

weather  
report

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noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 4:32 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:33 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:31 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 40degrees
- Humidity 68 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds south 11 mph
- Barometer 30.31 inches and steady

- Record High today 80° (1941)
- Record Low today -3° (1955)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday	36°
Low Sunday	29°
Precipitation	none
This month	1.22
Year to date	20.48
Normal	18.96

The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers at night, high near 63, low near 42, winds south southwest 7-15 mph. Wednesday: cloudy with a 20-50 percent chance of rain, high near 54, low around 42, winds north northwest 8 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain, high near 52, low around 37. Friday: partly cloudy, high near 51, low near 31. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

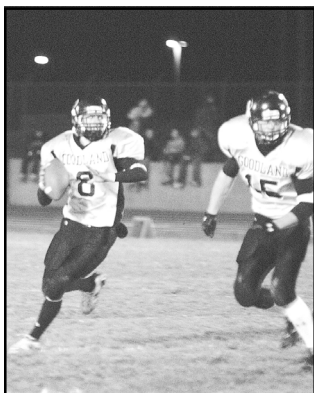
local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.23 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.25  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.94 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.71  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 24¢  
Milo — \$1.57 bushel  
Soybeans — \$4.73 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.60  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 8¢  
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$12.40 cwt.  
NuSun — \$12.50 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection — \$119/\$13 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$25  
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Rockets end  
Cowboys run

Junior quarterback Wyatt Dautel prepared to throw a pass as senior tailback Lane Winter gave him some protection. The Cowboys ended their season Saturday at Rose Hill, where they lost 30-12. Photos, story on Page 12.

# City ready for Santa's visit Saturday

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Santa Claus is coming to town at 6 p.m. Saturday for the annual Parade of Lights down Main.

Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce manager Courtney Warden said she isn't sure what Santa will ride, but parade organizers are considering an 18-wheeler or a privately owned tractor for a sleigh.

The parade is free to enter and floats are to be decked out in Christmas lights.

"We want everyone in the parade," Warden said. "We just want as many (floats) as we can get."

The Chamber will use the Economic Development office afterwards, where the Ambassadors will be hosts for a Santa reception with cake and punch. Wednesday, the Chamber made an agreement to use a vacant office and the lobby in the Economic Development building to hold Santa's workshop.

Warden said the Chamber will get 333 coloring books featuring 40 local advertisements in the front and back covers to sell at Santa's workshop. They will offer the books, a photograph of Santa and a toy from the treasure chest for \$10.

Santa will be at his workshop on Nov. 20 and then again Dec. 4, 5, 11, 12, 16, 19 and 23. He will be at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Dec. 18.

The Chamber will be readying downtown businesses to turn on Christmas lights after the parade, too, she said. They will replace burnt out or missing bulbs for \$5 per bulb.

Visitors can deck the halls with fund raising and history by adding a new ornament featuring a picture of the Ennis-Handy House in Goodland to their Christmas trees.

The Chamber is offering the ornaments as a way to bring people to town to shop. The round balls feature a picture of the house on the front side and "Christmas in Goodland 2004" on the other.

The Chamber has only 100 ornaments to use as a "special edition" promotion, but Warden said they may need to order a few more.

"I have a feeling those things are going to go really fast," said Donna Swager, Chamber chairman.

The ornaments are currently on pre-orders at the Chamber office. When they arrive, Warden said, she will sell them out of the office and through the Handy House.

In a meeting Tuesday, the Chamber board discussed asking businesses to carry the ornaments to help draw customers.

They will cost \$10 each and the Chamber will donate one to the Handy House Christmas tree.

They will be available with Santa at his workshop in the Economic Development office.



Lucas Wolak was one of the city crew members who helped put up the Christmas decorations on Main Avenue and the principle streets leading into the city on Friday in preparation for the holiday season.  
Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News

## Attempted murder charge filed in stabbing/shooting

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Charges have been filed in District Court against Douglas Michael Whitaker, 34, of Utah, who was shot by a law enforcement officer after allegedly stabbing a Goodland man last Monday.

The complaint against Whitaker includes attempted second-degree murder, aggravated battery and aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer.

