

weather report

52°
10 a.m.
Monday



Today

• Sunset, 6:50 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:32 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:48 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 61 degrees
- Humidity 63 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds north 10 mph
- Barometer 30.15 inches and rising
- Record High today 99° (1895)
- Record Low today 34° (1971)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	89°
Low Sunday	51°
Precipitation	none
This month	0.30
Year to date	8.46
Below normal	8.12 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 79, winds out of the southwest at 5 to 10 mph switching to the northwest and a low around 48.
Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 88, winds out of the southwest at 10 switching to the north and a low around 49.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high near 82 and a low around 53.
Friday: Sunny with a high near 77 and a low around 48.
Saturday: Sunny with a high near 76 and a low around 48.

(National Weather Service)
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Scouts looking for parent leadership

By Kevin Bottrell

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The Coronado Area Council of Boy Scouts of America is on a recruiting drive, but this time the focus is on parents, rather than kids.

Donald Sheppard, chief executive officer of the Coronado Council, which covers 32 counties in western Kansas, has been traveling throughout the council to try and recruit adult volunteers. The council currently has more than 1,500 volunteers, but more are always needed, he said.

Goodland's Boy Scout Troop and Cub Scout Pack 142 belong to the Buffalo Bill District, a subdivision of the Coronado Council.

Sheppard stopped in Goodland on Friday. He said he has been trying to talk more to parents, since many times the child's priorities and how they spend their time come down to the parents' decisions. There are a lot of activities available for kids, he said, and often in rural areas, kids are involved in multiple activities.

Sheppard said being involved in Scouts can have a marked impact on academic performance and later job performance.

"It's not just knot tying," he said.

Anyone interested in becoming a volunteer can go to beascout.org.

Sheppard said the Boy Scouts are also trying to have a larger online and social media presence. The aim is to get current Scouts to recruit their friends via social media posts.

Measuring the scene



Sherman County Sheriff's Deputy Jason Showalter measured distances at a car accident at the intersection of K-27 and U.S. 24 on Friday. A van (pictured) and a pickup truck had collided at the intersection. The drivers of both vehicles were put on stretchers and taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center.
Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

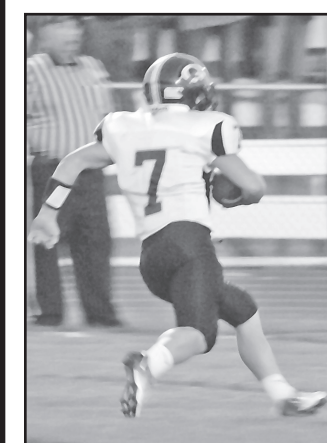
local markets

10 a.m.

- Wheat — \$8.45 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.68
- Corn — \$7.53 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.66
- Milo — \$7.09 bushel
- Soybeans — \$15.85 bushel
Posted county price — \$16.79
- Millet — \$14 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$27.60 cwt.
- Confection — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$28
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys beat Cougars

The Goodland High School varsity football team beat the Burlington Cougars 48-0 on Friday in Burlington.

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Municipal Power Plant to mark 75 years

Due to the popularity of the *Goodland Star-News*' special history section in August, we will be running monthly history articles highlighting a variety of topics throughout the rest of the year.

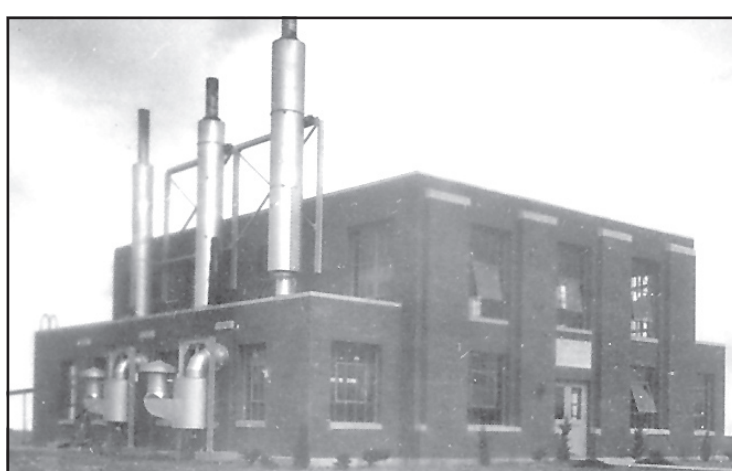
At an open house from 1 to 4 p.m. Sunday, the Goodland Municipal Power Plant will celebrate 75 years of operation.

There have been a number of power plants in Goodland since 1906. The current power plant was built in 1937 after the city decided to take over municipal power generation.

The city had made several proposals to buy Citizens Utility System, which had been running a power plant on 17th Street, but those offers were rejected. The city and company eventually settled on a price of \$50,000 for the complete distribution system, all outlying lines and other equipment.

A special election was held, in which voters approved — by a fair margin — \$200,000 in obligation bonds toward the construction of the power plant. This allowed the city to purchase 21 acres — where the plant and Steever Park are today.

The Fairbanks-Morse Company won the bid to build the new plant. The work included the building, two 700 and 500 horsepower engines, moving the 180 horsepower engine from the water works,



The Goodland Light and Power Plant as it appeared in the 1920s (above). At the time the plant was privately owned. Before that, the power plant had been located on 17th street (right) about two blocks east of Main Street. This photo was taken in 1910.
The Sherman County Historical Society

and new electric meters, all for \$187,341.

