 in scrip, which can be spent at participating businesses.

Ten \$50 instant prizes will be given out over four weeks, for a total of \$500. Eight winning numbers will appear in ads on the first Tuesday, which means eight shoppers have a chance to win up to \$400 in

the first week. Numbers will appear on Tuesday, Nov. 29, Dec. 6 and Dec. 13.

All of the \$50 instant winners will be given out during the month.

It's simple enough, but there are a few rules.

- You must be 18 to participate.
- Employees of participating businesses are not eligible at their workplace, but can collect tickets from other sponsors. *Star-News* employees and their immediate family are not eligible.
- All prizes will be awarded in scrip, which can be spent only at participating businesses.
- The last day to collect tickets is Friday, Dec. 16.
- Winners must be present at the grand prize drawing and be able to show their winning ticket.
- All winners agree to have their name and photo published in the

Star-News. Winners of major prizes must provide their tax identification number, and agree to be interviewed and photographed for publication in the newspaper.

• Be sure to remind the clerk if you're not offered tickets. If that happens, you get one extra ticket. Participating businesses are Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliance, Radio Shack, NAPA Auto Parts, Elliott's, Prairie Rose Floral, Miller's Homecenter, American Communications, Mann's Jewelry, Rasure Lumber, Medical Arts Pharmacy, Goodland Greenline, Jacque's Hallmark, Frontier Equity Exchange, Shores Brothers Auto Supply, El Dorado, the Total Look, Sherman County Farm Bureau, High Plains Office Supply, Klip 'n Kurl and *The Star-News*. There is room for more sponsors, but hurry. Call Mona or Yvonne at 899-2338.