

weather
report

72°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 8:07 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:22 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:08 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 60 degrees
• Humidity 42 percent
• Sky Mostly sunny
• Winds northwest at 17-27
• Barometer 29.88 inches
and steady

• Record High 95° (1940)

• Record Low 36° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*

High 61°
Low 49°
Precipitation .68 of an inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 50-55,
northwest winds 5-15. Wednesday:
Partly cloudy, high mid 80s, 20 per-
cent chance of rain, south winds 15-
25.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: chance of thunder-
storms, high 80-85, low 50-55. Fri-
day and Saturday: chance of thun-
derstorms, highs 80s, lows 50-55.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.22 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.18
Loan deficiency payment — 27¢
Corn — \$1.68 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.86
Loan deficiency pmt. — 13¢
Milo — \$2.54 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.93 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.88
Loan deficiency payment — 1.01¢
Millet — \$4 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.75 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.01
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.

Holiday roads
kill 5 in state

CEDAR VALE — A two-ve-
hicle collision in southeast Kansas
left at least five people dead, the
Kansas Highway Patrol said today.

The five were among seven who
died on Kansas roads during the
long Memorial Day weekend.

The patrol said the crash hap-
pened about 8:18 p.m. Sunday on
U.S. 166 just east of Cedar Vale in
Chautauqua County, about 55
miles southeast of Wichita.

In other accidents around the
state, a Leon woman was killed
about 6 p.m. Monday in Butler
County when she drove in front of
another car. The patrol said Gladys
Jones, 91, was driving out of the
Little Walnut Township Cemetery
and failed to stop at a stop sign.

Donald Lee Clay, 56, of Dunne-
gan, Mo., died after he was hit by
a vehicle Saturday night while
walking along U.S. 54 in Green-
wood County near Eureka.

Speakers, music to highlight relay

By Keith Lippoldt

Goodland Daily News

Dignitaries, entertainers, food, fun and games are on tap for the first 24-Hour Relay Challenge, a weekend-long event that will bring people to-
gether and raise money for youth awareness pro-
grams in the Topside of Kansas.

“I think that we are ready to rock and roll,” or-
ganizer Rhonda Williams said. “We have things
scheduled that will surely entertain everybody.
This is for such a good cause, we hope that every-
body comes out to at least watch.”

Activities are scheduled beginning Saturday
morning.

Opening ceremonies get underway at 10 a.m.

with state Sen. Stan Clark, Rep. Jim Morrison,
House Majority Leader Kent Glasscock and
former Kansas City Chief Tony Adams to speak.

Activities will be centered around the relay it-
self. As of Tuesday, 14 teams of 10 members each
have signed up and will have a team member
present on the track for the entire 24-hour period.
Teams must be represented at all times on the
track and teammates must circle the track by
walking, running, or if need be, by crawling.

The weekend’s events are open to the public for
an admission charge of \$5. This fee will allow you
to participate in all of the games, take in all of the
shows and spend your Sunday morning at the
community worship service. There will be a con-
cession stand with hot dogs, soda and candy.

“Anybody who wants to come watch is more
than welcome,” Williams said. “Bleacher space
will be limited, so just bring a blanket or lawn
chairs and make sure you are prepared for what-
ever the weather may bring.”

“The public is also invited to attend the Sun-
day worship that begins at 7 a.m.”
The Goodland Ministerial Alliance will be
leading the services.

Stony Wilson has lined up entertainment for
Saturday. The schedule begins at noon with singer
Tammy Weeter. Others scheduled to perform are
Karen and Stony, Amanda Moore, Janet Redlin,
Brian Linsner, Tammy Mouchette, Stephanie

Yarbrough, Andra Townsend, Jessica Kashka, the
Stephens Sisters, On Borrowed Time, Sabrina
Twombly, the Cheryl Schwarz Dancers, the Tema
Trumbo Trio, Country Dancing and T-Shane Rob-
erts.

