

**weather
report****40°**noon
Thursday**Today**

• Sunset 4:53 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 7:02 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:54 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 37 degrees
- Humidity 37 percent
- Sky Mostly cloudy
- Winds north at 17 gusts at 25
- Barometer 29.85 inches and falling

- Record High today 72° (1986)
- Record Low today -17° (1962)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 66°

Low Thursday 28°

Precipitation —

This month .11

Year to date .11

The Topside Forecast

Today: 40 percent chance snow. Mostly cloudy, high near 36. West wind between 5 and 10 mph. Low near 17.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high around 44, low near 19. Sunday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 40, low around 19, with scattered flurries. Monday: Scattered flurries, partly cloudy, high around 39 and low near 16. Tuesday: mostly sunny with a high around 46.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Carol Tupper watched as Bonnie McQuillen (above) shows how to join binding on a quilt. Debbie Fixsen was showing Cora House (above right) the quilt she was working on.

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Sewing machines keep humming

By Pat Schiefen

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Sewing machines hum, and there's the sound of laughter from women doing what they like and a good deed in the making.

One Saturday a month, members of the Prairie Piecemakers quilting guild bring their sewing machines, get together and make quilts for a worthy cause. They give quilts for the first baby of the year in St. Francis and Goodland, quilts for Kansas Highway Patrol troopers to carry in their trunks to give to children involved in wrecks, and quilts for sick children.

Each member works on a quilt, using

leftovers from their stash of fabrics at home or from donated supplies. Sizes vary from crib to twin bed. The quilts come in all styles, from prequilted panels that need just binding to work pieced and quilted by machine or hand.

Members include Cora House, Joan Reed, Debbie Fixsen, Frieda House, Carol Tupper, Glenda Garrett, Joy Hayden, Dixie Chatfield and Betty Rutherman. from Goodland, and Bonnie McQuillen, Shirley Ochsner, Charles Roger, Nancy McCumber and Jean Loyd from St. Francis.

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Lions Club celebrates 50 years of service

By Tom Betz

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You could add it up in terms of pancakes flipped, light bulbs sold, eyeglasses collected, kids with a gift of sight, or years of service — 50 to be exact, for the Goodland Lions Club.

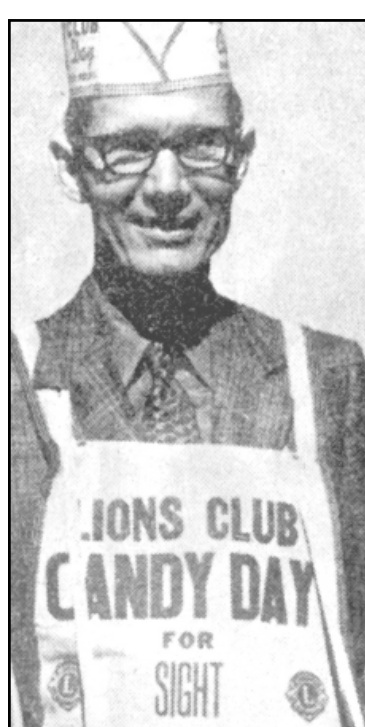
The service club will celebrate the anniversary with a banquet at 5 p.m. on Saturday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Cinda Hatcher, Lions second vice president, said Wednesday she was surprised at the number of Lions who are coming from across the state to help celebrate the event.

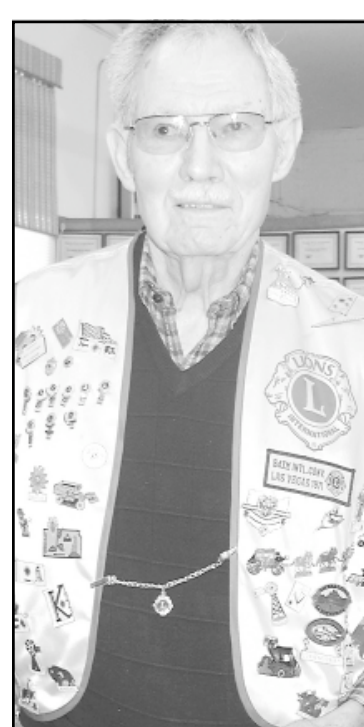
"We have reservations for over 90 people," Hatcher said, "including several state officers and past district governors."