The stabbing happened after a disagreement over a woman allegedly led Whitaker to attack Rustin Leiker, 21, stabbing him in the neck and arm.

Kyle Smith with the Kansas

Bureau of Investigation said Whitaker then fled.

Leiker was taken to St. Anthony's Central Hospital in Denver, where he is still listed in serious condition.

Smith said Whitaker was found on a roof at 706 W. 8th in Goodland, where officers attempted to talk him down.

Preliminary reports say Whitaker threatened Mike Hopper, a Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks game warden, with a knife. Hopper drew his weapon and fired. The bullet hit Whitaker in the arm and continued into his left rib. Authorities

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## County may back fireworks

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners seemed to warm up a little last Tuesday to an annual fireworks plan proposed by the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, and will consider a \$2,500 donation at today's meeting.

Chamber representatives Ken Clouse, Donna Swager and Courtney Warden, proposed that the commissioners help with the Freedom Fest fireworks each year.

"We are trying to focus the Chamber," Clouse said, "and we have been putting things back together and getting it up and moving forward."

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said he thought the Chamber was doing a good job.

Clouse said the group has been

trying to support the July 4 program, but that the rains storms this year put a hole in their funding program and left them looking for alternatives.

"We know the rain was good for the farmers," Clouse said, "but it was hard on the Chamber program because the meal has been the way to fund it for the last couple of years."

Following the rainout, Clouse said, the Chamber board was looking at the alternatives for the program and felt there were three.

One was to cut it back to a smaller show, second was to find broader support from sponsors, and third was to drop it.

"I know lots of people plan their July 4 weekend based on the fireworks," Clouse said. "I could do fine without it myself, but it does

bring lots of people to town.

"It is not appealing to consider not having it at all.

"Our proposal is to have a one-third split with the city paying \$2,500, the county paying \$2,500 and the Chamber would find sponsors from the members and community for the remaining \$2,500.

"We have come to present the plan to you and to answer any questions you might have.

"This is not just the city; it is a countywide event."

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked if the Chamber was asking for help for next year or with the money owed from this year's program.

Clouse said the Chamber owes about \$3,000 on the program for this year, but that the proposal is for

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## Veterans Day speaker talks of honor, duty

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

About 70 people attended a Veterans Day service held at the post hall of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Goodland on Thursday morning.

The annual event organized by the post with help from its auxiliary and the Goodland American Legion. Daron Jamison, an aide to U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran, spoke.

The service opened with the placing of the colors by the VFW Honor Guard.

Dennis Musil, a past commander of the Goodland chapter of the Disabled Veterans of America, gave the invocation, followed by VFW Post Commander Bill Selby leading the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Next, high school senior Shannon Johnson sang some patriotic songs, after which Selby gave his opening remarks and introduced JoAnn Wahrman, one of the organizers of the Voice of Democracy contest.

Wahrman described the program and said Michael Smith, a 2004 graduate of Goodland High, placed first in the Goodland competition and senior Shannon Showalter placed second.

Wahrman introduced Showalter,

who read her speech about her great uncle who, although a conscientious objector, served with distinction as a medic with the U.S. Army during World War II. She described how,

even though a few called him a coward for not bearing arms, his patriotism and love of the human race motivated him to face the same dangers as other soldiers. For his

devotion to duty under fire during the Battle of the Bulge, he won the Silver Star.

Selby introduced Mary Harper, past district president of the VFW Auxiliary, who talked about an empty table set in front of the podium in remembrance of those still missing in action or listed as prisoners of war. She described the various items and what they represented.

The next speaker was retired Air Force chaplain Chet Ross, who read a passage from the Book of Psalms. Next he read a prayer offered by Gen. George Washington for his men during their hardships at Valley Forge. Ross concluded with the Veterans Day Prayer.

Roy Dixon, chaplain of the Goodland VFW, introduced Jamison, who, citing the example of Paul Revere, spoke about the role veter-

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The honor guard of the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars posted the colors to start Thursday's Veterans Day service at the post hall. Commanding the guard was Joe Wahrman (right); the other members were W.J. Trachsel, Bud Luckert, Al Rall and Marvin Cullens.

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