Williams says that volunteers are needed to help
with the set-up on Friday and Saturday and
coaches are still needed for some of the teams.
Some teams are still in need of more members. If
you were wanting to participate but didn’t have a
team, Williams says they can get you lined up with
a team in need.

“This event is a way for the community to sup-
port the future of our kids,” Williams said. “Ev-
eryone can have a great time and our kids benefit.”

Manhattan man killed, wife bound

MANHATTAN (AP) — Riley
County police today were investigating
the slaying of a 22-year-old man and the
apparent kidnapping of his wife.

Police received a call just before
midnight Monday about shots being
fired in a residential neighborhood in
southwest Manhattan.

When officers arrived, they found
17-year-old Cassiopeia Steger of Man-
hattan, who had escaped after being
bound and kidnapped. She was found
near where she and her husband had
lived, Lt. Herbert Crosby said.

Mrs. Steger told police her husband,
David Steger, had been shot and left at
an isolated pond on Kansas State Uni-
versity property in northeast Manhat-
tan.

Officers went to the location and
found Steger dead from multiple gun-
shot wounds.

Police were looking for a male sus-
pect. A motive for the shooting has not
been released.

Teamsters, car haulers still talking

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP)—Negotia-
tors for the Teamsters union and com-
panies that haul new cars to auto show-
rooms are resuming contract talks af-
ter averting a strike early today that
could have meant long delays in the
delivery of some models.

Union President James P. Hoffa told
reporters following a post-midnight
bargaining session that the 12:01 a.m.
EDT strike deadline was being ex-
tended for 24 hours to discuss
management’s “11th hour” economic
proposal.

Talks were to resume this morning.

While company officials declined to
comment on their new offer, Hoffa said,
“We have some movement by the em-
ployer, but there still are troubling is-
sues.”

Hoffa said the main sticking points
with the 17 affected companies were
management proposals to pay a lower
wage to newly hired drivers and to hire
part-time workers. Hoffa told reporters
the union still was willing to strike over
both of those issues.

Hoffa said, however, that manage-
ment made “an important move” by
dropping a demand to use Mexican
drivers and trucks to deliver vehicles in
the United States after the U.S.-Mexi-
can border opens up Jan. 1 under the
North American Free Trade Agree-
ment. Company officials had said ear-
lier Monday that they had no plans to
hire Mexican truckers and contended
this was not an issue.

The union, in addition to seeking
wage and benefit improvements, wants
higher retirement pay for drivers who
choose to retire after 25 years.

The negotiations represented the first
major challenge at the bargaining table
for Hoffa, sworn in March 22 as presi-
dent of the union once led by his late
father, Jimmy Hoffa.

A strike by the drivers who haul cars
from factories to showrooms could
mean longer waits for popular cars,
union officials have said. Automakers
also have worried that if a strike per-
sisted beyond several days they would
not have space to keep vehicles as they
come off the assembly lines.



Swimmers enjoy hot time in cool pool

Sunday’s warm, sunny weather brought swimmers of all ages out to
enjoy the cool water at Goodland’s city pool. With the temperature
was in the mid 80s, lifeguards Josh Vignery (foreground) and Diane
Schilling watched over the nearly 100 swimmers who came out to
enjoy opening day. It was not so crowded earlier when Josh Renteria
(left) made sure that he would be first in line for the 1:30 opening by
showing up about 1 p.m.

Photos by Charlie Baker/Goodland Daily News

Commissioners have to chose landfill plans

By Tom Betz

Goodland Daily News

Shallow and soon or deep and later
are the choices for the pit at the new
Sherman County landfill, commission-
ers heard at their meeting Friday.

According to Terranext, the Colo-
rado engineering firm which is plan-
ning the new landfill, the county can go
with a shallow pit without a man-made
liner. That would last about five years.
Curt Way, county road and bridge su-
perintendent, and county attorney Mike
Irvin said a set of eight sump ponds
costing \$8,000 each will be required
with this plan.

