

weather report

68°
 10 a.m.
 Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 5:44 p.m.

Saturday

- Sunrise, 7:18 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:43 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 25 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds south 10 mph
- Barometer 30.05 inches and falling
- Record High today 81° (1931)
- Record Low today -4° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 76°
- Low Wednesday 38°
- Precipitation none
- This month none
- Year to date 9.02
- Below Normal 9.47 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 67, winds breezy out of the northwest at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 33. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 62, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph switching to the south and a low around 33.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 63 and a low around 37. Monday: Sunny with a high near 66 and a low around 41. Tuesday: Sunny with a high near 69 and a low around 39.

(National Weather Service)

local markets

10 a.m.

- Wheat — \$8.58 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.33
- Corn — \$7.60 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.33
- Milo — \$7.23 bushel
- Soybeans — \$14.76 bushel
- Posted county price — \$14.77
- Millet — \$14 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$26.15 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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Medal earned at state tourney

Lacie Siruta placed 18th at the Class 4A State Cross Country Tournament on Saturday in Wamego.

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County gets one bid for remodel

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The Sherman County Commissioners received one bid for remodeling the old IGA building into a fire and ambulance station.

The commissioners had set their end of the month meeting Wednesday as the deadline for bids. Present were project engineer Dan Hall, Fire Chief Brian James, Goodland City Manager Doug Gerber, Economic Development Director Michael Solomon and commissioner candidate Ken Klemm.

Miller Construction of Goodland

bid a \$777,043 base bid with a projected end date of July 1. An alternate bid deducting the ambulance quarters would subtract \$91,134 and another alternate bid would deduct replacing the concrete flooring, subtracting \$77,700.

The commissioners did not accept the bid at the meeting, but are waiting until a contract with the city can be negotiated. The commissioners designated Larry Enfield to be the representative in the negotiations.

City Attorney Jerry Fairbanks

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Daylight Savings to end this Sunday

Its almost time to “fall back” an hour as Daylight Saving Time will be ending this weekend.

Daylight Saving Time will end for the year at 2 a.m. Sunday, when clocks will be set back an hour.

Daylight Saving Time was invented by George Vernon Hudson, an entomologist and astronomer from New Zealand, in 1895 as a way to shift a daylight hour to the evening, when more people are awake. As the days get shorter in the fall, clocks are returned to standard time so that one fewer hour in the morning is in the dark.

The system was first implemented during World War I after Hudson’s proposal was taken up by the British and Germans. It was not formally adopted in the United States until

1918, and after the war it became a local option. Some states observed Daylight Saving Time and some didn’t. There was a push to standardize in the 1960s, resulting in the Uniform Time Act of 1966, which established Daylight Saving Time from April to October. Congress amended the Uniform Time Act in 1986 to move Daylight Saving Time to the first Sunday in April to the last Sunday in October.

In 2006, the end date was changed to the first Sunday in November. The clock change on Sunday will bring the country back in line with Arizona, Hawaii, Puerto Rico, American Samoa, Guam, the Northern Mariana Islands and the U.S. Virgin Islands, which do not observe Daylight Saving Time.

County Appraiser to retire next year

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Sherman County Appraiser Terry Ballard will be retiring next year after 17 years in the position.

Sherman County shares its appraiser with several other counties. Ballard informed the county commissioners of his plans at their meeting Wednesday. He said his retirement will be effective July 1, but said he still plans to work part time as the Rawlins County Appraiser.

“I really enjoyed my time here,” he said.

Finding a new appraiser will be difficult, Ballard said, since the position requires experience and licensure, some of which take up to three years of school.

The commissioners discussed approaching Thomas County to share an appraiser.

In other business, the commis-

sioners: •Received an update on the ambulance service from Director Dwayne Wright, who said he is working on department policies. The medical and procedural policies are written, he said, and awaiting review and approval by Medical Director Dr. Travis Daise.

Wright asked the commissioners if there was a conflict with county employees volunteering to be emergency medical technicians. Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said there isn’t since they would be volunteering their time, but county employees must clock out if they go on runs.

Commissioner Larry Enfield said he had been getting complaints about a county employee being on the clock while doing volunteer

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Sixth graders show their colors with patriotic music program



A group of sixth grade girls led the choir and the audience in singing “The Star Spangled Banner” on Monday night during the sixth grade music program at the Goodland High School Auditorium. Included in the group were Jaquelin Diaz, Taitem Ketter, Jayden Vallejo, Shayley Julin, Katelynn Frazier, Kassandra Scott and Sada Mills.

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Goodland celebrates Halloween

Goodland children had ample opportunity to celebrate Halloween with events such as a costume parade at Central and West Elementary Schools (above). Sheriff Kevin Butts (below, right) brought his deputies and McGruff the Crime Dog to the parade. On Tuesday evening the Goodland Star-News held its Moonlight Madness costume contest (below-left and bottom). The contest was broken down by age groups. In the three and under category, Derek Petz won first place; Brock Burris, second; and Kacii Heskett, third. Honorable mentions were Sarah Hybl, Ellie Evert, Bracelinn Garza and Hayden Wilkerson. In the 4 to 7 category, Preston Helderman won first place; Alex, second; and Anahi, third. Honorable mentions were Lexi Tiller, Tilar Walls and Dallynn Dinkel. In the 8 and older category, Jeremy Ross won first place; Rachel Witman, second; and Genesis Ross, third. Honorable mentions were Madison Albers, Mariza Marcias, Leona Anderson and Chandler Clayville.

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Red, white and blue set the tone for the sixth grade’s music program on Monday night at the Goodland High School auditorium.

The group sang patriotic pieces and did a skit on interesting facts about different presidents such as George Washington (Chase Johnson) has false teeth made of ivory, rhino horn and wood. President Abraham Lincoln (Ryan Lalicker) hated wearing gloves and in one jacket he had seven pairs that his wife, Mary Lincoln (Bramalette Perryman), had tried to get him to wear. A group of bodyguards (Edgar Estrada, Norbert Cano, Rodolfo Rodriguez, Isaiah Flower and Julian Bussone) were there to ensure the president’s safety.

The choir sang each of the songs

that are associated with the U.S. Army, Marines, Air Force and Navy with Josue Renteria, Christopher Berls, Talon Corke, Kegan Dawdy, Michael Gensheer, Ella Ibrig and Ashley Brown dressed in uniforms.

The music instructor for the class was Char Avila. The sixth grade is in Grant Junior High.

In Melissa Baird’s class are Bussone, Jessi Duell, Luke Hamilton, Robert Lawson, Felipe Olivas, Perryman, Renteria, Mark Rodriguez, Rosa Sandoval, Teresa Schaffer, Peri Sieck, Madison Studer, Anthony Urban, Jayden Vallejo, Tavis Vrbka and Jerrijohn Zarhis.

Students in Pam Hardy’s class are Zekke Beringer, Logan Cross, Isaiah Flower, KayLee Gil-Shaw,

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