

**weather report**

**35°**

noon

Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 5:31 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:27 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:32 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 82 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southeast at 15 mph
- Barometer 30.18 inches and steady

• Record High today 75° (1936)

• Record Low today -11° (1960)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Wednesday	48°
Low Thursday	23°
Precipitation	—
This month	.29
Year to date	.83
Above normal	.13 of an inch

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Mostly sunny, high near 50, low near 31. A 60 percent chance of rain or snow after 11 p.m.

**Extended Forecast**

Saturday: A 70 percent chance of rain or snow turning all snow by 11 a.m. High near 37, low around 21. Sunday: Partly cloudy, high near 41, low near 25. Monday: Partly cloudy, high near 42, low around 25. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, high near 54, low near 31. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$4.42 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$4.62
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Corn — \$4.08 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.95
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Milo — \$3.85 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$6.89 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$6.96
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - NuSun crop — \$15.35
  - Pinto beans — \$19 (new crop)
- (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

**inside today**

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**State action begins today**

T.J. Hawkins wrestled Nick Kriss of Colby in the finals at the regional tournament in Pratt last weekend. Hawkins is one of nine Cowboys wrestling today at the state Class 4A tournament in Salina. See photo, story on Page 12.

## Volunteer firemen quit in protest

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Goodland's 12 volunteer firefighters quit Tuesday in protest of the city's reinstatement of Fire Chief Scott Gilmer, who had been on a 30-day suspension for taking a fire call after having a drink.

City Manager Wayne Hill said Wednesday he would ask the county rural fire departments to help protect the city if the firemen do quit. That would leave only the chief — a paid city employee — and other city employees to man fire apparatus.

Hill said the city was recruiting new firemen, and rescue training was to begin Thursday evening on the hydraulic extraction tools.

Hill, who returned from Guymon, Okla., on Wednesday morning after spending the holiday weekend at his former home and having medical tests done, said he did not know of the resignations until Fire Chief Scott Gilmer handed him the letters. The resignations are all to be effective on Monday, March 5.



Gilmer



Hill

The volunteers met with Gilmer on Tuesday evening to talk about his return to work after a 30-day suspension by Hill for violating a city rule about being at work after drinking alcohol.

Hill said he would not discuss the details of the suspension because it was a personnel matter.

"I will do everything in my power to protect the city," Hill said. "I have called County Commissioner Kevin Rasure to talk about using the mutual aid agreement to cover the city after March 5."

"I have done everything that is under the laws and regulations of the

### Rescue training begins for new firemen

City Manager Wayne Hill asked Sherman County Commissioners at a special meeting Thursday morning for their help covering fires and emergencies in the city in case the city's firemen all quit.

Hill said the city had recruited six new firemen, and they were to start rescue training Thursday evening. Hill said the training would continue daily to get the new people ready to handle calls.

Hill said he knew there was an existing mutual aid agreement between the city and county, and that he hoped there would not be a lot of need to use it, but that the city would call of there was an emergency in the next few weeks.

"I appreciate your help," Hill told the commissioners, "and I know that if the positions were reversed, we would be jumping in to help you. We are working to be sure all the emergencies can be covered."

Hill said several city commissioners had asked about holding a joint meeting with the county about fire protection.

County Commissioner Chuck Thomas said that sounded like a good idea, and suggested Tuesday.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the city could be on the agenda at 8:30 a.m.

Hill said he would see if a quorum of city commissioners could be there and would let Rumpel know.

County Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he felt it was important to get together because city citizens are also county citizens, and the city and county need to work together.

Sheriff Kevin Butts asked Hill how many hours

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city, and on the advice of the city attorney and the graces of the city commission.

"The volunteer firemen have a choice, and I understand that.

"I am not going to have a hammer held over my head as city manager. I cannot do that for any department."

Hill said he was out of town in January when the incident occurred

that got Gilmer suspended. "We did not initiate it (the complaint)," Hill said, "but we did not

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## Cooks learn recipes, tips at Taste of Home

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

A crowd of almost 300, mostly women, learned cooking tips and new recipes from the culinary specialist Kristi Larson at the Taste of Home Cooking School on Tuesday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Taste of Home cookbooks still can be purchased at *The Goodland Star-News*, 1205 Main. Cookbooks include Ground Beef, Budget Shopper, Chocolate, Grilling, 2006 Annual, 2007 Annual, 2006 Quick, Diabetic, Slow Cooker and the new big Taste of Home comprehensive cookbook. Anyone buying a cookbook will also get a goodie bag of gifts from the show.

