

weather report

70° at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:51 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:34 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:520 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 55 degrees

• Humidity 47 percent

• Sky Mostly Sunny

• Winds SE 25 to 35 mph

• Barometer 29.77 inches and rising

• Record High 97° (1941)

• Record Low 25° (1953)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 68°

Low 35°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, lows in the 40s. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, highs in the mid 70s, SE winds 10 to 20 mph

Extended Forecast

Friday through Monday: Chance of thunderstorms, highs in the 70s, lows in the 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.34 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.26

Loan deficiency payment — 19¢

Corn — \$1.76 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.88

Loan deficiency pmt. — 11¢

Milo — \$2.68 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.05 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.99

Loan deficiency payment — 90¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7.95 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.26

Oil new crop — \$8.20 cwt.

Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Earthquake rattles city

KANSAS CITY— A small earthquake rattled parts of Kansas City, Kansas, today at about the time part of a previously abandoned medical building collapsed. No injuries or other damage was reported immediately.

Don Steeples, a professor of geology at the University of Kansas, said the earthquake measured 2.8 on the Richter scale at the Oklahoma Geophysical Observatory near Tulsa at 9:18 a.m. The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo., registered it at 3.0.

Steeple said a 2.8 earthquake is a weak one and that it takes a reading of about 3.5 before there is generally any rattling of dishes and even higher before there would be any damage to buildings.

The building was evacuated last fall after ground nearby buckled and raised concerns about the safety of the structure.



Penny Nemechek from the hospital administration office (above) gives a tour of the new medical office building reception area. Workers (below) move doctor's files into the new facility. The move is expected to be completed Friday.

Photos by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News



The area has been remodeled there is convenient access for all ambulances. There is a grand opening scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 2. There will be tours of the new facilities and refreshments.

# Doctors ahead of move-in date

**By Charlie Baker**  
*Goodland Daily News*

Moving day is here! The new medical office addition at the Goodland Regional Medical Center is finished, and doctors will be finished moving in Friday.

The work was scheduled to be completed sometime in July, but things have gone so smoothly that the project is well ahead of schedule.

The new section contains eight suites for the doctors and nurse practitioners, 22 examination rooms, two procedure rooms, a large reception area and storage.

One major benefit is the easy access to the doctor's offices off of Willow Street. There is visitor parking on Willow, right outside the door of the large reception area. The reception area itself is bright and open, with a spacious play area for children.

The two procedure rooms have equipment that allows the doctors to treat many patients in the clinic, rather than having to transfer them to the emergency room of the hospital.

Along with the new addition, the center also renovated several older areas. The maternity area has been redone to make things easier on new mothers.

Before the remodel, a patient would be moved to three different rooms before, during, and after delivery.

Now, a patient is placed into one room that is decorated to look more like a house than a hospital room. There are pictures on the wall, but, at the time of delivery, the pictures raise up to expose the equipment the doctors need to provide a safe delivery. The room is equipped to eliminate the need to move the patient from room to room, which is more convenient for all involved.

Another major improvement is in the

# Teachers ask for increase in pay schedule

**By Tom Betz**  
*Goodland Daily News*

Teachers presented a salary proposal which calls for \$86,590 in new money added to the current wage schedule as contract negotiations with the Goodland School District resumed Tuesday.

"This adds money to the base to help in hiring new teachers, and rewards teachers who have been here awhile," said Birkley Barnes, who was leading the teacher's team in the absence of Mary Porterfield.

She also said added steps across would help in encouraging teachers to continue to improve their education.

Rebecca Musil presented the salary schedule and explained the changes per step and the dollars increased, which she said was based on the consumer price index and a base increase. With

the addition of the supplemental contracts, the increase would be \$98,219 for the total schedule.

Kathy Russell, head of the school board team, asked if the proposal included the health benefits and the supplemental contracts.

Musil said the health costs were not included and the supplemental contracts were figured at the current levels.

Russell said the district would have to look at the proposal, and Superintendent Marvin Selby said he would have to run the schedule through his program to see if it came up with similar numbers.

Under the proposal, a new teacher would receive \$24,343 in their first year, an increase of \$543 from the current schedule. For teachers who have a masters degree with 45 credit hours and

21 years or more service, the proposed raise would be \$1,779 to \$40,339 a year.

