

weather report

89°

at noon

Today

Tomorrow

• Sunset, 8:09 p.m.

• Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 67 degrees

• Humidity 17 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds southwest at 10 to 20 mph

• Barometer 29.75 inches

and falling

• Record High 101° (1956)

• Record Low 36° (1943)

Last 24 Hours*

High 87°

Low 58°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of precipitations, low near 60, winds south at 10 to 20 mph

Tomorrow: Partly sunny, 20 percent chance of precipitation, high in the 80s, winds south at 15 to 25 mph

Extended Forecast

Saturday through Tuesday: Chance of thunderstorms, lows near 50, highs 80 to 85

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.30 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.22

Loan deficiency payment — 23¢

Corn — \$1.74 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.90

Loan deficiency pmt. — 9¢

Milo — \$2.64 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.02 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.97

Loan deficiency payment — 92¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7.70 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.92

Oil new crop — \$7.95 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.

Young people will need IDs

WASHINGTON — President Clinton won pledges from thousands of movie theaters today to require photo identification from young people seeking admission to R-rated movies.

“They’re subject to too much violence through media and cultural contacts,” he said.

The president denied the move was precipitated by hesitancy among Hollywood executives to embrace his call to reduce violent content in films, and predicted that they eventually will join his crusade.

“There will be a significant number of people in the entertainment industry who will participate in it, because a lot of them said something to me about it,” Clinton told reporters before his Oval Office meeting with Hungarian President Arpad Goncz.

Negotiators reach tentative agreement

By Tom Betz

Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board and the Goodland National Education Association reached a tentative agreement on next year’s teacher contract at 10:25 p.m. Monday after nearly four hours of talks and a tense wait as first one side then the other caucused.

Neither side got everything it wanted, and there are some issues which remain unresolved as neither was willing to accept some proposals.

The contract provides a guaranteed raise of \$1,250 for each teacher and raises the starting base salary to \$25,050. The school board estimates the new salary schedule will increase costs by \$132,000. That works out to an average raise of about 4 percent, Superintendent Marvin Selby said later, about average for the state.

Goodland teachers will continue to have a seven-hour, 40-minute work day rather than the eight hours proposed by the school board, and there will be no written provision setting five days for spring break.

Mary Porterfield, head of the teacher negotiating team, presented a rewritten proposal on the

technology training section which included provisions for documentation of college class time spent on technology instruction outside of the district, requires prior approval when a staff member wants to provide technology training and that such classes must be for five or more Goodland staff members.

Another minor change was to combine two sentences about the documentation. Kathy Russell, head of the school board team, agreed to accept the technology training proposal.

At the end of the previous session, the school board had presented a package offer detailing its position on each of the 24 issues under discussion, and Porterfield opened the session Monday by going through the package item by item indicating whether the provisions were acceptable or not.

She countered the school board proposal for the eight-hour day by saying there is plenty of time for a student to arrange to meet with a teacher after school, and that if a parent wanted to meet with a teacher, they should be encouraged to call ahead to make an appointment.

“There are any number of reasons why a par-

ent would not be able to find a teacher after school if they just decided to stop by without calling ahead,” Porterfield said. “There are staff meetings, committee meetings and many other commitments teachers have, and a vast majority are already spending uncounted hours helping students outside the regular hours.”

On another point, Porterfield suggested that adding the 20 minutes to the contract would result in an additional 7.8 days to the teacher contracts and at \$150 a day would be an increase of \$1,040 for the added time based on the base salary.

Russell countered that the board proposal would also allow the teachers to leave early on Fridays to compensate for the added time during the rest of the week and would not then result in adding that many days.

Porterfield disagreed, saying it would take a minimum of 10 minutes to clear the building after the close of school on Friday, which basically negated any savings from the school board proposal.

Another issue which caused quite a bit of discussion, but ended with both sides agreeing to

keep the current language was noon recess supervision. The school board had proposed changing the wording on this provision to allow principals to assign “as many teachers as needed” to supervise the noon recess, and agreeing to provide a free lunch for those teachers who either volunteered or were assigned for this supervision.

The teachers did not want to see any change which would allow the principal to assign more than one teacher at the elementary level and two at the secondary level, which is the current language.

“As a parent and a school board member I am concerned about their being enough eyes on the school yard,” Russell said, “and I want the principal to be able to assign what is needed to handle the changing needs of their school. We have a court ruling which says this is part of your duties and may be assigned.”

“Yes you may assign a teacher, but we don’t see a need to increase the numbers,” Porterfield replied.

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Timely repairs



Workers from the Goodland Public Works Department were busy this morning repairing a section of Broadway Avenue between 13th and 14th where asphalt had crumbled around the concrete guttering. City workers with shovels are Brandon Hayden (foreground) and Tim Snethen.

Photo by Keith Lippoldt/Goodland Daily News

World wide web latest trash site

By Keith Lippoldt

Goodland Daily News

In what has become a routine topic, solid waste again dominated discussion at the Goodland City Commission meeting Monday.

