

weather report

41°
10 a.m.
Monday



Today

• Sunset, 4:33 p.m.
Saturday
• Sunrise, 6:30 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:32 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 42 degrees
• Humidity 37 percent
• Sky clear and sunny
• Winds southwest 13 mph
• Barometer 30.37 inches and rising
• Record High today 80° (2007)
• Record Low today -4° (1916)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 36°
Low Sunday 11°
Precipitation none
This month trace
Year to date 9.02
Below normal 9.79 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 54, winds out of the south at 5 mph and a low around 22. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 57, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 29.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny with a high of 54 and a low around 30. Friday: Sunny with a high near 54 and a low around 34. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 55 and a low around 33.

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local markets



10:30 a.m.

Wheat — \$8.52 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.51
Corn — \$7.18 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.31
Milo — \$6.81 bushel
Soybeans — \$13.64 bushel
Posted county price — \$14.48
Millet — \$14 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$25.10 cwt.
Confection — no bid
Pinto beans — \$28
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Mavericks get first wins

The Northwest Tech men's basketball team won a pair of games at the Colby Ambassador Classic tournament this weekend and nearly won a third.

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County, city work toward agreement

By Kevin Bottrell

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The Goodland City Commission and Sherman County Commission may be close to a final agreement on using the IGA building as a fire and ambulance station, provided some items on the contract are worked out.

The city commission discussed the contract with County Commissioner Larry Enfield and County Attorney Brock Abbey at their Nov. 5 meeting.

City Attorney Jerry Fairbanks said there were several issues he needed to check on, such as whether the Sherman County Fire District needed to be listed on the lease as a separate entity, or whether the county could simply sub-lease part of the building to it. Abbey said the county had no problem either way, it was just a legal language issue.

The commissioners discussed the length of the lease. Enfield said the county would need at least a 30-year lease, given the amount of money it is putting into the remodel. The city commissioners said they would be OK with that.

Also discussed was how to handle the building's taxes. If no rent were charged to the county, the building might be removed from the tax rolls as it would house a public service entity. Taxes on the building could be anywhere from \$9,500 to \$18,000. Enfield said the county had no problem paying rent, but if the building could be kept off the tax rolls it would benefit the city. Fairbanks said he and Abbey would have to get a firm answer on whether that would be possible.

One possible stumbling block is the outside concrete work to turn the north curb into a truck ramp. Enfield said he was under the impression the city would be agreeing to do the outside concrete work, so the county had asked the contractor to separate

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Britney Brown as Jojo was being held up by Jed Gray as Horton in gray and Jeff House as one of the Wickersham brothers in the dress rehearsal last Tuesday night for the Goodland High School musical "Seussical the Musical." The Cat in the Hat is Holton Witman. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Musical features Whos, Cat in the Hat

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Theater goes took a trip to the magical world of Dr. Seuss at Goodland High School's production "Seussical the Musical" last weekend. The Cat in the Hat, Horton the elephant the Whos, the Grinch, Its, monkeys and brightly colored birds.

In the course of the musical some fell in love, some had adventures, some saved the world and traveled from the Jungle of Nool to McEligott's Pool and to Palm Beach.

The members of the cast were Holton Witman as The Cat and General Genghis Khan Smitz, Britney Brown as Jojo, Trace Waugh as Sour Kangaroo, Jed Gray as Horton, Carly McCracken as Mr. Mayor, Brooke Lockhart as Mrs. Mayor, Chantel Coates as Gertrude, Shayley Miller as Mayzie, Orlando Wooten as Yertle the Turtle and Hunter Harkins as

The Grinch.

The Bird Girls were Stephani DeLaRosa, Kristina Stasser and Faith Biermann. The Wickersham Brothers were Ace Artega, Jeffrey House and Tim Fugleburg. The Jungle of Nool Creatures were Savannah Bassett, Molly Bollig, D.J. McNeeley and Sophia Williams. Thing 1 was Kolt Trachsel and Thing 2 was Levi Klemm. The Whos were Sabre Yarbrough, Cheyenne Prevatt, Kat Boyington, Raquel Tomsic, Ryleigh Paxton and Elisa Backofen.

The Cadets were Brenae Bahe, Sianna Miller, Savannah Brighton, Elizabeth Fulcher, Cade Mayer, Casey Prevatt, Alexi Vasquez, Myma Ruiz, Celina Rogers, Paige Cullens, Kinsey Volk, Dillon Gillming, Amanda Coon, Kate Zelfer, Margaux Thompson, Abigail Neal, Braelyn Hoelting and Erin Floyd.