Paul Loomis with Fairbanks-Morse was the engineer on the project as well as on several future expansions of the plant. He later served as plant superintendent from 1948 to 1968.

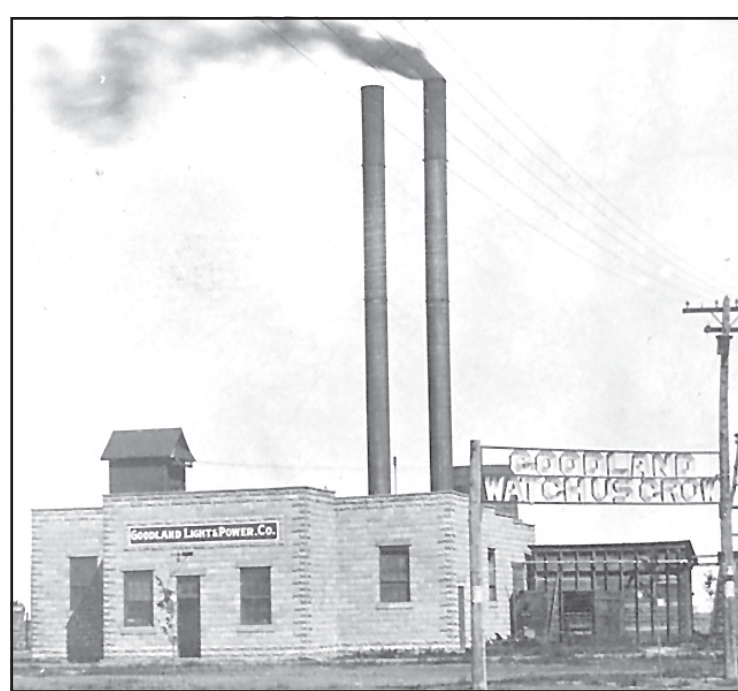
The first addition to the plant was made in 1939, when a new 770-kilowatt engine was installed. A fourth, this time a 1,000-kilowatt engine, was added in 1947. In 1950, a 1,250-kilowatt dual fuel engine — designed to run on both diesel and natural gas — was added. At that time, a new cooling system was installed and the building was expanded to better house the larger

engines.

In 1960, the largest engine yet, capable of generating 2,270 kilowatts, was ordered to meet the growing demand. The building had to be expanded again to accommodate the huge new engine, which was finally installed in 1962. Weighing in at 247,000 pounds, the engine arrived by rail and was moved to the power plant by Graves Trucking Company of Salina.

By 1980, five more engines had been added, the largest of which can generate 4,300 kilowatts.

The city currently contracts with Sunflower Electric for municipal power, but maintains the power



plant to help offset peak usage, such as during this summer's heat wave, and as back-up in case of emergency.

Goodland's earliest power plant was built in 1906 on 17th Street, about two blocks east of Main Street. The city awarded a 20-year franchise to the Goodland Light and Power Company, which was based in Denver. It was built for about \$30,000.

Electric lights first came on in Goodland on Aug. 14, 1906. By 1920, the growing city was in danger of outstripping its generating capacity. In July of that year, a new

165 horsepower steam engine arrived, but installation was delayed because of needed improvements to the building. It went online in November.

In 1923, the Light and Power Company signed a contract to provide power to Kanorado, adding a 440 horsepower engine. However, later that year the Light and Power Company sold out to the Union Power Company. In 1927, the plant was sold to a Minnesota company, which quickly went bankrupt. The Citizens Utility Company took over, operating the plant for 10 years before selling it to the city.

State leaders touring to support economic development

By Carleen Bell

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Three state leaders traveled around Kansas last week to discuss tax policy changes that will affect small business owners. On the tour were Commerce Secretary Pat George, Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan and Labor Secretary Karin Brownlee.

The leaders addressed a small crowd at the Norton Sleep Inn conference room to discuss the state's Rural Opportunity Zone program and new tax policies.

Commerce Secretary George reported that 500 people have taken advantage of the state's program that provides financial incentives for

people to move from out of state into Kansas counties with declining population. Norton County, George said, ranks second state-wide for the most people taking advantage of the program and moving into the county.

Revenue Secretary Jordan reported that state government has little to do with property tax policy, but income tax regulations are decided at the state level.

"We have lost about \$1.9 billion of income taxes from people leaving Kansas," Jordan said. "The people who leave go to Texas more than any other state (because of Texas' income tax rules)." In response to the need to attract and keep

citizens in the state of Kansas, Jordan said, new tax policies will collapse the top two income tax brackets and lower the third bracket.

"We've lowered the tax rate for everyone and doubled the standard deduction for individual tax returns."

The revenue secretary also reported that effective Jan. 1, 2013, there will be no non-wage business income tax, which will help alleviate some of the financial burden on small business. Jordan said that 98 percent of the businesses in Kansas are 100 employees or fewer and 77 percent of businesses employ 10 or fewer.

In addition, the state has eliminated the two-year tax exemption on oil drilling for operations that produce more than 50 barrels of oil a day. The two year exemption will still be in place for operations that produce less than 50 barrels a day. With the state sales tax slated to decrease from 6.3 percent to 5.7 percent next July, Jordan said he hoped the decrease, along with other tax changes, will help keep Kansas small businesses thriving and entice more people to move into and stay in Kansas.

Labor Secretary Brownlee reported that