

weather report

50°

noon Thursday

Today
 • Sunset, 4:49 p.m.
Saturday
 • Sunrise, 7:04 a.m.
 • Sunset, 4:50 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 37 degrees
 • Humidity 26 percent
 • Sky mostly cloudy
 • Winds south southwest 10 mph
 • Barometer 29.96 inches and steady

• Record High today 68° (1943)
 • Record Low today -6° (1930)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 59°
 Low Wednesday 26°
 Precipitation none

The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy, high 61, low 27, winds south southwest 11 mph. Friday: partly cloudy, high near 50, low near 23, winds north northwest 10-17 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: mostly sunny, high around 47, low around 21, winds north northwest 9-14 mph. Sunday: partly cloudy, high near 51, low around 20. Monday: partly cloudy, high near 40, low near 20. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high around 39, low around 21.

(National Weather Service)

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 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.67 bushel
 New crop — \$3.51 bushel
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Corn — \$2.55 bushel
 Posted county price — \$2.43
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Milo — \$2.41 bushel
 Soybeans — \$7.68 bushel
 Posted county price — \$7.76
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$11.45 cwt.
 NuSun — \$11.70 cwt.
 Confection — \$19/\$6 cwt.
 Pinto beans — Withdrawn
 (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Lake bottom silt removed

Removal of silt in the bottom of Smoky Gardens continues and Alan Townsend loaded a truck Tuesday afternoon to haul to his farm south of the lake. Over 8,000 cubic yards of dirt have been removed. See story and photo on page 3.

High school may add baseball

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

About 45 people showed up at Monday night's Goodland School board meeting to show their support for a Cowboy baseball team next year.

John Dautel, president and one of the coaches for the Goodland Outlaws baseball club, read a statement to the board expressing the extent of interest and support baseball has in Goodland. He said baseball is a sport that appeals to athletes of all sizes, shapes, athletic ability and/or skill.

Because it involves a variety of skills, said Dautel, there are many things coaches can do to make baseball an enjoyable and successful experience for anybody willing to put out the effort to play. He said, to the best of his knowledge, Goodland is one of only five Class 4A high schools in Kansas without a baseball program.

Dautel said the Outlaws adopted many high school standards and guidelines for their players. He stressed staying in good standing in school, in things like grades, attendance and behavior, come before baseball. In this way a player's transition from the club team to the high school team would need little or no change in attitude or priorities.

Dautel gave each board member an information sheet prepared by the club about Title IX. It addresses some of the misconceptions the club perceives that could hinder establishing a high school baseball program here. The sheet explains Title IX is not about quotas and numbers, but about equality of opportunity.

The club prepared a survey packet for each board member about what other schools, large and small, do to determine costs and provide finan-



About 45 baseball fans (above) attended Monday's Goodland school board meeting to show their support and listen to the discussion about establishing a Cowboy baseball team next year. John Dautel (right, standing), president of the Goodland Outlaws baseball club, read a statement in support of a high school baseball program while school board members Mike Campbell (left) and Danny Whalen listened.

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cial support. Dautel said the club is prepared to do whatever it can to help raise the money required whenever it needs to be done.

Dautel said there are enough players wanting to play to make the Cowboys a competitive and successful



team. Although Dautel admits a baseball team will draw some athletes away from other school sports, he says there are athletes in school now who do not participate in sports

because there is no baseball.

Dautel next introduced Kevin Cox, the coach of the Colby High School baseball team, who told the board what the Eagle baseball pro-

gram means to the players, their parents and the fans. He spoke of the opportunities baseball gives players, especially in furthering their education.

Cox described his budgeting process and some of the things he does to raise money, such as bake sales and soup suppers.

Board member Mike Campbell reminded those in attendance of the potential economic problems western Kansas faces. He pointed to headlines from the Sunday issue of *The Hays Daily News* that read "Drought a continuing factor here," "Farmers' outlook remains dismal" and "Education, money likely to dominate session" to show the gravity of the situation.

Campbell, who said he may vote for the program, asked how can taxpayers be asked to fund a baseball program when the future economy is in doubt.

Board member Marty Melia agreed with Campbell the economic future is an important consideration. However he said he would vote for the program saying athletics give people an opportunity to get away from everyday life.

"The economy will get better and it will rain," Melia said, for which he got a round of applause.

Board Member Danny Whalen said he would vote for the program and asked Cox about what he knew about educational opportunities for players who only participate in baseball. Cox said some scouts from universities have attended games in Colby indicating if the playing potential is there so will be the opportunity.

Acting president Jane Philbrick

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No news in search for man

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

There are no new leads in the disappearance of Jim McClelland which is the latest mysterious case in Sherman County.

Sheriff Doug Whitson said he has nothing new and has assured the McClelland family he is doing all he can to find the missing man.