The director was Emily Blankenship. The stage manager was Jeff First with Sophia

Thompson as the assistant stage manager. Sarah Baker, Keegan Bowling and Taitem Jones ran the lights. Scenic artists were First, Taitem Jones, Chandler Pettibone, Sophia Thompson, Todd Sneathen, Tanner Jones, Ryleigh Paxton and Brown. Marvin Blankenship did the stage construction. On the make-up crew were Traci Waugh, Trace Waugh and Ruby Smith. Those in charge of the props were Jayme Davis, Taylor Feasel, Stetson Johnson, Cominic Rogers, Jordan Knitig, Juan Sandoval, Sarah Baker, Marty Edwards and Michelle Jefferson.

In the orchestra were Laura Biermann and Nancy Shores on keyboards, Cheyenne Stegeman and Deanne Langness on woodwinds, Jacob Schnable on trombone, Jay Jolly on bass and Amber Smith, Brianna White and Berkley White on percussion.

Scholars bowl meet set for Thursday

Goodland High School will hold the annual Cow-boy Classic Invitational Scholars Bowl competition starting at 4 p.m. Thursday at the school.

Ten schools have been invited, including Colby, Wallace County, Brewster, Tribune and Oakley. Goodland will compete with its A and B squads, which are each made up of five competitors and one or two alternates who rotate between rounds.

Competition rooms will be in the math and science corridor — upstairs on the east side of the building. Spectators may enter the school at the south doors.

The Goodland teams have already competed in two competitions this year, winning first place at the Rawlins County Invitational on Oct. 30 and fourth place at the Oberlin Invitational last Tuesday.

Team members are seniors Jeff House, Trace Waugh, Dustin Wendt; juniors Tiffani Hapke, Jared Lake, Cheyenne Prevatt, Berkley White; sophomores Lucas Hapke, Matt House; and freshmen Kat Boyington, Jacob Gerber, Hunter Harkins, Taitem Jones and Raquel Ordonez. The team is coached by language arts teacher Johnny Mercer.

Local workforce board ads employment specialist

The Local Area One Workforce Investment Board — known as Kansas WorkforceONE — has added Bronwyn Bitner to its staff.

Bitner, a Fort Hays State University graduate, is an employment specialist. She will split her time between the Colby and Goodland offices. WorkforceOne can provide occupational skill training,

on-the-job training, apprenticeship programs, skills upgrade training and adult education.

The Goodland office is located at the National Guard Armory, 720 Armory Road. It is open from 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday and Thursday.

For information, call (785) 443-4607.

Student exchange program looking for host families

By Kevin Bottrell

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This week is International Education Week, highlighting exchange students and the benefits they bring to communities.

AFS Intercultural Programs has been bringing exchange students to Goodland since 1970, and is once again looking for host families. Mary Porterfield, who serves on the board of directors for AFS, said the organization will begin placing students with families at the end of the year, and the goal is to place all the students by March 1.

Host families have to go through an application process. To get started, interested families should visit www.afsusa.org/hostfamily. During the process they can see a short description of the potential exchange students. Once they have been approved, the families can choose the student who will stay with them.

To become exchange students, students have to go through an application process. Porterfield said each country has its own process. Some include testing as well as preparatory camps. The successful applications are sent to the United



Exchange students Nael Radwan (left), Sara Navarro (second from right) and Elisa Backofen (right) posed with advisor Nick Evert. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

States, where AFS divides them up between the states.

Goodland is currently host to three exchange students: Sara Navarro from Panama, Nael Radwan from Austria and Elisa Backofen from Germany. These three are the 88th, 89th and 90th exchange students to come to Goodland. They arrived in August, and will go back to their home countries in June.

Navarro said she wanted to become an exchange student to learn about another culture and to have an experience to talk about. Backofen said her sister had been an exchange

student, inspiring her to become one. She also wanted to become more proficient in English. Radwan said he loves traveling, and being an exchange student looks good on a college application.

The students said their host families have been great. Backofen said it is a new experience for host families as well as for the student. They get to learn the differences in culture between the two countries, she said, and there are always surprises. Radwan said he has been teaching his host family some of his native language and other things

about Austria.

Navarro said she has learned more about her own country through the experience of telling other people about it. Navarro said there are many differences between Panama and the United States, especially at the schools. In Panama the schools require uniforms, she said, and teenagers are not allowed to drive until they are 18. There is also a lot more rain, she said.

Backofen said there are more trees where she is from, and everything here is drier and flatter. The school day in Germany is shorter,

ending at 2 p.m.

Radwan said everything is more stretched out than in Austria and people are more dependent on their cars. Where he is from, more people use public transportation. In school, teachers move from class to class instead of the students, who stay in the same room. The school days are not always the same length, he said, depending on what courses a student is taking.

The students have had to make some adjustments to their temporary home. Radwan said the biggest adaptation between his country and here is having to wait for someone to pick him up from school. Backofen said the biggest adaptation she has had to make was to the food. She said she was not used to microwave meals. Navarro said her biggest challenge has been learning English.

The students are available to give presentations about their home country. To schedule a talk, contact Nick Evert at (786) 821-1028.

AFS also send out American exchange students to other countries, and has a program for teachers and scholarships for students who want to learn other languages.