

weather  
report

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noon  
Thursday

## Today

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

## Friday

• Sunrise, 6:56 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

## Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 28 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds west at 8 mph
- Barometer 30.19 inches and falling

- Record High today 76° (1939)
- Record Low today -23° (1919)

## Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	6°
Low Wednesday	-11° Record
Precipitation	.03
This month	.10
Year to date	16.06

## The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high near 35, west winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight: Mostly clear, low near 18, west winds 10 and 15 mph.

## Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, high around 41 and the low near 19. Breezy with north wind with gusts of 35 mph. Sunday: Partly cloudy, high around 46 and low near 20. Monday: Partly cloudy, high around 41 and low near 16. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, high near 42 and low near 18.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

## Noon

Wheat — \$3.24 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.26  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.71 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.68  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 26¢  
Milo — \$0.00 bushel  
Soybeans — \$4.81 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.01  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
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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today

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Cowgirls  
beat Cougars

Senior Justeen Koehler scored two of her game-high 20 points during the second half of the Cowgirls 63-49 win over the Lady Cougars of Burlington Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. See story, photo on Page 11.

## Standpipe 100 years old

By Pat Schiefen

*The Goodland Star-News*

The familiar candle in Memory Park turns 100 this week. Goodland's standpipe was finished the Saturday before Dec. 15, 1905, *The Goodland Republic* reported that year.

A public water works bond issue was voted on Aug. 23, 1904. The money was used to build a standpipe to hold water and a Jorge gasoline engine to pump it. Previously water had been pumped by a windmill and stored in a wooden tank called a reservoir because it was much wider than it was tall.

According to the weekly *Goodland News*, "A special election to be held to determine whether or not the Goodland Water Plant will have a steel standpipe, 16 foot high, and the pumps driven by 40 horsepower gas engine to displace the wooden tank and steam pumps, depends on a bond issue of \$10,000."

The city council met Aug. 24 to canvass the vote on the bond issue, said *The Republic*. The 1st Ward voted 11 for and 2 against, the 2nd Ward 38-2, the 3rd Ward 27-8. The total vote was 76 for and 12 against.

Women were not allowed to vote for this, according to *The Republic*. They could only vote on a school bond issue, and for city or school district offices.

The bonds were to pay 6 percent interest. The choices for the standpipe were like a 20-by-60 tank used by the Rock Island Railroad and a 16-by-80 model. The 16-by-80 design was supposed to provide better pressure.

The council decided the 20-by-60 design would withstand the wind better, as the one on the railroad did. They said that in case of fire, a force pump could supply direct pressure, the *News* reported. The city planned to buy a block of land for 4 1/2 to 5 percent interest.

On April 21, 1905, the council ordered advertisement for negotiation on the sale of Goodland water works improvement bonds, *The Republic* said. The city also advertised for bids on 250 tons of gravel and 208 yards

## Built with manpower, horses

Goodland's standpipe was built by men and horses in an effort which is almost awe inspiring a hundred years later.

The steel weighed 65 tons. There were six sheets in each of the 118 sections, each five feet tall.

The ornamental crest measured 20 inches. The steel plates were overlapped and riveted together.

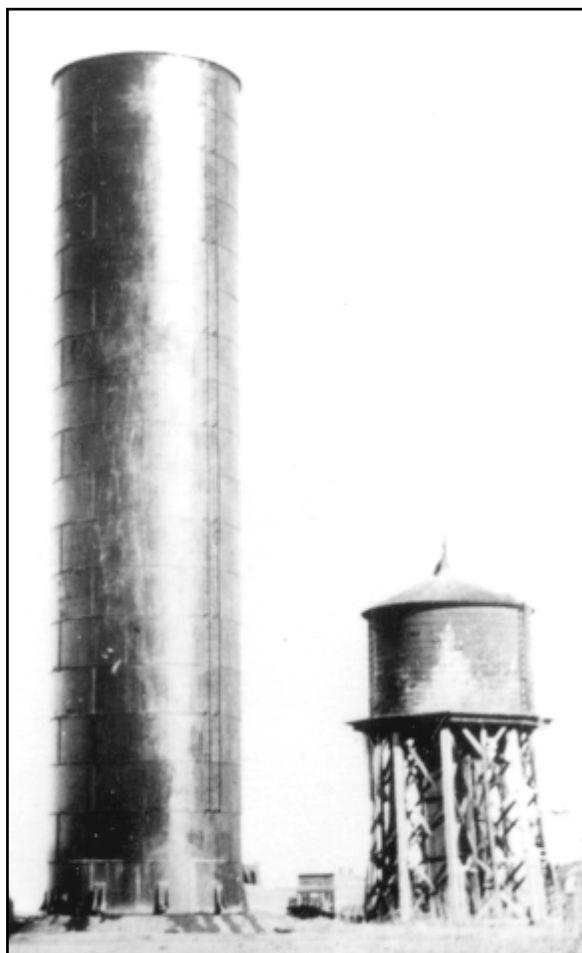
The foundation cost \$3,000 and the total cost was \$8,600, reported *The Goodland Republic*.

of dirt needed for construction. The gravel was to be used for the concrete foundation. Cement had only been used for a short time

The foundation was solid concrete 30 feet in diameter and 12 inches thick. The standpipe has a concrete apron as a brace and to contain spills. The apron was 15 inches thick and five feet wide.

