

weather report

83°

noon
Thursday



Today

- Sunset, 7:23 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:09 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 13 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds northwest at 6 mph
- Barometer 30.05 inches and steady
- Record High today 88° (2003)
- Record Low today 20° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	78°
Low Thursday	40°
Precipitation	—
This month	.28
Year to date	2.86
above normal	.31 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy. High near 85 and low near 51. West wind 10 to 15 mph becoming south.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. High of 77 and low near 42. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high of 75 and low of 42. Monday: Mostly sunny and breezy. High near 79 and low near 42. Tuesday: Mostly sunny and breezy. High near 68 and low near 36. Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high near 63.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.21 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.22
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Corn — \$2.05 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.03
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Milo — \$1.70 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$4.83 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.95
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Millet — \$5.55 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$8.35 cwt.
 - NuSun crop — \$9.35
 - 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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Cowboys finish second

Junior Mikey Doll teed off on the fifth hole during Tuesday's Goodland Invitational at Sugar Hills Golf Club. The Cowboys finished second. See story, photo on Page 12.

City has road work ready to start

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

City officials told the Sherman County commissioners Tuesday they have two road projects ready to begin in the next 90 days.

City Manager Wayne Hill and City Commissioners Josh Dechant and Annette Fairbanks attended the county meeting Tuesday and said they have given engineer Darin Neufeld permission to proceed with replacement of the intersections at Caldwell and Eighth and Armory Road.

Neufeld, who handles the city's engineering work for Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, said he has begun design work on the two intersections, which are to be replaced with concrete.

He said while they are replacing the intersections the city hopes to get the engineering on Caldwell ready for asphalt to be put down next spring.

County Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked about the work to be

Wife pushes for Goodland engineer

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

People are being urged to contact Sherman County commissioners to support giving the engineering contract for county road projects to a firm with an office in Goodland.

The commissioners delayed a decision on selecting an engineering firm for the joint city-county road projects until Penco Engineering of Plainville can make a presentation at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday.

City Commissioner Josh Dechant, who was at the county meeting, said he felt that Darin Neufeld of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, which has an office in Goodland, was the "go-to guy" for the city. He said he felt the firm should be approved to do all the engineering on the joint street and road project.

The county board seemed to be leaning 2-1 toward

Penco, with only Commissioner Kevin Rasure talking for Neufeld, on Tuesday. Public Works Manager Curt Way spoke well of the central-Kansas firm.

Then the Goodland engineer's wife unleashed an e-mail salvo asking dozens of people to call commissioners and back the "local" firm. (While Evan, Bierly has a two-man office here, the firm's main office is in Great Bend.)

The e-mail started flying about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, and County Commissioner Chuck Thomas said he started getting phone calls early Wednesday morning.

Thomas said he was surprised at the number of calls, and thought the pressure might make a fair decision on the engineering question more difficult.

He said there are two sides to the story, and he felt

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done on Caldwell, and Neufeld said tests show that the subgrade has failed on part of the road between Toelkes and Armory. He said replacing the two intersections will give the voters something to see, showing that work has begun on the joint road projects to be paid for from a

special county sales tax.

County Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked Neufeld if he had worked with county roads or

stretches of former highway like old U.S. 24 and Eight Street west to County Road 14.

Neufeld said he had worked on shorter highway sections that would be similar to the ones in the project list.

County Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he thought it would be good to have one firm design and coordinate all the road projects.

City Manager Wayne Hill agreed, saying he felt having one engineering firm would make the projects move along smoothly.

Dechant said Neufeld has been the city's "go-to" guy and he should be the engineer for the whole project.

Neufeld said he had checked with APAC, a building firm which has an asphalt plant doing the overlay on I-70, but they are not planning to be in the area for more than three weeks. He said they will move the plant over by Colby for another

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Sixth grade band, choir present concert



By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

The band started off the sixth-grade music program Tuesday night at the Goodland High School Auditorium with "Castle Hill Overture" by Anne McGinty.

Deanne Spanier, one of the band teachers, said the song was a junior-high level piece and the band had worked hard on it. The next number, "Trumpets a la King," was directed by Melanie Biel. The band finished off with a number including African rhythms, "Ser-engeti (African Rhapsody)" by John Higgins.

Flutes included Michaela Garrett and Sydney Winston. Clarinets were Nicole Hendrich, Page Seeger and Sydnee Thornburg. The alto saxophone was played by Reed Bellamy and Alex Rangel. Trumpeters were JJ Farris, Blaine Luther, Brendan Fulcher, Joel Linin and Seth Stramel. Jaron Ragels played the French horn and Keaton Sloan the bass clarinet. Caleb Fugleberg and Laine Herl played the trombone and Mikail Freeman the baritone. Percussionists were Riley O'Harah, Garrett Geist, Austin Avelar, Parker Sieck and Michael Hayes.

