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Today • Sunset, 4:28 p.m. Wednesday • Sunrise, 6:39 a.m. Sunset, 4:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 43 degrees
- Humidity 34 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northwest at 18 mph • Barometer 30.28 inches and falling
- Record High today 82° (1998)

• Record Low today -4° (1929)

Last 24 Hours*	
57°	
32°	
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.23	
15.69	

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny. High of 62 and low of 30. North switching to west wind at 10 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny. High of 66 and low of 28. Breezy with north wind between 10 to 20 mph. Thanksgiving: Mostly sunny high near 60 and low around 28. Friday: Mostly sunny, high around 59 and the low near 57. Friday: Mostly sunny. High around 59 and low around 25.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Noon Wheat — \$3.18 bushel Posted county price — \$3.15 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢ Corn — \$1.72 bushel Posted county price — \$1.63 Loan deficiency pmt. — 31¢ Milo — \$1.40 bushel Soybeans — \$4.88 bushel Posted county price — \$5.03 Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢ Millet — \$5.75 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$7.25 cwt. NuSun crop — \$8.5 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.)



By Tom Betz

Gains in jobs and industry over the past year highlighted the annual meeting of the Sherman County Economic Development Council on Tuesday, but no one stepped forward to fill an open seat on the board.

Nominations were opened for two open at Gambino's to elect new members. council positions at the meeting, with about 20 people attending at the Goodland Elks Lodge.

Chuck Wilkens, who was appointed to fill an unexpired term in May, was nominated for

a three-year term. There were no nominations The Goodland Star-News for the second seat.

Chairman John Garcia, owner of Garcia's Furniture and Home Furnishing, or Kay Younger, office manager, will take suggestions through Friday.

The council will meet at noon on Tuesday

There are four seats open this year, with Garcia ending his four-year term on the council. Wilkens is finishing the term of Larry Harper, who resigned in the spring.

There are two bank seats to be filled by

Western State Bank and the open seat of People's State Bank, which has been vacant since Randy Schoenthaler left the bank in January. Council by-laws allow the each bank to appoint a representative, which is approved by the council. President Steve West has been representing Western State.

Garcia gave an overview of the year, and asked representatives from Goodland Regional Medical Center, the city, the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce and the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau to give brief presentations.

Garcia said it had been a privilege to serve with people dedicated to progress and freely giving their time. He thanked Younger and the board for their effort and conviction.

"There have been some positive changes over the past year," he said. "The employment is rebounding, from 4,025 at the beginning of the year to 4,126 by July.

"I give credit for the rebound to Adronics. We worked for five months to bring them here. Today, they have 36 employees and a commit-

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Santa begins filling his sleigh



Isaiah Rubio, 3, grandson of Mike and Kristy Rubio of Goodland, was one of the first kids on

School board agrees to tax rebate program

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News The Goodland School Board became the third of three government agencies to approve Sherman County's new Neighborhood Revitalization Program tax rebate last Monday.

Dwane Timm of the First National Bank, head of the Incentives Committee of the Sherman County Economic Development Council, presented the program to board members.

The tax rebate program is open to all property owners in Sherman County, Timm said. The program will refund of property taxes assessed on the improvements made to a property.

The property owner must make at least a \$5,000 investment, said Timm. There is an application fee of \$50. The work has to meet building codes and in the city, the owner need to have a building permit. Also, the owner can't owe property taxes to the county.

Improvements can include new construction, rehabilitation and additions. Other items that may qualify include sprinkling systems, fences, landscaping, gazebos, garden structures, patios, hot tubs, in-ground swimming pools, and irrigation wells and equipment.

youths from the Salina Diocese will the board to visit Central for their be in Goodland and Kanorado this next meeting on Monday. summer to fix up houses for Missions in Our Own Backyard. Roberta Pinalto asked if they can use the showers at the high school, Superintendent Marvin Selby said. There will be 100 youth here each week for two weeks. Enrollment as of Sept. 20 was 1,007, said Selby. The downtown learning center has 37 students, and there are 93 seniors. Enrollment from kindergarten through 12th grade was 963 on Sept. 20 and 970 on Oct. 31.

student down from last year. The full time equivalency was down eight. because there are 90 kindergarteners which count as a half.