The in and out pipes for the standpipe were 10 inches in diameter. The pipes from the pumps to the main are six inches in diameter, housed in a concrete cellar near the base.

The gates on the pipes were of the latest design, *The Republic* said.



in Goodland, according to *The Republic*, though it was widely used in the cities.

On Wednesday, May 3, 1905, the bonds

sold for \$10,000 to Assurance Loan and Savings Association of Colorado Springs, represented by Thomas C. Pease, *The Republic* said. The bonds were to pay 6 percent interest twice a year for 20 years, and were redeemable after 10 years.

The foundation was excavated around June 23. The excavation was eight feet deep and 30 feet in diameter.

The standpipe at that point was to be 20-by-90 feet with two 15-horsepower gas engines instead of a large steam boiler. The gas engines would cost less to run, the city thought, as a boiler would cost \$8 a day.

*The Republic* of Oct. 13 said Palmer and Gilbert, contractors, would start building the standpipe. Palmer and Gilbert of Kansas City, Kansas, were the owners of the Kaw Valley Boiler Works.

The 20-by-90 foot standpipe was to be made of the heaviest steel at a cost of \$4,500, not including the foundation.

Fred G. Palmer, senior member of Palmer and Gilbert, was in Goodland to oversee the work. A man named Rollins of the Rock Island put in the foundation, said *The Republic*.

"It was one of the best foundations he had ever seen," the paper reported Palmer as saying.

*The Republic* on Nov. 10, 1905, said the standpipe was almost done. Water had been pumped in on Wednesday, Nov. 1, to support a raft on which the workmen could stand on and finish the upper courses.

Palmer and Gilbert later said Kaw Valley lost \$700 to \$1,000 on the construction. The contractors said the specifications and the material for the standpipe were so heavy that

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## City crews get praise for storm response

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Star-News*

City commissioners praised the work of the city employees during last week's blizzard at their meeting Monday.

The storm dropped more than three inches of snow on Goodland, but high winds closed I-70 and many area highways for two days, stranding over 800 holiday travelers in Goodland.

City Manager Wayne Hill, who was stranded in Sharon Springs during the storm, said he wanted to commend the city crews for the way they handled the blizzard.

"This is one of the things I enjoy about living in a smaller city," Hill said. "The entire population kicked in and did a wonderful job."

"All the city crews and departments worked their tails off. I was out of it, but talked to Rod (Blake) at the power plant occasionally."

Commissioner John Garcia echoed the praise for how the city staff handled the storm.

Intersection projects  
should begin in spring

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Star-News*

Replacement of five downtown intersections should begin by spring, city commissioners heard Monday night.

The commission approved en-

gineering contracts for the two intersection projects with Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, the firm which does most city work.

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"I have received e-mails showing gratitude," Garcia said, "for the way Goodland handled the people who were stranded in the storm."

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she appreciated the work the crews did in the storm. She recalled sitting in the dark and playing cards with her daughters, and thinking how we take things like power for granted.

Commissioner Josh Dechant said while there were some complaints about the power outages, he thought the town made friends of the families stranded here through the storm.

Commissioner Dave Daniels said he had some phone calls saying how well the city had done, but knew there had been some saying how bad it was.

He said homeowners should be

reminded not to push snow into the streets. The snow should be piled on the lawns, he said.

Mayor Rick Billinger said city had received thank you notes from Colorado and several from the Denver area.

"A lot of people saw our staff and everyone involved put their best foot forward," Billinger said. "I add my thanks for those who worked all night Sunday and through Monday to get the power on."

Hill said many homes were fortunate to have power, but people should conserve energy in an emergency and turn off extra lights.

Rich Simon, director of public works, said that should extend to water because without power, the water wells are out and the system has to depend on the supply in the towers.

After a meeting to review the storm response, Police Chief Ray Smee said he had been helping to wash the blankets bought to keep

