

weather report

72°

noon
Monday

Today

• Sunset, 7:26 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:04 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 55 degrees

• Humidity 31 percent

• Sky Clear

• Winds southeast at 10 mph

• Barometer 29.68 inches

and falling

• Record High today 91° (1987)

• Record Low today 14° (1944)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 79°

Low Monday 46°

Precipitation —

This month .44

Year to date 3.02

above normal .3 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, windy.
North wind of 10 to 35 mph, gusts
of 35 to 45 mph. High near 59 and
low near 32.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly clear, high
near 64 and low near 36. Thurs-
day: Mostly sunny, high near 67
and low near 38. Friday: Partly
cloudy, high around 68 and low
near 42. Saturday: Partly cloudy,
high near 72 and low near 41.

(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 — \$2.06 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.03

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.71 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.82 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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Teams run at Wichita

Junior Stephanie Sheldon (center) ran the girls 800 meters, finishing 29th Friday at the K.T. Woodman Track Classic at Wichita State University. Sheldon placed sixth in the pole vault. See story, photos on Page 9.

Wind couldn't stop bunny's visit

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

The wind was blowing, but it didn't dampen the kids' excitement Saturday morning at Gulick Park. The Easter Bunny, played by Connie Grieve, was there handing out candy and posing for pictures.

Parents tried to keep the kids entertained as they waited the start of the Easter egg hunt. When the little ones weren't on the playground equipment, they were plotting their course to get as many eggs as possible.

Family and friends supported the smallest of the egg hunters so the wind wouldn't blow them down. The older kids could get their faces painted by Andrea Nelson.

So everyone could have a chance, the hunt was broken down into age groups 0-3, 4-6 and 7-9.

The kids formed a circle around the area where the eggs were. The helpers had hidden the colorful plastic eggs in the grass and around the trees.

When announcer Loren Schnabel told the kids to get ready and go, there was a wild noisy scramble to pick up eggs and put them into baskets.

The tiniest egg hunters had help from an adult finding eggs and stashing them.

It took a lot less time for the eggs to be collected than it took to put the candy in them, said Grieve.

Volunteers filled 1,400 eggs with candy Wednesday night, Grieve said. Helping were Karen Duell, Karen, Cody and Janice Hooker, Molly and Rich Hillmer, Jim Cech, Jacque Drennan, Marilyn Eklund, Barb Winston, Grieve and Don Keihl.

Hiding the eggs and helping run the event were, Keihl, Jason Finley, Schnabel, Pat House, Kenny Grieve, Ruth, Amber, Kyla and Chelsea Ontiveroz, Drennan, Karen Hooker, Sean Davis and Ginger and Dustie Chadwick.

Helpers were mainly from the Lions Club, S&T Communications, and Topside Tots.

Sponsors making donations included S&T Communications, the Goodland Lions Club, Goodland WalMart SuperCenter, State Farm Insurance and the Lynn Hoelting family.



The Easter Bunny, played by Connie Grieve (above), helped hide eggs and visited with the kids at the Easter egg hunt Saturday morning at Gulick Park. Andrea Nelson (below) painted Easter designs on kid's faces. Grandpa Duane Coash (right) helped his grandson, Heath Sanderson, get ready for the egg dash.

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More power approved for fairgrounds

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

A new electrical service will power grills and stoves for concession sales in the pit area at the fairgrounds, Sherman County commissioners decided last Tuesday.

The Sherman County Racing Association had asked commissioners to find a way increase power to the pit area because the concession vendor was blowing breakers.

The commissioners talked to electricians in February about extending the service from the arena, but decided that would not provide enough power.

Vendor Harold Snethen told the commissioners there was not enough power to handle the pit lights and his equipment.

The commissioners asked Shad Sheldon and Marty Johnson, who

Sheriff may help with park permits

By Tom Betz

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The Sherman County clerk doesn't sell state park permit anymore, but the sheriff says he can help people get one through the Internet.

After a citizen complained Tuesday he had to go to Colby to buy a park permit, Sheriff Kevin Butts told the commissioners he felt his office could help people get the permits if they come in during working hours.

Park permits have been available through the county clerks' office until this year, when the state switched to an expensive new machine to issue the permits. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said it would cost \$100 to have a machine to issue temporary permits and they would not get one that makes regular, permanent permits.

Ray Lalicker told commissioners he was upset

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were working on the electrical plan for the fairgrounds, to develop a proposal for the separate service. Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he had met with the electricians, and felt that was the best way to get the needed power to the pit area.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said this would mean having the city put on a separate service, and that cost was not included in the bid from Sheldon. Commissioner Chuck Thomas said it would be better to do it right.

Rasure asked about charging a fee for vendors who used the service. Tiede said a fee could help pay the cost over a number of years, and with a separate meter, power could be billed based on the event.

Rasure asked what would happen

if there was more than one vendor. Tiede said they could split the cost. Rasure suggested a \$50 fee for using the service, but Tiede thought that was a bit high.

"Do you want to put the service in unless you recover the cost?" Rasure asked.

Thomas said the county had put new wiring in near the pavilion, and did not charge people for that service. He did not think it would be fair to charge a high price for the new service.

"It could take 10 years for us to repay it," Tiede said. "Let's put it in and negotiate the fees later."

In other business, the commissioners:

• Approved two property tax rebate projects. Larry Witt, who is new

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