The Goodland High School jazz band played before the cooking started. Everyone at the show got a goodie bag stuffed with recipes, samples and discount coupons. Drawings for door prizes were staged during the two-hour show, including 10 bags of groceries donated by Burlington Foods, Hilltop Market in St. Francis and *The Goodland Star-News*.

Recipes that Larson cooked were given away in their serving dishes.

At the beginning of the show, a name was drawn out for the best seats in the house, arm chairs provided by Garcia's Home Furnishings on the floor in front of the stage.

There were seven booths for people to browse. Jeris McCombs from Goodland had a booth for Homemade Gourmet.

"I just wanted to get my name out," she said.

Sandy Byarley and Heather Schlosser from Burlington had a booth selling merchandise from Tastefully Simple.

Melissa Clapper had a booth for Health Essentials of Burlington.

"I wanted to get exposure, and we got that," said Clapper. "I thought it went really well."

Nancy Dietz from Kirk, Colo., had a booth for her Home Interiors and Gifts business. Robin Faber from Colby had a Signature Home Styles booth. A Pampered Chef booth was manned by Sharon Corcoran of Goodland.

As people came in, they wanted to know where the Pampered Chef booth was, said Sheila Smith of *The Star-News*, who took tickets at the door.

To order cookbooks, call (785) 899-2338.



Collecting registration cards for the prize drawings kept Jordie Mann, advertising representative at the *Star-News*, (with cards in hand) running up and down the steps at Max Jones Fieldhouse before the Taste of Home Cooking Show began Tuesday.



Anita Wood and her friend Norma Harrison of Burlington (above) got the best seats in the house furnished by Garcia's Home Furnishings. Culinary Specialist Kristie Larson (left) led the audience through the preparation of the 10 recipes she demonstrated at the Taste of Home Cooking Show at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Tuesday sponsored by *The Goodland Star-News*.

Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

## Winners take home recipes and other gifts

Maybe the most prominent winners at the Taste of Home Cooking Show sponsored by *The Goodland Star-News* Tuesday were Anita Wood and her best friend, Norma Harrison, both from Burlington, who got the best seats in the house down front.

With nearly 300 people on the Max Jones bleachers and at least 51 things to give away, nearly 20 percent of those attending won a door prize or one of the dishes from the show.

The first thing given away was a new Taste of Home cookbook won by Sharon Collins.

who got to watch from the comfort of the two plush chairs furnished by Garcia's Home Furniture and Appliance.

Wood said she enjoyed the show and especially the chairs. She and her friend said they really enjoy the Taste of Home shows and the one Tuesday was the third they had seen.

As culinary specialist Kristi Larson finished each of the 10 dishes she made, a name was drawn for someone to win the item and the dish it was served in.

Karen Vandiver won a Taste of Home Chocolate Lover's cookbook. Kathy Collins

won the ham and asparagus puff pancake and the dish it was served in.

Judy Escudero won a Taste of Home Country Breakfast cookbook. Rose Margheim of Oakley won a Taste of Home 13-inch Fable Platter. Brooke Lohr won the Apple-Berry Pomegranate Freezer Jam.

Lori Sowers of Bird City won a Taste of Home Cookbook. Debbie David of Sharon Springs won the Basil and Garlic Chicken Marsala and the dish it was served in.

Jeanne Falk of Colby won a Taste of Home Pasta cookbook. Judy Hayden won the Easy

Penne Pasta with Vodka Cream Sauce and the dish it was served in.

Mary V. Harper won the Chocolate-Strawberry Bombe and the dish it was served on.

Other winners included:

Angela Berry, Donna Mosier, Larry Johnston, Rhonda Peterson, Kathy Sims and Carol Zimbelman of Burlington; Dee Epperson and Iva Krien of St. Francis; Cheri Rhea, Amie Sharp and Bernice Rhea of Sharon Springs; Angela DeLeon of Idalia,

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