Jimmy McClelland, 44, of Goodland ran away from Mark Peden's home, 6940 County Road 19, the night of Nov. 24 as a sheriff deputy arrived.

The deputy was called to the home when it was reported there was a man with a knife and that a shot had been fired. Details of the apparent argument remain a part of the investigation in McClelland's disappearance.

Whitson said he has met and talked on the phone with family members in the past weeks, and they told him they have not heard from McClelland. Whitson said he explained to them what is being done, and that without new leads there is no more that can be done except wait.

Jan McClelland, Jim's mother, told Whitson she wanted it clarified that the deputy who arrived at Peden's home on Nov. 24 — the night of the alleged fight — did not see him run away. Whitson said the deputy did not personally see McClelland running away, but was told by Peden he had run away, and deputies found footprints to show his path of flight to the southwest.

Whitson said he has no idea where McClelland may be, but said he may be hiding because he knows he will face going to prison for violating the terms of his sentencing in November.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby said McClelland's attorney arranged with the Union Pacific to reinstate him and allow him to participate in their drug rehabilitation program which he completed last year. However he was laid him off in November.

First baby of year arrived Sunday

A Goodland couple had Goodland Regional Medical Center's first baby of the year.

James and Kathleen Lange, 804 Syracuse, had a baby girl, Hannah Marie Lange, at 10:58 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 11, at the hospital. She weighed 8 pounds and was 19 inches long. Kenneth D. Austin was the attending physician and was assisted by the hospital's nursing staff.

Hannah was welcomed by two older brothers, Dalton, 10, and Zachary, 3. Don and Edith Blume of Goodland and Ross Durr of Dodge City are Hannah's maternal grandparents. Mr. and Mrs. Otto Franzen of Gothenburg, Neb., and Jerry Lange of Oregon are her paternal grandparents.

The baby's parents were showered with gifts from area businesses. Jacque's Hallmark, El Dorado Western Wear, Aten Department Store and McDonald's each gave the Langes \$25 gift certificates.

Bankwest of Kansas gave the baby a \$50 savings bond.

Pizza Hut gave the parents a free medium pizza and two liter of pop, and Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliance gave the couple 15 percent off a rocking chair or glider.

The Total Look salon gave a



Sherman County's first baby of the year was Hannah Lange born Sunday at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Mother, Kathleen held sister while younger brothers Zachary (left) and Dalton and father James checked out the gifts from Goodland merchants.

Photo by Anne Hamilton/The Goodland Star-News

mommy makeover, a free haircut and style, and Chip & Nails gave a \$20 gift certificate. A Moment in Time Studio gave \$25 off the baby's

first photo session, and Madd Hatters Music Emporium gave the baby a receiving blanket.

Goodland Regional Medical

Center; KLOE, KKCI and K-WGB; and *The Goodland Star-News* supported the program to welcome the new baby.

County completes sale of sewer lagoons

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Discussion took more than a year, but the contract was signed Tuesday and \$1 handed to the county commissioners as the sewer lagoons located at Caruso were officially sold to ADM.

Steve Boshoff, ADM plan manager, was present to represent the company and handed the \$1 to Commissioner Mitch Tiede as part of the sale of the land with the lagoons. Commissioner Kevin Rasure and Tiede signed the contract selling the land.

At the last meeting of December the commissioners voted to dissolve the sewer district, and ADM is in the

process of getting a state permit to operate the lagoons.

Signing the contract was one of the first official actions of the new Commission Chairman Tiede who was elected at the opening of the meeting on a motion by Rasure and a second by Commissioner Chuck Thomas.

The meeting opened with the reorganization and after Tiede had unanimously been elected chairman, Rasure was elected vice-chair.

The commissioners approved resolutions naming all four banks in the city as places to deposit county funds, and named *The Goodland Star-News* as the official county paper for legal publications.

Rasure said the city commission has agreed to a joint meeting with the commissioners to be held Monday beginning at 4:30 p.m. at the city commission room. Rasure said the joint meeting will not last any longer than one hour.

"I am not sure what exactly will be discussed," he said, "but feel we need to keep the lines of communication open between the city and county."

Once the reorganization was completed the commissioners went into closed session for 35 minutes on a personnel matter with Sheriff Doug Whitson, Deputy Terry T. Smith, Burton Pianalto and County Clerk Janet Rumpel. Later in the

meeting a second 15 minute closed session was held with Rumpel and Mark Bauer the auditor from Bauer VonFeldt and Bauer on personnel. A third closed session with Sheriff Whitson lasted 15 minutes, and a fourth closed session with Rumpel lasted 10 minutes. No action was taken after these closed sessions.

Mary Messamore, head of the county emergency management and central dispatch, was at the meeting at the request of Thomas.

She explained the procedure and policy for dispatching ambulances to Brewster. She said when such a call comes in the dispatcher calls

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