"I don't think we were surprised at the amount they requested," said Superintendent Selby, "but we were a bit concerned as to where they have put the emphasis."

Selby said there are 53 teachers currently who have reached the bottom (highest) step on the salary schedule. Some of those can move over by getting more education credit hours. There are a total of 96.5 certified teachers (including a half-time kindergarten teacher).

On a proposal by the school board on sick leave, Barnes said the teachers would counter by suggesting that it remain the same as currently written. The school board had suggested a change dealing with maternity leave in that it

would be "restricted to the mother, and not to be used for well baby care. Family members may use sick leave for the time the mother is actually in the hospital."

"I think pregnancy is considered a temporary disability," Barnes said, "and we feel it is important to allow the spouse to help out when the mother comes home. We want to leave it as it is now."

The teachers also rejected school board proposals for changes in the supplemental schedule, which includes pay for coaches, sponsors and others who work after school. The proposals would have included some duties now considered as supplemental in teaching assignments such as high school vocal

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## Dryland planting



Pat House took advantage of the dry weather this week and is finishing the planting of his dryland corn six miles south of Goodland on K-27.

Photo by Keith Lippoldt/Goodland Daily News

# Weeds ahead of spraying

Noxious Weed Director Daryl West gave Sherman County commissioners the annual weed management plan on Tuesday, saying that wet weather has given the enemy a head start this year.

"I have been spraying the ditches, and feel the weeds are a month ahead of last year," West said. "I am changing chemicals, as what we were using was not adequate."

He added that recent winds have slowed the spraying, but said he has seen significant improvement with the fall and early spring treatments. He also said he has completed the prairie dog program for this year, but has a list already developing for a fall program.

West ask the commissioners to proclaim the week of May 31 through June 6 as Noxious Weed Awareness Week. This is also when there will be a state-wide effort to inform and educate people about the need to control noxious weeds, West said.

"I am already getting calls about the weeds showing up," he said. "I have sprayed Eighth Street west and the road south of Ruleton with an 18-foot-wide treatment and these are looking good. I have also sprayed Road 57 east to K-27."

With a new five-year plan being developed by the Kansas Department of Transportation, Curt Way, road and bridge superintendent, asked the commissioners to approve a request to replace the bridge on old U.S. 24 two miles east of Kanorado. This is county bridge No. 100, Way said.

The estimated cost of \$350,000 is expected to be handled in the same manner as the bridge near Caruso, which is to be replaced this summer. Under the program Sherman County will match the federal funds which would be available for the project.

Paul Rainbolt, administrator for the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center, asked the commissioners to pay for new counters in the business office and staff development area to hold the computers bought to avoid the Year 2000 problem.

The new counter-type desks will cost about \$7,256. Commissioners approved the purchase, with installation to be taken care of by the Good Samaritan staff.

Rainbolt said the center will be looking at the need to install a handicap elevator in the basement as part of the next year's plans. He said they are looking to expand the laundry and move the staff lounge to the basement, which would require the area to be handicap accessible. This is expected to cost about \$50,000, and Rainbolt said they will be doing some fund raising to assist in the project.

"We would ask that you develop a five-year plan for the Good Sam Center," Davis said. "We are asking all departments to give us such a plan to be able to look at the long-term needs."

In other business, the commissioners approved new board members for the Sherman County Travel and Tourism Board as recommended by the Goodland Chamber and the Convention and Tourism Board.

The new members are Dale Neill, KOA Kampground; Anthony Spomer, Anthony's; Marilyn Collen. Renner Field Airport; Danny Whalen, Dairy Queen; Scott Weber, Mid America Camp Inn; Joni Wilson, Comfort Inn; Mike Irvine, Howard Johnson Hotel; Michelle Coad, Motel 6; Norma Notz, Motel 7; and Breanda McCants, Goodland Regional Medical Center.

# Still no cause found in fire

There have been no developments in the investigation of the fire at the former Mosburg IGA, city officials said today.

Fire Chief Dean Jensen said the investigator from the state fire marshal's office has not been able to schedule depositions with firefighters due to a heavy workload the state office is experiencing.

Jensen said that the results from the samples sent to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation may take from six weeks up to six months to get results.