

### weather report

53°

11 a.m.  
Thursday



#### Today

• Sunset, 5:27 p.m.

#### Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:34 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:28 p.m.

#### Middy Conditions

• Soil temperature 31 degrees

• Humidity 28 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds north 15 mph

• Barometer 29.75 inches

and rising

• Record High today 74° (1986)

• Record Low today -4° (1942)

#### Last 24 Hours

High Wednesday 75° Record

Low Wednesday 40°

Precipitation none

This month .36

Year to date .75

Above Normal .15 inches

#### The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with a high near 56, winds breezy out of the south at 10 to 20 mph and a low around 27. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain at night, a high near 60, winds out of the south at 10 mph and a low around 32.

#### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain in the day and snow at night, a high near 43 and a low around 32. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 39 and a low around 21.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

### local markets

#### Noon

Wheat — \$8.15 bushel

Posted county price — \$7.80

Corn — \$6.32 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.57

Milo — \$6.17 bushel

Soybeans — \$12.40 bushel

Posted county price — \$13.02

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$29.35 cwt.

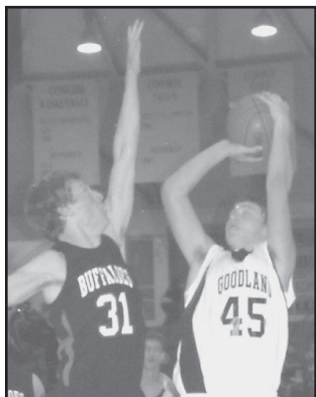
Confection — no bid

Pinto beans — \$18 (new crop)

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

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### Cowboys over .500

Cowboy Taylen Smith shoots over the long arm of Atwood's Keaton Argabright on Tuesday in the Cowboys win at Max Jones. The Cowboys are over .500 and are in action tonight at Hugoton. See story, photos on Page 12A.



Goodland High School's Xpressos were busy on Monday doing singing for Valentines Day and in the evening the signing group entertained for the crowd at the 67th Annual Sherman County Conservation District banquet held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Awards presented at annual dinner

By Tom Betz

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A crowd of more than 145 farmers, families and kids gathered at the Veterans of Foreign Wars on Monday for the 67th Annual Sherman County Conservation District dinner and award program.

Lonnie Whiteker, chairman of the district board of supervisors, was the master of ceremonies and welcomed the audience.

The meal was furnished by the Conservation District, Bankwest, Western State Bank, Peoples State Bank, First National Bank and Farm Credit Services of Western Kansas. The meal was served by WW Catering (Regi Woodard and Connie Waldman).

Entertainment for the evening was presented by the Goodland High School Xpressos.

A district award for Friends of Agriculture was presented to Ken and Laurie Klemm for their efforts in raising buffalo and adapting a

rotation grazing program. Klemm was commended for this work and his expansion into grass-fed beef, which he is getting ready to sell along with The Buffalo Guys buffalo meat products.

The Windbreak Award was presented to Terry and Rebecca Baker by Cliff Leach of First National Bank, and the Bankers Award was presented to Dwight and Judith Chipperfield by Leach.

Dani Mangus was presented a State First Place award for her essay. Mangus read her essay about "Conservation then and now." Emily Smith was presented a State Honorable Mention award for her limerick. Both were winners at the state Conservation District Convention held in November.

Bill Selby and Dennis Shank were re-elected to the board of district supervisors for 3-year terms.

Sherman County Conservation District youth contest winners were presented plaques at the banquet by

District Manager Sandy Rodgers and Scott Jarrett, a member of the board of supervisors, for posters, limericks and essays.

Posters third and fourth grade, First, Emanuel Briones; Second, Zeke Beringer; Third, Dezirae Williams; and Honorable Mention Ethan Wolf and Jade Atrzer.

Posters fifth grade, First, Blaine Sederstrom; Second, Brooke Keim; Third, Darby Hays; and Honorable Mention Katie Purvis and Demi Mitchek.

Limericks third and fourth grade: First, Kaitlin Thompson, Second, Jaquelin Diaz; Third, Joseph Tompkins; and Honorable Mention, Garin Ihrig and Hunter Helton.

Limericks fifth grade: First, Wence Hendrich; Second, Blaine Sederstrom; Third, Kit Boyington; and Honorable Mention Shania Smith and Kaitlyn Townsend.

Essays fifth grade: First, Blaine Sederstrom; Second, Shania Smith; and Third, Hannah Eslinger.



Xpresso choir members sang a special Valentines song to Gaylene Shank as part of the entertainment.

## Advance voting opens for city Primary Election

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The City of Goodland has seven candidates for the three commission spots, and to reduce the number to six the city will have a Primary Election on Tuesday, March 1.

Advance voting for the city primary opened on Wednesday, and will continue through noon on

Monday, Feb. 28, at the Sherman County Clerk's office.

The courthouse, city office, banks, federal offices and post office will be closed on Monday for President's Day, but Goodland citizens will be able to cast advance ballots on Tuesday and for the rest of the week.

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 seven people filed for the three city commission 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.

City citizens will vote for three on the primary election ballot and the top six candidates will move ahead to the April 5 General Election.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the primary election on Tuesday,

March 1, will be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, and voters who live in the city will be eligible to vote.

When the General Election is held voters from Kanorado, Goodland, the Goodland School District and Brewster School District residents

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## Principal Jim Mull to retire this year

By Pat Schiefen

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West Elementary Principal Jim Mull submitted his retirement at the end of the year to the Goodland School Board on Monday night. Mull has been principal at Grant Junior High, West Elementary School and North Elementary School.

The board also had their annual reviews of the rest of the administrators. Verna Milnes who was principal at West Elementary School and is Curriculum Specialist this year will be West Elementary Principal and District Assessment Specialist next year.

Goodland High School Principal Sharon Gregory announced her retirement earlier. Harvey Swager is principal of Central Elementary School and Steve Raymer principal of Grant Junior High.

At the next community meeting on district facilities the format will be minimal information given and more dialogue with the community, said Superintendent Shelly Angelos. The community meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday, Feb. 28, at the Goodland High School Auditorium.

The district will not get any money from their insurance to fix the

water seepage problem at the junior high gym at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Superintendent Angelos said that water damage or flooding was not covered.

Superintendent Angelos reported that the state of Kansas has applied to the federal government to keep the Annual Yearly Progress goals at the 2010 level because of the number of schools that were not able to meet it. The Goodland School District is included in that number. Angelos said they will not know if the federal government will accept the application until May.

The goals for kindergarten through eighth for 2010 in reading were 83.7 percent and in 2011 87.8 percent and in math for 2010 82.3 percent and in 2011 86.7 percent. Goals for high school reading were 81.3 in 2010 and 86 percent in 2011 and in math 76.4 percent in 2010 and in 2011 82.3 percent.

Curriculum Specialist Milnes reported that the corrective action plan for not meeting Annual Yearly Progress was back from the state. The plan identified successes and things the district needs to work on. Under successes were an increase

### Search warrants



Charges are pending after Sherman County Sheriff's deputies searched a home at 118 N. Caldwell Ave., on Monday afternoon. Sheriff Kevin Butts said the deputies had three search warrants and during the examination of the house found illegal narcotics, wildlife and felony firearm violations and child pornographic-related material. The search began at 4:07 p.m., and the deputies were about finished gathering evidence about 8:30 p.m. Sheriff Butts said his deputies were continuing to gather information and take statements from those involved, and said he expects arrest warrants and charges to be filed once that process is completed.