The two band directors helped vocal director Char Avila remove the chairs and stands and assembled risers for the choir.

The vocal program began with "Everybody Have Fun Tonight," then "Pizza," and Haley Linnell introduced "The Wind Beneath My Wings."

Herl, Kasarah Woodrow, Jason Cowan and Winston did some jitter bug in "We Go Together." "Walk Like An Egyptian" followed.

Cassandra Battistoni introduced the "Rock the Juke Box" section with songs including "Do Wah Diddy Diddy" and "Summer in the City."

Ty Stelling introduced a 70s medley, including "Lean on Me," "Listen to the Music," "We Are Family" and "Old Time Rock and Roll."

Tyler Fisher began the "Rockin' in the 80s" group of songs, including "Eye of the Tiger," "Flashdance," "Wake Me Up Before You Go-Go," "We Built This City" and "Danger Zone."

The beat goes on with the 90s. Leading off was "Beat It" featuring Avelar. "Material Girl (s)" were Deborah Garcia, Taylor Peden, Audrey Titus, Hendrich, Winston, Thornburg, Breana Rutz-Cross, Chauntell Peter and Seeger.

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Members of the sixth grade band showed their stuff in "Ser-engeti", a song full of African rhythms. Keaton Sloan played the bass clarinet and Laine Herl the trombone. The percussion section included (from left) Austin Avelar, Garrett Geist and Riley Oharah.

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Churches plan Good Friday, Easter services

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland Ministerial Alliance plans a community Good Friday service at 12:10 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 12th and Sherman, as Christians recall the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

The Methodist Church also plans a Holy Saturday at 5:30 p.m. An Easter sunrise service will begin at 6 a.m. Sunday at the Goodland Cemetery, with regular worship will be at 10:30 at the church.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 307 W. 13th, will have a Good Friday service at 1:30 p.m. Easter Vigil will be at 9:30 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday services at 10:30, with a Spanish Mass at 12:30 p.m.

The Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 222 W. 13th, will have a Good Friday service at 7 p.m. Easter services will be at 8 a.m. with communion, a breakfast and an egg hunt at 9:15 and services at 10 a.m. with communion.

Easter Bunny to bounce in Saturday

Little ones, start your baskets.

The Easter Bunny is hiding the eggs.

Goodland people, organizations and businesses plan an Easter egg hunt Saturday at Gulick Park, and the kids of the county are invited to bring their baskets and fill them with plastic eggs stuffed with treats. The Easter Bunny is expected to make a special appearance.

The Goodland Lions Club, S&T Communications, Wal-Mart, State Farm and the Lynn Hoelting family and Connie Grieve families are sponsoring the event.

The hunt will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be done by age divisions, 3 and under, 4-6 and 7-9, but if a few 10- and 11-year-olds show up, they will get a chance, too.

No alternate location is planned, so the organizers says they are just praying for a nice day. For questions, call Grieve at 899-5957.

Grieve, a Lions member, said the group wanted to do the hunt. The club does some community service projects, she said, and felt the egg hunt was important.

Grieve said she is glad the businesses, their employees and others have been willing to make the hunt possible. Their contributions include money and help. S&T employees and Lions members will stuff the eggs, she said, adding that she is glad S&T people found the time while being so busy starting their new wireless service.

"S&T was very inspirational in getting it going," Grieve said. "I'm glad they took the time."

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 13th and Center, will hold Good Friday services at 5:30 p.m. Holy Saturday services will be at 8 a.m. and Easter Sunday services will be at 8 and 10 a.m.

Sonrise Christian Church, 907 Caldwell, plans a special musical presentation by the Spanier family at 9:30 a.m. for Easter Sunday services.

The First Christian Church, 711

Arcade, will have an Easter sunrise service at 7 a.m. There will be an Easter Cantata at 10:30 a.m. during that service.

Calvary Gospel Church, 4th and College, will have a continental

breakfast and egg hunt at 9:30-10:15 and services at 10:30 a.m. with the "Voices of Easter."

The Harvest Evangelical Free Church will have its Easter service at 9:30 a.m. at the Goodland High School auditorium, 1209 Cherry. The service will include a cantata "Majesty."

Word of Life Foursquare Church, 10th and Clark, will have its Easter Sunday service at 10:30 a.m.

The Nazarene Church, 305 Caldwell, will have its service at 10:50 a.m. on Sunday.

First Baptist Church, 5th and Center, will start will a sunrise service at 6:30 a.m. and a regular service at 10:30 a.m.

Bible Baptist Church, 5th and Broadway, will have Sunday school at 9 a.m. and services at 10 a.m. on Easter.

The Goodland Bible Church, 109 Willow, will have a breakfast on Easter Sunday at 8:30 a.m. and worship at 10:45 a.m.