

weather report

37°

noon
Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 4:46 p.m.
Saturday
• Sunrise, 7:05 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:47 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 37 degrees
• Humidity 88 percent
• Sky Mostly cloudy
• Winds north at 25 mph
• Barometer 29.78 inches
and steady
• Record High today 72° (1996)
• Record Low today -17° (1997)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 70°
Low Wednesday 31°
Precipitation 0
This month .06
Year to date .06

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high around 53 with the low around 25. West switching to southwest winds around 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 61, low near 25 with a south wind around 10 mph. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 59 with a low near 24. Monday: A chance of rain or snow, mostly cloudy and blustery, high of 40 and a low of 20. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.45 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.30
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.90 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.84
Loan deficiency pmt. — 1¢
Milo — \$1.52 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.05 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.12
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.55 cwt.
NuSun crop — \$7.55
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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Lady Mustangs beat Cougars

Lady Mustang Ashley Garza looked for a way past Burlington's McKenna Mettling during the eighth-grade game Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Mustangs beat the Cougars 31-17. See story, photos on Page 12.

Crowd jams Central soup supper



Third graders at Central Elementary (above) entertained the group at a soup supper Monday. Singers were (top row, from left) Shaina Varney, Sophie Thompson, Larimie Farris and Telanie Reicks, (middle row) Lindsay Bauman, Ryleigh Paxton, Nichole Sederstrom and Emily Purvis, and (bottom row) John Salinas, Aaron

Avelar and Kameron Synder. Their music teacher is Char Avelar. Tia Brannick (below left) helped people to pick what kind of dessert they wanted. The crowd (below right) eating soup included Peg and Duane Hanke and family.

Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News



Goodland woman back at work after collecting \$120,000 prize

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Buying a \$1 Quick Pick lottery ticket has been a Goodland couple's habit for more than a year, and Monday it paid off when they matched all the numbers for the \$120,000 top prize.

"I read it over about 10 times before I called for my husband, Robert, to make sure I wasn't reading it wrong," said Sandy Cotten, 47, head cook at the Goodland Senior Center on Thursday morning as she was getting the carryout meals ready.

She said the couple has been buying tickets for the Super Kansas Cash drawing for over a year. At first, she said, they were trying to use their own favorite numbers.

"We weren't getting close with our numbers," she said, "so we decided to go with the Quick Pick, and it paid off this time.

"It shows that even people in the rural area can win a big prize."

Not wanting to let the winning ticket out of her sight, Cotten said, she slept with it Monday. Tuesday, the Cottens were able to check the ticket at a retailer and confirm it was the jackpot winner. They claimed the prize Wednesday at the Kansas Lottery's Great Bend office.

"Goodland is a small enough town we didn't have to call too many people to tell them the good news," Cotten said. "The news is already all over town, and people are calling me."

Anne Hamilton, an employee at Kabredlo's and *The Goodland Star-News*, was happy to be the one who sold the winning ticket to Robert on Monday. The convenience store is at the corner of Eighth and Caldwell.

Cotten, back at work Thursday, said she was going to keep cooking.

"There is no way I can quit work," she said. "It is a lot of money, but not that much.



Sandy Cotten, head cook at the Goodland Senior Center, pulled out a pan of fried chicken for lunch Thursday. She drove to Great Bend on Wednesday to collect a \$120,000 prize she won in the Super Kansas Cash drawing on Monday.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

She and her husband have three grown children and six grandchildren. Their plans for the prize money, she said, include paying of their debts, and making some investments.

"It's not enough to buy all our kids new houses," she said. "It pays off our bills and lets us live comfortably, which is wonderful."

Commissioners approve raises

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners changed chairmen Tuesday, and approved raises for all county employees as part of the first meeting of the new year.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel called the meeting to order at 8 a.m., and asked for nominations for chairman.

"I don't want it," said Commissioner Mitch Tiede, who has been the chairman for the past two years.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he was interested in being chairman this year. Commissioner Chuck Thomas said if Rasure didn't want the job, he would like to do it.

Tiede nominated Rasure, and the vote was unanimous. Rasure then nominated Thomas to be vice-chairman.

Rasure ask for a motion to designate all banks in Goodland — First National Bank, Bankwest, Western State Bank and People's State Bank — as depositories for county money. The other house keeping motion was to designate *The Goodland Star-News* as the official newspaper for legal publications.

The commissioners went into a closed session for 10 minutes on personnel with Sheriff Kevin Butts and Rumpel. A second closed session for 10 minutes on personnel was held with Rumpel and Deputy Clerk Mary Ann Snethen.

No action was taken after the commissioners returned to open session.

Later in the meeting, the commissioners held two 20-minute closed sessions to discuss the salary list for

the county employees.

A list of raises for the hourly employees had been tentatively approved at the Dec. 30 meeting, but there were a few changes Tuesday.

"We have come to a mutual agreement," said Rasure. "There was some give and take, but we have come up with the salary schedule for this year.

"There are some areas where we made some adjustments that are higher than the cost of living."

Thomas said he would make a motion to approve the list as presented, and Tiede seconded.

Rasure said there are a couple of people who are waiting on their six-month review. He said people should remember that the county property tax levy went down about 10 percent this year, saying it is good that the county can give raises and keep the taxes down.

New Treasurer Iris Scheopner and new central dispatch supervisor Crissy Conger are the two officials who will have their salary reviewed after six months.

The commissioners were included in the salary list, with the Chairman (Rasure) going to \$15,300 from \$14,450; the vice-chair (Thomas) to \$14,300 from \$13,790, and the member (Tiede) to \$13,300 from \$12,730.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby's salary will be \$53,000, up from \$50,631; County Clerk Rumpel will be \$44,000, up from \$41,640 plus \$2,200 as the election official (up from \$2,082) and \$1,213 as the drug and alcohol administrator (up from

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