

weather  
report

56°

noon Monday



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\*

High Sunday 57°

Low Sunday 32°

Precipitation —

This month .23

Year to date 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)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



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

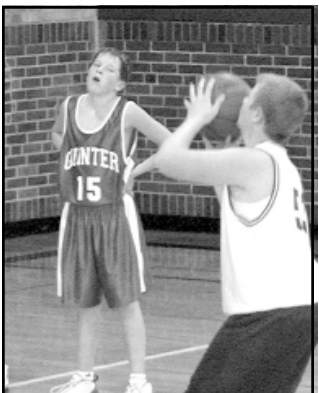
Confection — Call

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.)

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today

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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

# New jobs highlight annual review

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Star-News*

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 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 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 at Gambino's to elect new members.

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 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

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Kanorado garage owner Scott Baumfalk had his preliminary hearing 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 Chief Ray Smee and Brian Carroll, a special agent for the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. There were no defense witnesses.

Smee said he assisted in the raid

and took photos. Officers from Quad County Drug Task Force, Goodland Police Department, Sherman County Sheriff's Department, 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 possession of a lithium metal, all level 1 drug felonies; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to distribute or manufacture, a level 4 drug felony; aiding and abetting in the attempt to manufacture methamphetamine, a level 1 drug felony; no drug stamp, a level 10 nonperson felony; and

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

## 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