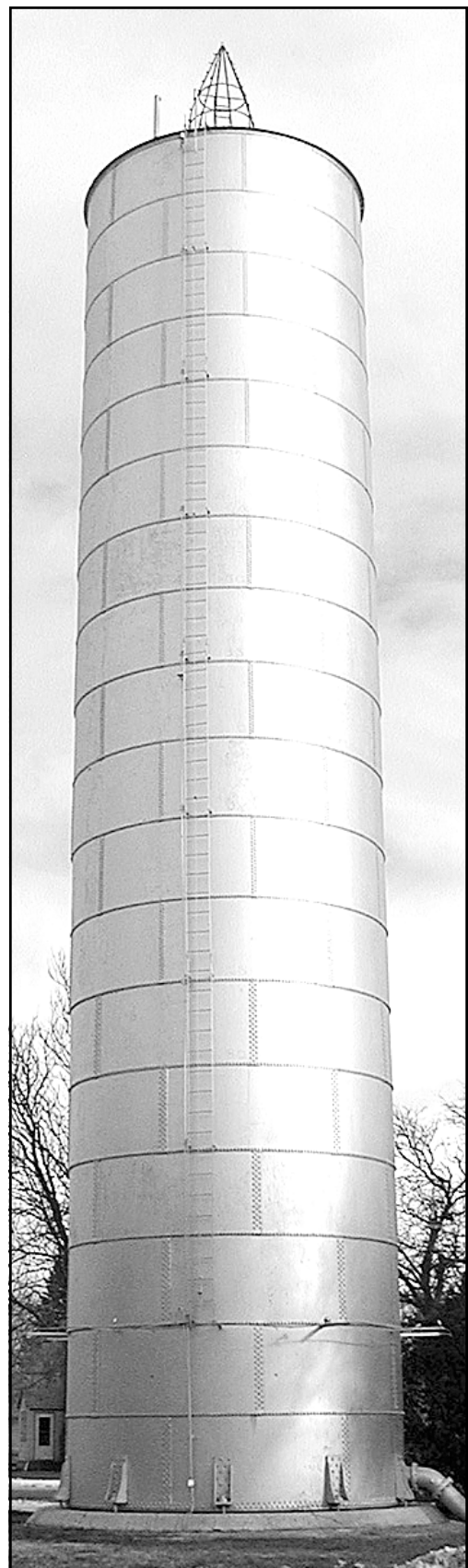
stranded travelers warm. He said Gary Garrett had allowed the city to use his coin laundry to wash and dry the blankets. He said it took a whole day to do 134 blankets.

"When we were done, there was a stack of about 200 left that we took to (Fire) Chief Dean Jensen," Smee said.

Jensen said he was able to do about 10 blankets at a time. Then Marvin Selby, superintendent of Goodland schools, said the district could help with washing the blankets.

City workers and volunteer had to scramble to get blankets, clearing out the supply at stores. The Red Cross and Goodland Regional Medical Center provided some.

Smee said when the blankets are all washed, they will be packed and stored for the next time they are needed. Some will be stored at the fire department, some at the city impound, some at the armory and some at the airport, he said.



The standpipe built in 1905 (above) continues to provide water pressure as part of the city's water system. When it was built 100 years ago, the city was using a wooden water tank and windmill shown in the old photo to the left from the High Plains Museum.

## Search begins for new school district superintendent

By Pat Schiefen

*The Goodland Star-News*

The Goodland School Board began the search for a new superintendent Monday, hiring the Kansas Association of School Boards for \$2,500 to round up candidates and advise the board.

Max Heim of the association presented samples of applications, interviews and information about the superintendents of every school district in Kansas at a board meeting Monday.

Heim said the board needed to get a brochure about the job ready and the association will provide mailing labels to every superintendent in the state and to the placement offices at colleges in Kansas and surrounding states. The brochure will also be put

on the association's web site, he said.

Pat Juhl, secretary of the board, had a sample brochure made up and Heim looked at it and made a few suggestions.

The applications can be either mailed to the search committee or to the school board secretary, Heim said, and confidentiality is important. The board decided the applications can go to Juhl.

As soon as she gets the applications and gets the names to him, Heim said, he can state doing the background checks.

He said the screening committee will use a list from the school board that says what it wants in a superintendent. There are different ways to compile the list, he said, suggesting

that the board can have meetings with various groups to get their input.

The applications will be due on Thursday, Jan. 19, and the screening committee will go through them the next day. The group will consist of Heim, a professor from the education school at either Kansas State University or Fort Hays State University and a superintendent, in this case Goodland's outgoing school chief, Marvin Selby. The board needs to decide how they will handle internal applications, said Heim.

The committee will give the board four to six names of people that they suggest be interviewed. Heim said it works best if the board President Jane Philbrick calls the people to be interviewed and set

those up right away. The candidate's spouse is also invited. Possible dates for the interviews may be Monday to Thursday, Jan. 23-26. Heim said it's best to interview only one candidate a day and that the board members should not discuss the interview amongst themselves. Every school board member needs to be present for each interview.

The board needs set up a tour of the district for each candidate, he said. The prospective superintendents can meet with students, staff and teachers and tour the facilities. The board will talk to the person, with each board member asking questions.

Heim suggested color coding applications and forms for each applicant. The board president needs to

keep the dialogue moving so all the questions are asked, he said. If the board wants the superintendent to live in the district, that needs to be made plain.

The board will need to figure out what they are going to pay, he said, including health care and other benefits. The district should on paying moving expenses, said Heim. He said the district's salary level is high enough that pay shouldn't be a problem.

The screening committee can come up with good candidates, he said, but they can't predict how the board and a person will hit it off.

After the interviews, said Heim, each board member at the next meet-

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