

weather report

78°

noon Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 8:12 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:34 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:11 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 76 degrees

• Humidity 69 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds west 5 mph

• Barometer 30.20 inches and steady

• Record High today 107° (1934)

• Record Low today 50° (1917)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 97°

Low Wednesday 68°

Precipitation .01

This month 2.02

Year to date 12.75

Above Normal 0.66 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with the high in the mid 90s, winds out of the south at 10 to 15 mph and a low in the upper 60s. Saturday: Sunny with a high in the upper 90s, winds out of the south at 10 to 15 mph and a low in the upper 60s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms at night, a high in the mid 90s and a low in the mid 60s. Monday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of isolated thunderstorms at night, a high in the upper 90s and a low in the mid 60s.

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local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.53 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.10

Corn — \$3.32 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.47

Milo — \$3.03 bushel

Soybeans — \$9.13 bushel

Posted county price — \$9.49

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$15.35 cwt.

Confection — \$28/\$15 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Slammers win tourney

Goodland Slammers Gabby Rangel ready to handle anything that comes her way. The Slammers won in Dodge City. The team is in Emporia today. See photos, story on Page 11.



Field fires keep firemen hopping

Sherman County rural firemen were busy Wednesday with a couple of harvest related fires one in the north in the morning and one south of town in the afternoon.

Chris Bauman, Sherman County rural assistant fire chief, said the first fire was a pickup owned by Roger Enfield that caught on fire in a field off County Road 76, and the second was in a wheat field owned by Max Linin a couple of miles south on County Road 22.

“We have had four fires in the past two weeks caused by pickups catching on fire,” Bauman said. “It is good to remind people to be careful driving through the dry fields because it can catch fire.”

He said when the firemen reached Enfield’s pickup it was a shell of a pickup, and the firemen were able to contain the fire because it was a stubble field.

In the afternoon the firemen were called to the wheat field fire that burned up about 80 acres of wheat — some cut and some uncut — that had some big flames going as the fire burned across the field.

Bauman said the firemen were lucky there was not high winds, and was pleased with all the help putting the fire out.

The rural fire trucks from Goodland, Brewster and Kanorado all were involved in stopping and mopping up the fire. Goodland sent two trucks out including the airport crash truck. The city trucks are designed a bit differently than the rural trucks, and to refill the crash truck the city was able to use water from a tank brought out by Dorman Brothers.

Bauman said several of the trucks had some heating problems with stuff from the field plugging the radiators, and had to be cooled down. He said it looked like organized confusion at times, but everyone



Flames were visible in the field as firemen from Sherman County rushed to a fire about two miles south of town on Road 22 Wednesday afternoon. The fire destroyed about 80 acres, and was caused by a pickup setting some weeds on fire.

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did a great job.

He was thankful for the help of the county who brought out a grader with Curt Way at the controls and the county tankers for additional water.

Alex West brought out a dozer to help knock down the fire, and helped get a fire truck or two unstuck. Bauman said the Sheriff’s department helped bring some equipment out and provide some water for the firemen.

An ambulance was sent to be on standby and to help make sure the firemen were hydrated.

While the firemen were fighting the fire in Linin’s field, Lynn Ihrig had two combines cutting a field to the west.



County to install stop signs on dangerous hill

By Tom Betz

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A citizen letter about a dangerous intersection at County Road 15 and Road 78 prompted the Sherman County commissioners to have the situation reviewed and on Monday approved putting stop signs on both sides of the hill on Road 78.

Sheriff Kevin Butts and Curt Way, public works manager, were at the meeting and agreed the intersection needed to have stop signs.

“This is a pretty remote area,” Way said, “and the hill creates some sight restrictions. We would recommend stop signs on Road 78.

“You need to pass a resolution to change yield signs to stop signs.”

He said just putting the stop signs up is not going to change any liability issue, and said he was not sure people are going to stop at the stop signs because it is on a hill.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad suggested putting a stop ahead sign so people know the stop sign is coming. The stop ahead sign would be on the west side of the intersection.

Way said that might help. He said he will have to order one of those signs.

Sheriff Butts said he had looked at the intersection and handed out some photos he had

taken. He said he would recommend putting up stop signs.

Way said he had talked to someone at the Kansas Department of Transportation and had a sample resolution for the commissioners to pass if they wanted to change the signs.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said he was asked about changing the yield signs to stop signs for this summer because there are corn fields on three sides and it was creating a sight problem.

“I told them we could not change the signs for that, but could mow back some at the corners for a line of sight,” Thomas said.

Way agreed some of the roads are getting

out of hand with the farmers plowing and planting out into the right of way. He said it was under control six or seven years ago, but now starting to creep out again.

Thomas made a motion to put up stop signs on Road 78 at the intersection with Road 15, and it passed unanimously with Strnad and Commissioner Max Linin voting in favor.

Way said he would get the signs up as soon as possible.

In other business the commissioners:

• Agreed to have a resolution drafted to put the at-large election of commissioners on the

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Goodland Library holds a fun night of ‘who done it’

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland Public Library hosted a “Murder Mystery Party” at the library last week. The party is sort of like a mystery novel in a game form with each guest having a part in the mystery. A murder has been committed but even the person playing the murderer doesn’t know who did it.

This party was a recreation of a weekend at a wealthy English estate in 1936. Guests included the private secretary (Monica Emig) of the host, a beautiful and talented American actress (Cindy Bowman) who starred in “She Bends Over to Conquer,” the host’s long-lost illegitimate son (Denise Floyd), a renowned author (Marlyn Mangus) of English mystery novels, the host’s solicitor or lawyer (David Floyd), a 35-year old banker and successful financial advisor (Pat Schiefen), the banker’s socialite wife and former model (Amity Ihrig), the host’s doctor (Clydene Young), the butler (Karen Gillihan), cookie (Laura McClung) and a gardener (Eddie Emig).

The characters get a play book with information they are given about themselves but do not have to reveal unless directly asked and information they have to share with each other.

Guests know which character

they are to be and are encouraged to dress for the part. The actress showed up in long slinky dress, feather boa and hat. The private secretary had her hair in a bun with glasses. The author was in a long flowing dress. The lawyer showed up in golf shirt and hat. The doctor sported a lab coat and stethoscope. The cook, butler and gardener were in proper attire.

The host Sir Roger does not show up for his own party and the guests discover from Police Inspector Smythe that Sir Roger has been found dead in his swimming pool.

All of the guests have their secrets including the personal secretary who is a woman’s rights activist who hates her boss’ womanizing, the illegitimate son who is a skilled mountain climber and newly claimed heir, the actress who has acted in naughty films produced by Sir Roger, the writer who wants Sir Roger to bank role her sequel novel, the banker who is a nephew of Sir Roger and has connections with underworld crime and needs money, the lawyer who is also Sir Roger’s older illegitimate son who does most of his lawyering on the golf course and the doctor who specializes in treating the rich and famous.

Sir Roger is also not what he



The butler, Karen Gillihan (standing by the door) and the cook, Laura McClung in her chef’s uniform, met guests as they arrived for a night of who done it at the Goodland Public Library last week. Cindy Bowman (seated) plays an American actress in the murder mystery party.

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