

weather report

64°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:01 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:25 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:02 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 62 degrees  
• Humidity 46 percent  
• Sky mostly cloudy  
• Winds southeast at 10 mph  
• Barometer 30.14 inches and rising  
• Record High 97° (1964)  
• Record Low 29° (1992)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 80°  
Low 50°  
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, low near 45-50, winds south at 10 mph.  
Tomorrow: partly sunny, high near 75, winds south at 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Saturday: Chance of thunderstorms, highs 75-85, lows 50-55.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.18 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.09  
Loan deficiency payment — 36¢  
Corn — \$1.65 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.77  
Loan deficiency prmt. — 22¢  
Milo — \$2.49 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.93 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.81  
Loan deficiency payment — 1.08¢  
Millet — \$4 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$7.75 cwt.  
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.76  
Oil new crop — \$8 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.

Petition filed against sheriff

TOPEKA — Attorney General Carla Stovall has filed a petition to oust Shawnee County Sheriff Dave Meneley on grounds of “willful misconduct in office.”

Meneley, who already faces perjury charges, refused to comment after the ouster, a civil proceeding, was filed Monday in Shawnee County District Court. He previously has denied any wrongdoing.

No date has been set for the hearing, during which a judge would consider evidence and decide whether Meneley should be removed from office.

In May, Shawnee County District Attorney Joan Hamilton charged the sheriff with two felony counts of perjury.

Meneley testified he didn’t know one of his deputies had a cocaine addiction in 1995 until that officer admitted it publicly earlier this year.

Foster care offers dogs a second chance



Lorna Thorpe, foster care giver, prepared to take Ace (brown) and Betty for a walk. They have been in foster care about two weeks.

Photo by Charlie Baker/Goodland Daily News

By Charlie Baker

Goodland Daily News

Chocolate had been the family pet for some time, but when his owner lost his job, he packed up and left without friendly brown mixed-breed. If it would have been a year ago, Chocolate would have been picked up and held for three days at a veterinarians’. If no one claimed him, he would have been put to sleep.

Lucky for Chocolate, times have changed. He was put into the Sherman County Animal Shelter foster care program. Jamie Helmut, a volunteer foster care giver, took him in until he was adopted.

The shelter, run entirely with donations, recruits volunteers to house animals in need. The volunteers must agree to conditions set by the shelter, providing a suitable premises, good care, grooming, training, and medication, as well as other needs.

The shelter provides an initial veterinary examination, vaccinations, food, collars, kennels and other essentials to the care givers. The shelter can monitor the animals and must approve all adoptions.

Police still take strays to the veterinarians, who turn those which are good candidates for adoption over to the shelter.

Linda Holton, a member of the shelter board and driving force behind the foster care system, said she is very pleased with the way the system has worked.

“There have been many success stories, many

animals saved,” she said.

Jan Lambertz, also on the shelter board, said that the shelter has saved and placed well over 200 animals in its first year.

“It can be heartbreaking,” said Lambertz, who herself fosters animals for the shelter. “Some of the animals are in such bad shape when we get them, and when we nurse them back to health, it’s even harder to let them go.

“But it is also very rewarding to see them as happy pets in a loving home.”

She said they have placed pets with owners in Great Bend, Rexford, St. Francis, Colby, Sharon Springs, Wallace, and Idalia. She said this not only indicates the success, but also the need for such a system.

The shelter is selective about who adopts the animals. They must agree to give adequate care to the animals, including kindly treatment and medical care. They must also pay half the cost to have the pets spayed or neutered if it has not already been done.

Lambertz said that the shelter receives no money from the city or county. The shelter has received some grant money, she said, but all that money is in the building fund. They have purchased property for a building at the site of the old roadside park on east Business U.S. 24.

The shelter hopes to have a permanent site as soon as possible, but no plans are set at this time.

Anyone interested in becoming a foster care giver, adopting a pet, or just wanting more information may call the shelter at 899-6464.

District finds land; city will annex it

By Charlie Baker

Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board has found another piece of land they didn’t know they owned, and voted to allow the City of Goodland to annex it.

Planners for a senior housing facility at Eighth and Westmore determined they needed to have access to the piece of property on Eighth, where the “roundtop building” is, in order to run water and sewer lines to the site for the senior facility.

During the planning it was determined the property belonged to the Goodland School District, which came as a surprise to the board. The board voted 7-0 to approve annexing the property to allow the access to the building project.

Junior high Principal Jim Mull and high school Principal Harvey Swager told the board they would like to see changes in the dress code to prohibit gang symbols.

They said some students have been coming to school wearing gang-related clothes or attaching gang symbols to their clothes, books, backpacks, and even their bodies, in the form of temporary tattoos.

Mull and Swager both said it is not a big problem at this time, but they would prefer to be proactive. The board agreed to look at an expanded policy.

Janice Pearson and Deb Bantam from West Elementary gave a presentation on the Help One Student to Succeed program, which uses volunteer

mentors to help Title I students with their reading. Both said they have seen great improvement in the level of reading skills of the students, and all of the mentors have also given positive comments on the program.