“Unfortunately, this is still in the forefront,” City Manager Ron Pickman said in the opening moments of the meeting.

Pickman, armed with a photo presentation of waste abuse at the county transfer station, showed commissioners just how bad the problem has become. Pictured were doors, mattresses, branches, construction debris and yard trimmers, all items not allowed in trash dumpsters.

“The landfill is concerned with the amount of debris we are leaving there,” Pickman said. “We are causing them some grave concerns.”

The city has sent a letter to every home in Goodland, advertised in the newspapers, radio and television and now are looking at the possibility of getting their message out on the Internet. Mark Scheopner, of Goodland Net LLC, presented the commission with his ideas for promoting solutions to the trash problem.

Scheopner’s demonstration included a site on a Goodland web page, called “Trash Talk,” that has an interactive trash quiz that browsers can take.

“I thought it would be a different way to educate people,” Scheopner said. “Between the two internet companies in town, there are probably 500 subscribers.”

Commissioner Curtis Hurd wasn’t sold on the web idea.

“I’m sorry, but the people doing this do not have websites,” Hurd said. “Until we can individually monitor these dumpsters, we might as well forget it. No amount of education will change that.”

Commissioner Jim Mull also offered his opinion.

“I think we are to the point where we

need to pay somebody to separate it for us,” he said. “I don’t think that it is the homeowners doing it. I feel like renters should pay a deposit. Start going through the alleys. You can see a pattern.”

“At budget time, we need to make sure that this is priority.”

Pickman said that all the publicity has people on the lookout, turning in violators.

“We have had several phone calls from concerned citizens telling us that they saw somebody putting wrong items in the dumpsters,” he said. “They don’t want to pay more money. This is a good sign.”

The city has scheduled a clean-up week for June 14 through June 18. If you have items you would like the city to haul away for you, call 899-4505 before Friday to schedule a pick-up the following week. A schedule was in Monday’s *Daily News*.

In other action, the board:

• Agreed to sell property between 11th and 12th and Cattletrail and Wyoming. The land, zoned residential, has been divided into three parcels for bid. The city retains the right to reject offers.

• Accepted demolition bids from Goody’s Construction totaling \$19,500 on three houses in the city limits.

• Appointed Don Roulier and Don McKenzie to another three-year term on the Airport Board.

• Annexed property owned by the Goodland School District into the city plus a 30-foot-wide section of Kansas Avenue from First Street to Eighth Street.

• Voted to accept the proposed trade of roadways from Sherman County as long as the county still has the same offer agree to last week. It was proposed to swap sections of Old U.S. 24 and Caldwell Avenue so the county can include two city-owned sections of the highway in its improvement program.

• Accepted a bid from Dan Brenner Ford for a dump truck for \$36,398.

Facelift in works at activity center

By Charlie Baker

Goodland Daily News

How many of us can drive by the Goodland Activities Center and not look in the windows to see what is going on? Soon, though, you won’t be able to look inside because the center is about to get a facelift.

The Art Deco facade of the center is going to be replaced with a more contemporary and energy-efficient design.

The building, which has been a landmark of downtown since the 1950s, was originally a farm implement and machinery showroom. The windows all along the front were perfect for displaying the products for sale.

And even today, the windows are appreciated by many.

“I really liked the glass front,” said David Collins, an employee of the center, and also someone who works out there regularly. “In the evening, when I worked out, it was always a nice distraction to watch the people and cars

going by.”

“The problem with the windows,” said Center Administrator Donna Terry, “is how poorly they insulate.”

“Those windows have an R-value less than 1. We can’t keep heat in or out. We spend about 11 to 12 percent of our budget just trying to heat this place in the winter.”

The building does not have air conditioning in the front room, and in the winter the furnace runs constantly but still does not warm the area adequately.

The plans for the remodel include building a wall about half way up the front windows, covering it with brick that matches the rest of the building. The top portion will be synthetic stucco and windows.

“I think once people get over the shock of the change, they will realize that it is a very attractive look,” said Terry.

After the front is remodeled, the center intends to replace the furnaces and

add air conditioning and to add insulation wherever possible.

The center recently received a Community Service Program Award, which allows them to solicit donations, and in return, the person donating will receive a state tax credit for 70 percent of the gift.

The work will take about four to five weeks to complete, but the brick may not be in until sometime in August.

“We had to special order the brick to match and will take a while to get in,” said Terry, “but this building has been here for 50 years, and will probably be here another 50, so waiting a month longer for the right brick won’t make much difference in the long run.”

The center does not anticipate any disruptions to activities, she added. The plan calls for moving the weight room and fitness room into the small gymnasium during the work, so people who use the facilities regularly can continue their schedule.



The Goodland Activities Center (above) as it looks today, and a rendering of proposed changes (below) to the center.