Principal Jim Mull said the Veteran's Day activities were well received at the junior high. Andrew Pettibone played taps and essays were read on Veteran's Day. Eighteen vocal and band students went to Hays for the Kansas Music Educators Association's northwest honor groups. At North Elementary, Highway Patrol Lt. Kevin Winston and Officer Carey Amos of Goodland Police read for Book Week.

High School Assistant Principal/ Athletic Director Steve Raymer said the ninth grade team took third in algebra at the Math Relays in Hays. This year there were only 10-11 kids on a team, he said. The highest individual placed seventh. The Scholar's Bowl went well, Raymer said. Quinter placed first, Colby second, Weskan third and then Goodland.

Sharon Gregory, principal at Central Elementary, said all parents took part in parent-teacher conferences. David Branda and Cris Reibel from the Sherman Theatre were reading for Children's Book Week. The book fair sold \$1,500 in books, she said, which means the school will The board heard that Catholic get \$750 worth of books. She invited West School had 95 percent participation for parent teacher conferences, said Principal Shelly Angelos. The book fair sold \$1,947, which means the school gets \$974 for books. The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills was completed by the second graders. The site council helped with the book fair and visited the first and second grades. Angelos said she assigned three new kindergarten teachers mentors. The kids met their first boxtop goal of 5,000, she said, so the week of Dec. 3 will be Wacky Week.





Mustangs lose close one

Mustang eighth-grader David Murray made both free throws early in the third period of Thursday's home game against Quinter. as the Mustangs tried to rally against the Bulldogs. Quinter won 46-30. Photos, story on Page 10a

Santa's knee Saturday afternoon when the old gentleman made his first appearance of the holiday season. Santa was the big star of the Christmas parade, but the Goodland Ambassadors had cookies and drinks for the kids and parents as they waited for their turn to tell Santa what they want this year. Santa will be in the city every Saturday and Sunday until Christmas.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Man faces trial on drug charges

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News Kanorado garage owner Scott Baumfalk had his preliminary hear- man County Sheriff's Department, ing on drug charges Wednesday at the Sherman County Courthouse courtroom and was bound over for trial in district court.

The case resulted from two search warrants executed on 715 Center Ave., the home of Scott and Crystal Baumfalk, on Friday, July 1. The first warrant came from information that Baumfalk was making pipe bombs, said Doug Murphy, coordinator for the Quad County Drug Task Force.

When police saw what looked like a methamphetamine lab, Murphy said, they got another warrant for drugs and drug paraphernalia. No pipe bombs were found.

Baumfalk was represented by Richard Dinkel of Sharon Springs, who said he has been on the case for just two weeks. Todd Stramel from Colby withdrew Sept. 30. County Attorney Bonnie Selby appeared for the state.

Selby called Goodland Police nalia with intent to distribute or Chief Ray Smee and Brian Carroll, a special agent for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. There were no defense witnesses.

Quad County Drug Task Force, Goodland Police Department, Sher-Kansas Bureau of Investigation, state fire marshal's office, and the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives sealed off several blocks west of downtown Goodland while they carried out the search.

Carroll said he gathered evidence and packaged drugs and related items. He testified on the way he gathered evidence, how it was stored and when it was delivered to the KBI laboratory. Lab results showed methamphetamine, pseudoephedrin and solvents used for methamphetamine manufacture.

Judge Jack Burr ruled there was sufficient evidence for Baumfalk to be bound over for trial. He is charged with seven counts, as amended, including manufacture of methamphetamine, possession of pseudoephedrine, and posession of a lithium metal, all level 1 drug felonies; possession of drug paraphermanufacture, a level 4 drug felony; aiding and abetting in the attempt to manufacture methamphetamine, a level 1 drug felony; no drug stamp, Smee said he assisted in the raid a level 10 nonperson felony; and

and took photos. Officers from possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of school property, a level 2 drug felony.

"We're in pretty good shape," said Selby. The enrollment was only one

Jewelry big hit with shoppers



A jewelry exhibitor at the Nu Phi Mu craft fair Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse helped a customer with her selection. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Christmas on Us

section inside with hidden numbers worth \$400