In other business, the board:

- Approved a request to update computers in each of the schools for a total cost of \$78,537.
- Approved a bid from Office Works of Colby for four new copy machines for a total of 37,366.
- Voted to table the health insurance recommendation for the 1999-2000 school year until June.
- Approved the appointment of Gerald Franklin as the board representative to the Northwest Kansas Technical School Area Advisory Board.
- Accepted resignations from: Eddie Clark, physical education teacher and high school wrestling coach; Darrin Tams, high school music instructor; Mike Quilling, high school band instructor; and Heather Randolph, a para-professional.
- Accepted resignations for supplemental contracts from: Linda VanLoenen, Kayette sponsor, and Jamie Helmut, Students Against Drunk Driving sponsor.
- Approved the contracts for three new teachers, Carrie Veatch, high school social studies; Casey Veatch, high school science; and Lynette McLean, Chapter I math.
- Approved a 4 percent raise for the 1999-2000 school year for non-certified staff.

Main Street history just a walk away

By Janet Craft

Goodland Daily News

If you take a walk down Main Street in the next year, you could learn a lot of history. That’s the idea, at least.

The Sherman County Heritage Preservation Alliance has come up with a plan to create a walking tour of Main Street. The object is to obtain a history of each building on Main, identify them with a permanent plaque on the exterior, and create a framed photograph and written history for the inside of each place. The project would not only provide a means of preserving some of the heritage of the area, but could promote tourism as well.

Gennifer House, Evelyn Ward and Tina Goodwin are among those working on the project for the alliance. House has been instrumental in getting the whole project started, they said. She organized the committee, whose goal was to create a downtown historic district in Goodland.

House initially got in touch with the Kansas State Historical Society to see about the history on a particular house in Sherman County. After society representatives came out a few times and toured the county, House said, “the society was in awe of the amount of historic attractions that Sherman County had.”

She said that history-minded trav-

elers usually spend a lot of money, and if they can be kept in town for a night, that means the price of a motel room and another meal.

“The city and the community have an opportunity for some economic benefits,” Goodwin said.

Ward wrote up a grant application, which was presented to the city commissioners May 17 by House and Goodwin. The city agreed to provide \$1,000 toward their starting budget of \$3,400, which includes: \$400 for photos, \$500 for temporary brochures, \$1,000 for framing of photos and \$1,500 for research, copying and the like. They are seeking money from local sources to get going on the project, but will also pursue state and national grants.

The alliance has a couple of representatives from each of the following organizations: Pioneer Friends, Museum Board, Sherman County Historical Society, Chamber of Commerce and the Kanorado Historical Society. They are working on getting someone from Edson also.

A timetable of one year is set to complete research on the history and framing of photos for 10 buildings on the tour, then the group wants to continue until all the buildings on Main Street are included. Long-term, they would like to expand the program to include a driving tour of outlying sites in Sherman County.

U.S. firms gave secrets to China

WASHINGTON (AP) — China has stolen classified information about every currently deployed nuclear weapon in the U.S. arsenal and it is “exceptionally likely” that Chinese spying continues to this day, the chairman of a congressional investigating committee said today.

Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., also said two U.S. defense companies ignored legal requirements and allowed China to obtain information critical to its ballistic missile program.

Cox gave his assessment at a news conference after copies of the unclassified 700-page report were made public. He said the conclusions reached in the report were supported by additional volumes of classified factual material.

The ranking Democrat on the committee, Rep. Norm Dicks of Washington, said the report documented “one of the worse counterintelligence failures in the nation’s history.”

The Chinese haven’t deployed any warheads using the technology that they are alleged to have stolen, Dicks said. He also pointed out that China has about two dozen nuclear weapons compared to the thousands in the U.S. arsenal.

The committee report concludes that an “insatiable appetite” for U.S. technology leaves China ready to leap from a 1950s nuclear weapons program to sophisticated designs “on par with our own.”

The Clinton administration called the committee document a “good solid report” but challenged some its conclusions about the impact of the technology losses on China’s nuclear program.

“China is not up to par with the United States on nuclear development. It is far behind us. There is no evidence that that is changing,” Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said in an interview today. He said “the conclusion of wholesale loss” is not supported.

Two U.S. satellite manufacturers, Loral Corp. and Hughes Electronics, provided China with valuable information to improve the reliability of missiles used to launch communications satellites. That same know-how passed on by the U.S. companies could be used to make China’s nuclear missiles more reliable, the report concluded.

“Loral and Hughes showed the PRC (People’s Republic of China) how to improve the design and reliability of the guidance system used in the PRC’s newest Long March rocket,” the report said. It said these activities went beyond the license authority given the companies.

The report said the espionage dated back to the 1970s and singled out as particularly damaging the loss of design material for one of America’s most sophisticated warheads in the 1980s.

Give ’em a brake



Highway construction sites are always fraught with danger, and it was certainly true at 10:18 a.m. Monday when a Kansas Department of Transportation 1999 4-door Ford pickup driven by Lyle A. Archer, 52, Norton, was broadsided by a motorhome Driven by Michael E. Post, 43, Monte Vista, Colo., pulling a boat. The motorhome was westbound when it struck the passenger side of the pickup which was attempting

to make a left turn across both lanes of traffic, just at the off ramp at the west Goodland exit. The state pickup was part of a painting crew from Norton which was in Goodland to stripe the new I-70 off and on ramps. Neither driver was injured in the accident. The pickup was totaled, and damage to the motorhome was estimated at \$500.

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