

weather report

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noon

Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 5:02 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:57 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:03 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 30 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds northwest 27-32 mph
- Barometer 30.09 inches and steady
- Record High today 68° (1986)
- Record Low today -16° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 50°
- Low Wednesday 24°
- Precipitation none
- This month 0.33
- Year to date 0.33
- Below Normal 0.05 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 63, winds out of the west at 10 mph and a low around 25. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 50, winds out of the south at 10 mph and a low around 20.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of snow at night, a high near 41 and a low around 17. Monday: Cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow, a high near 25 and a low around 7. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

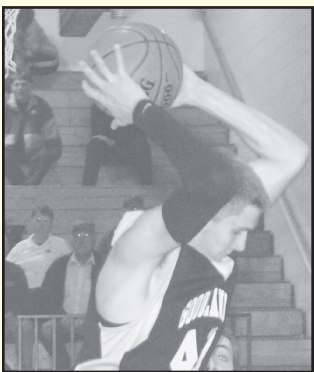
local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$8.04 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.87
- Corn — \$5.82 bushel
- Posted county price — \$6.13
- Milo — \$5.67 bushel
- Soybeans — \$12.63 bushel
- Posted county price — \$13.02
- Millet — \$5 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$28.50 cwt.
- Confection — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$18
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Cowboys lose in overtime

Cowboy Robert Cowan pulls down a rebound in the game with the Norton Bluejays on Tuesday. The Cowboys lost 80-76 in triple overtime. See photos on Page 11A



Take Charge kick-off Saturday

Health Fair Saturday at NW Tech

By Tom Betz

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Citizens of Goodland are being asked to help the city win \$100,000 by reducing energy usage in the next eight months, and the kick-off will be part of the Sherman County Health Fair Saturday morning at the Northwest Tech Student Union.

The City Take Charge Challenge booth will be the first one on the south side of the student union area, and citizens will be able to pick up a bag of goodies including a free compact fluorescent light bulb to help people make a switch and add a point in the Take Charge Challenge contest.

Goodland is competing for the \$100,000 with Colby, Oakley, Hoxie and WaKeeney and the contest runs from January through September.

When a citizen makes a light switch to a CFL they can go to the web site at <http://takechargekansas.org> and register on the Goodland page to help build points for the city.

As of Thursday Colby was leading in the northwest region with more than 1,000 switches registered. Goodland was second with more than 400 switches registered. The web site has a formula that converts the number of switches into a dollar amount of savings and with the more than 400 switches Goodland has a \$3,683 savings, but is behind the more than 1,000 for Colby for \$9,289.

Amy Thorson, co-chair of the city's Take Charge committee, said Wednesday people need to have an e-mail address to login and register their switches on the web site. She said if people do not have an e-mail address they can bring the information to her and she will have a way to enter it to give the city credit.

Switching light bulbs for the CFL is one way people can help in the challenge and build points for the city. Shauna Johnson, co-chair of the city committee, said



Members of the city Take Charge Committee gathered Wednesday afternoon to put together the goodie bags to be handed out Saturday at the Health Fair. Included in the bags are a free CFL bulb to help people switch and save electricity. Members are (top photo) Kenny Studer from school district, Mike Abbey and Dustin Bedore from the city, Amy Thorson of the city, Tina Goodwin from the Goodland hospital and Chuck Lutters of Northwest Tech College. The members formed an assembly line (right) with each one putting one of the items in the bag.

Photos by Josh Harenberg and Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

another way is for people to sign up for an Efficiency Kansas audit to have their home or small business checked and develop an energy plan to reduce energy costs.

She said she is taking applications for the energy audit, and representatives from Efficiency Kansas will be at the booth on Saturday to answer questions about the audit process. Johnson said the audit costs about \$100, but the committee is planning to have a set of vouchers for those who complete the audits to help them save and be worth about \$200 in weatherization and energy



savings items that can be purchased from local businesses.

Johnson said she has seven audits lined up, and hopes to add to that on Saturday to be able to schedule having those done in the near future. She said people interested in doing an audit can contact her at the city office at (785) 890-4500.

Members of the city committee

gathered Wednesday afternoon to put the special bags together to be handed out on Saturday, and to talk about upcoming events to promote the city's efforts.