While the deeper pit would last
longer, Way said it would also take
longer to construct and would have to
be lined with a man-made geotextile
liner.

Way said that if the commissioners
chose to do a shallow pit as a start, it
could be opened before the end of the
year, and Irvin suggested the county
could save money during the five years
to dig and line a deeper pit.

The commissioners did not make a
decision on the matter, but will ask
Mark McMullen from Terranext to
come to a meeting to answer questions.

Way also talked to the commission-
ers about the need to decide how they
want to handle raising the \$83,000
needed to pay the county’s portion of

the bridge replacement at Caruso. He
said the bids have been let and work is
expected to begin in July.

The commissioners decided to send
letters to the banks, Chapman Securi-
ties, J.O. Davidson and any other bond-
ing company that might be interested
in handling the bonds or bid on the
management fees they would charge
for handling the transaction.

After reviewing the fees being
charged for construction and demoli-
tion debris around the area, Way said
Sherman County was the lowest. He
recommended the commissioners in-
crease the fee, at least enough to cover
the cost of recycling the concrete.

Commissioner Gary Townsend
made the motion to adopt a resolution
setting the construction and demolition
debris fee at \$11 per ton, to be charged
to the contractors. Commissioner
Kenny Davis seconded the motion and
it passed unanimously with Commis-
sioner Chuck Frankenfeld also voting
in favor.

Pete Whalen, a Goodland Regional
Medical Center board member, met
with the commissioners to ask if they
would meet with the hospital board and
Rural Health Ventures board. Whalen
said money is needed to help with the
doctor guarantees and to cover the costs
of the new doctors coming to town.

The commissioners told Whalen

they would be willing to meet with the
two boards as long as the press and the
public were notified.

Irvin said he had been contacted by
Jeff Mason, a Goodland lawyer, ask-
ing that the commissioners sign a joint
tenancy quitclaim deed to Cesar T. and
Starla K. Miller. Mason said his bond-
ing company recommended the quit-
claim deed so the Millers can have clear
title to the property they recently pur-
chased north of the hospital. They plan
to move their pharmacy from the Medi-
cal Arts building to a new structure on
the site, following the doctors to the
hospital campus.

The question of who owns the hos-
pital has been under discussion for
nearly a year, because of some confu-
sion in how the original deed for the
land was handled between the previous
county commissioners and the trustees
of Boothroy Memorial Hospital. The
present commissioners have asked the
medical center board to file a quit title
action on the property to clear up the
matter, but this has not been done.

The commissioners told Mason they
were not comfortable signing the quit-
claim deed, and decided to take no ac-
tion at this time.

In other business the commissioners:
• Scheduled a hearing for 9:30 a.m.
Friday, July 30, on the proposed county
road closings. Notices to the individual

property owners have been prepared
and will be mailed soon.

• Received a letter from Amy Griffey
of the Northwest Kansas Regional
Planning and Development Commis-
sion, concerning an extension for the
handicap remodel project at the court-
house from the state.

• Approved appointment of Lynn
Hoelting and Marion Patton to the Mid-
States Port Authority Board.

• Appointed Melva Stephan to the
Area Agency for Aging advisory board.

• Approved on a 2-1 vote allowing
Sheriff Doug Whitson to purchase the
\$14,475 of computer equipment he had
previously requested. Commissioner
Frankenfeld made the motion seconded
by Townsend. Commissioner Davis
voted against the motion.

• Approved purchase of a replace-
ment hard drive for \$141. This is to re-
place the hard drive in the computer
used by Crystal Linsner, county com-
puter manager.

• Heard a report from Wayne Lofton,
Dorothy Diede and Meripat Bowman
from the High Plains Mental Health
Center. They asked for the same bud-
get for next year as this year.

Due to the holiday Monday and that
there were no items for the agenda,
today’s commission meeting was can-
celed. The next meeting will be 8 a.m.
Tuesday, June 8.