

weather
report

87°

noon
Monday

Today

Sunset, 6:56 p.m.

Wednesday

Sunrise, 6:29 a.m.

Sunset, 6:54 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Soil temperature 69 degrees

Humidity 22 percent

Sky partly cloudy

Winds east 3 mph

Barometer 30.06 inches
and falling

Record High today 101° (1895)

Record Low today 31° (1993)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 90°

Low Sunday 53°

Precipitation none

This month trace

Year to date 17.27

Above normal 0.36 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a 30
percent chance of showers and
thunderstorms at night, a high
near 88, winds out of the north at
5 to 15 mph and a low around 59.

Wednesday: Mostly sunny with
a high near 83, winds out of the
north at 5 to 15 mph and a low
around 53.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with
a high near 80 and a low around
53.

Friday: Mostly sunny with a 20
percent chance of showers and
thunderstorms at night, a high near
80 and a low around 54.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$6.32 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.25

Corn — \$4.19 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.16

Milo — \$4.04 bushel

Soybeans — \$9.39 bushel

Posted county price — \$9.80

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$17 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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today


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Cowboys
lose to Tigers

The Cowboys hit a bump
Friday at Cowboy Stadium
losing to the Ulysses Tigers
25-0. Quarterback Reed Bel-
lamy did hit Kelly Pearson for
the Cowboys touchdown
late in the fourth quater. See
story, photos on Page 10.



Development effort goes to city

By Tom Betz
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City commissioners agreed on Tuesday to ask Sherman County to turn the economic development program over to be operated by the city.

City Manager Doug Gerber said it was something the city commissioners had talked about in the goal setting sessions nearly a year ago, and a memo from the Sherman County Economic Development Council suggesting a change in

structure for the program.

The Sherman County Economic Development Council was organized in June, 2002, and officially created under a resolution from the county commissioners passed in July. The council started with seven members and was expanded to 11 in March, 2003, with the addition of a representative from each of the four banks in town.

"We as council members are of the opinion the defeat of the mill levy was not necessarily a vote against economic development," the memo said, "but rather a vote against the possibility of a tax increase.

"...economic development is an absolute necessity for Sherman County. We are of the opinion that Goodland and Sherman County are on the verge of new economic growth.

"With this background we suggest

"• The current council be disbanded.

"• The city take over the function

of economic development with the hiring of a director to answer directly to the city administrator.

"• A contract between the city and county to provide the county will fund economic development by providing those funds to the city. The city would be responsible for economic development for both the city and county.

"• An economic development advisory committee be appointed to provide assistance as outlined by the city administrator."

"Are we firm in having the city take the program over?" Gerber asked the commissioners.

Mayor Josh Dechant asked if anyone has visited with the county commissioners.

Gerber said he had some conversations and was planning to be at the county meeting on Monday.

"I think this is super to get the letter from the council," Dechant said. "It lays out where we have been and

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I-70 mill, overlay to begin

A mill and asphalt overlay project to resurface 12 miles of I-70 in Sherman County from the state line east to Caruso was to start Monday officials from the Kansas Department of Transportation said.

Beginning at the Colorado/Kansas state line, the 12-mile project along I-70 will consist of a mill operation and a hot mix asphalt overlay. The job ends at Exit 12 near Caruso, about four miles west of Goodland.

Contracting firm McCormick Excavation and Paving, of Stratton, Colo., is the prime contractor for the road construction project.

Interstate traffic will be reduced to a one-lane travel restriction while the road work occurs. The total estimated cost of construction is \$362,410. Work should be complete by Friday, Sept. 24, weather permitting.

"As always, we ask the traveling public to exercise caution while driving through construction zones in Kansas," said Kristen Brands KDOT Public Affairs Manager. "Please slow down, and pay attention to the workers and signs within a road work zone."

For more information on this project or any state highway project, contact Area Two Engineer Eric Oelschlager at (785) 626-3258 or erico@ksot.org in Atwood or Kristen Brands, at (785) 877-3315 or kristenb@ksdot.org in Norton.

K-27 enters final phase

Drivers Friday found a new configuration of cone zone on K-27 from the Walmart entrance north to the stop light. The final phase of work has begun to replace the asphalt with concrete, and the west two lanes will be the first to be replaced. The entrance to Walmart has been blocked and drivers must go south to the next entrance and drive back north to Walmart. The new section of K-27 south has been opened, and will soon be striped for four-lane driving.

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Good crowd joins band for festive evening

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The winds were calm, and the stars were beautiful to see as a crowd estimated to be around 200 gathered at Smoky Gardens Saturday evening for fellowship and great music.

Event organizer Trevor Linton said he was pleased with the turnout and the number of families who came down and brought along their portable grills, tables, chairs and food for a fantastic evening.

Linton said he had been planning the event for several weeks and had picked out the date because of the connection between Soldiers Memorial Park and the people who lost their lives in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

The merry-go-round, swings and slide had plenty of action as the youngsters had fun while the adults talked and listened to the music by Pieces of 8 band. Richard Johnson, Howard Culver and Andrew Melia were joined by a friend from North Platte, Neb. and had a stage set up on the north side of the lake where the large picnic area is located.

Melia reminded people the special evening was to enjoy Soldiers Memorial Park and to remember those who lost their lives not only in

Pieces of Eight band played for the Smoky Garden Festival Saturday evening entertaining a crowd of more than 200 who came out to enjoy the resurrected park and remember those who have served the nation and those who died in the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

the terrorist attacks, but the wars the country has and continues to fight.

People began gathering in the af-

ternoon and several had tents set up for possible overnight camping.

The concert began at 7 p.m. with

Darren Kannady riding the American Flag in on his motorcycle and Travis Jones singing the national anthem.

The sun was setting as the music began and people set up chairs to listen while others gathered around tables to listen and enjoy their dinner.

Several of those who were there said they had been down to the lake back when it had water and were glad to see it being revitalized.

Dick Emig, who has made the park a project over the summer, said he was pleased with the turnout.

He said someone liked it so well they had given him a \$1,000 donation to go to the county for more improvements.

After the sun set a couple of street lights came on to light the kids play area and others turned on lanterns and a fire was started to give light and as the air cooled off some warmth.

The crowd parked along the road and as the program continued a number of older people packed up and headed home while another group arrived carrying their chairs and coats.

Linton said he hopes to do the event next year, and encouraged people to think about donating to try to get some water back in the lake.

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Smoky Garden lake, park history covers 86 years,

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The lake has undergone several changes since it was first opened on July 4, 1924 known then as Smoky Garden pleasure resort, based on research work done by Lloyd Holbrook of the Sherman County Historical Society.

The first dam was built and paid for by 140 people donating \$25 each for \$3,500. The dam was located on the John Dyatt ranch with the family giving a 25-year lease on 40 acres just south of the Old Parker ranch. The plan was to plant trees, build a dam, pavilion, tennis courts and boat house.

Newspaper reports of the opening in 1924 estimated 4,000 people were at the lake that day.

Accounts from 1927 said a flood washed out part of the dam in 1926, and again in 1927. The flood washed out the dam and damaged the pavilion and other structures around the

lake, and it fell into disuse.

An effort was made in 1933 to get the Smoky Gardens named as a public works project, but the stumbling block was the federal program did not provide any money