"The three living charter members will be there, including Lawrence Tedford, Cecil Schneider and Elmer Lawver, who lives in Colby."

Lawver, a past district governor, recalled that the Goodland club was chartered in November 1955, sponsored by the Brewster Lions Club. Lawver said the club was started by three school principals, Carroll Jacobsen of the junior high, Eldon Carver of Central School and Will-



Cecil Schneider wore his candy apron proudly in the 1970s, and today he proudly wears his vest with special pins showing the 50 years he has been a member.



iam Pittman of Grant Elementary.

The International Association of Lions Clubs approved the charter on Jan. 12, 1956, and Lawver said the first charter night was held Jan. 30

at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall.

He said there was a large crowd, including John Brooks, then district governor and a member of the Brewster club.

"I remember there was a rather obnoxious individual with the strange title of Tail Twister," Lawver said, "who made his way to the head table and took out a pair of scissors and cut off the tie of one of the dignitaries."

Cecil Schneider, who operated Schneider's, a clothing store, where El Dorado Western Wear is now, said he had been a member of the first Goodland Lions Club, chartered in 1951, also with the help of the Brewster Lions.

Several members of the new club were friends, he said, so they worked well together and he especially remembers the "Tail Twister" shenanigans which made meetings fun. The Tail Twister is in charge of keeping things lively, and fined members who did not wear their vests or could not answer questions about Lionism.

Schneider had been president of the first Lions Club, he said, but he had a stroke four months into his term. His recovery took a long time, and temporarily ended his participation. The first club did not recover and was disbanded.

Schneider was a charter member of the second club in 1956, though. He recalled the international con-

ventions he attended as a delegate. The first was in 1964, he said, and he and his family took a long, long bus tour to the convention in Toronto, Ontario.

The second was in 1971 in Las Vegas. Schneider's son, Tal, was a drummer for the Kansas Lions Band to march in the parade. That parade was over four hours, Schneider recalled, in late-afternoon heat of 114 degrees, but it was a great experience.

Trading pins was a major activity at the conventions, he said. The Kansas pin in 1964 features President Dwight D. Eisenhower. Schneider said he traded with Lions from Japan, Finland, Germany, Australia and many other countries. He has traded with area Lions, and has added a Kansas pin to his collection every year.

His office wall holds several nice plaques. His memories include lots of pancake feeds, selling brooms and light bulbs to raise money, collecting eyeglasses, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army and proudly wearing his Lion's Club vest.

Tedford said that Jacobson, the junior high principal, organized the

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City agrees to have crew install park lights

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Lights are coming for Pioneer Park, but when they'll be installed depends on the work schedule for the city crew, the Goodland City Commission agreed Monday.

The city got two bids to install the 20 trail lights, said City Manager Wayne Hill, one from Miller Construction for \$23,600, and one from the city electric department for \$17,400.

The commissioners discussed the options, and Mayor Rick Billinger

Fire chief resigns job after 18 years

Fire Chief Dean Jensen turned in his resignation last Thursday, the City Commission learned Monday, with his official last day to be Jan. 27.

City Manager Wayne Hill said with vacation time, Jensen agreed his last day at work would be last Friday.

Mayor Rick Billinger said he thought Jensen de-

served a vote of thanks from the city for his years of service in the fire department and his 18 years as chief.

"He has always done a very good job," Billinger said.

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said it appeared the consensus was 3-2 to have the city crew do the work.

Miller was the contractor for the park construction.

Darin Neufeld, engineer from

Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who is handling the project for the city, said both bids were for

labor only, and that the lights and wiring will be ordered through the city.

He said 75 percent of the lights

and labor will be paid for from by

federal grant money that comes through the Kansas Department of Transportation.

"The city bid may be lower," Neufeld said, "but it might be better to go with Miller depending on what projects Charlie Bandel (head of the electric crew) has to do."

Hill said there were some concerns about the timing to get the project done with other projects pressing on the electric department.

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markets****Noon**

Wheat — \$3.43 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.26

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$1.81 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.17

Loan deficiency pmt. — 17¢

Milo — \$1.43 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.86 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.96

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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Wray beats Mustangs

Grant eighth-grader Katie Clancy brought the ball down the court during the second half of the Lady Mustangs' 48-15 home loss Tuesday to the Eagles from Buchanan Middle School of Wray, Colo. Story, Photo on Page 12.