Johnson and Thorson said they will be making presentations about the Take Charge Challenge at Kiwanis and Rotary in the next few weeks, and will have a monthly

contest at the city office. The plan is to have a booth at the Cowboys and Cowgirls home game against Atwood on Tuesday, Feb. 15, and are looking at having some sort of fun competition for those attending at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The committee has other events

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City library to join statewide celebration of Kansas Day

The State of Kansas became the 34th state on Jan. 29, 1861 and celebrates the sesquicentennial — 150 years — on Saturday.

As part of the celebration the Goodland Public Library will join the Kansas State Library and libraries across the state in an online celebration at 1 p.m. today.

Librarian Karen Gillihan said the library will be showcasing Kansas Books, serving sunflower cookies and having contest throughout the day.

She said at 1 p.m. the plan is to have a statewide online celebration to include:

Singing Happy Birthday Kansas in libraries across the state.

A Kansas Trivia Game with Merci Penner, founder of the Kansas Sampler Festival and Kansas trivia expert.

Statewide singing "Home on the Range."

"I hope people sleeping in commercial airliners flying overhead will wake up and look out the windows to see who is singing," Gillihan said. "But the measure of success will be people in other states calling the Kansas governor's office to complain about the noise."

The Kansas State Library has selected a list of 150 books written by Kansas authors or using the state as a setting for their books.

Nearly 300 titles were submitted as potential candidates for the Sesquicentennial-celebrating list compiled by the State Library of Kansas.



Criteria for nominations was simple: a significant aspect of the book must relate to Kansas, its culture, its heritage or be historical in nature; and the book must have a recognizable Kansas author. The book may be fiction or non-fiction, any genre and suitable for readers of all ages.

"This was an interesting project for us, and unlike anything we've done in the past," said Joanne Budler, State Librarian. "Nearly 300 book titles were submitted some more than once. We spent a great deal of time checking to assure titles and authors were correct, as well as making certain the book met the criteria for our list."

"We confirmed all titles were in print and available through Kansas libraries, so readers may have their local library request a book through interlibrary loan if necessary," Bu-

dlar explained. "Kansas libraries have been sharing resources for years; this is one more opportunity to employ this service. In addition, the Kansas Courier service moves books quickly and economically between libraries."

"To read more Kansas history on a specific topic, check with your school, college or public library," added Budler. "Literally hundreds of books about Kansas and Kansans have been published, with scores more titles published each year."

The list in alphabetical order by title accompanies this press release. The complete list is available at: www.kslib.info and www.ks150.kansas.gov.

See Kansas State Library book list and related Kansas history story about early development of Kansas on Page 7A

Candidate numbers create city primary to be held on March 1

By Tom Betz

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A Primary Election will be held on Tuesday, March 1 to reduce the number of candidates for city commissioner from seven to six City Clerk Mary Volk said Thursday.

Under city ordinance the city has to have a primary when the number of candidates exceeds twice the number of commissioner seats up for election and the city has three seats up for election this year.

As of the filing deadline on Tuesday seven people have filed for the three city commissioner positions up for election on April 5.

Those filing include incumbents Dave Daniels and Annette Fairbanks. The other five include Chris Zimmerman, Gary Farris, Bill Finley, Jeff Deeds and Randy Topliff.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the primary election will be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, and voters who live in the city will be eligible to vote. She said she is working to make the primary election as inexpensive as she can.

The Goodland School Board has four positions up for election in April, and as of Tuesday six

people have filed at the Sherman County Clerk's office.

Those filing by the deadline on Tuesday are Incumbent board member Chuck Wilkens, and the five others include Mike Brannick, Teresa Sieck, Jessica Cole, Genifer House and Diane Stiles.

School board incumbent members Jane Philbrick and John Hendrich did not file for re-election.

All Goodland School Board positions are at-large and will be for four-year terms. The top four in the April 5 election will be elected.

Those elected will not be sworn in until July, but the school board has previously indicated that the top non incumbent person on the ballot would be appointed to fill Andrew House's unexpired term until the members are sworn in for the next year.

Positions are open in Kanorado for Mayor and City Council. Kanorado City Clerk Deb Fahey said she knows that current Mayor Dennis Korbelik has filed and Allan Billenwillms had filed for city council. She said the city council has two seats up for election.

The Sherman County Clerk's office confirmed that Korbelik filed for Kanorado mayor and Billenwillms had filed for council.