

weather  
report

84°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 8:17 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:17p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 76 degrees
- Humidity 30 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest at 8 mph
- Barometer 29.95 inches and rising
- Record High 107° (1971)
- Record Low 42° (1940)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 85°  
Low 61°  
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low near 60, south winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Friday: mostly sunny, dry, high 90 to 95, south winds at 15 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90 to 95.  
Sunday and Monday: dry, lows 60 to 65, highs near 90.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.26 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.16  
Loan deficiency payment — 29¢  
Corn — \$1.75 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.88  
Loan deficiency prmt. — 11¢  
Milo — \$2.50 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.90 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.04  
Loan deficiency payment — 85¢  
Millet — \$4 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$7.40 cwt.  
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.97  
Oil new crop — \$7.80 cwt.  
Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$13 (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.  
Senators hail  
Regents picks

TOPEKA — Senators are hailing the quality of Gov. Bill Graves' appointments to a reconstituted Kansas Board of Regents, endorsing eight of the nine for confirmation so they can begin serving when the new board starts work on July 1.  
All seven board members who appeared were endorsed on unanimous voice votes, plus Robinson, who has served on the board for more than two years.  
The seven who testified included carryover board members Bill Docking, the chairman from Arkansas City; Clay Blair, of Mission Hills, and Harry Craig, of Topeka.  
Four of the newly appointed members also were approved: Janice DeBauge, of Emporia; Floris Jean Hampton, of Dodge City; former state Rep. Jack Wempe, of Little River, and Kerr.

# Letting dogs run free could end up costing

By Keith Lippoldt

The Goodland Daily News

The City of Goodland is going to the dogs.

Or to be more accurate, the City of Goodland is going after the dogs, at least those that are running loose or being a nuisance.

And if it's yours they catch, it is going to cost you some money, possibly lots of money, to get it out of the pound. The more it happens, the more it will cost you.

Although the Goodland dispatch center gets more calls on other types situations, Police Chief Ray Smee says that, personally, animal complaints are the No. 1 complaint that he fields from the public.

"As far as calls into dispatch, no, animal calls are not No. 1," Smee said. "As far as calls I receive in my office, I get more animal complaints than anything else."

Smee says that the complaint calls that he fields deal with nuisance dogs, dogs at large, dogs barking, dogs chasing people, dogs defecating in others' yards and even calls about cats running loose.

The frequency varies and really follows no particular pattern.

"It varies from week to week," he says. "We may get eight or nine calls in one day. But then we may not receive an animal call for a week. There is no pattern."

The Police Department is responsible for animal control, a duty that is time consuming and takes away from other police duties. After receiving a call, the officer must then go find and detain the animal, take it to the veterinary clinic for holding and then write up a report.

Officer John Bookstaver received a call from dispatch at 12:20 Wednesday with a dog-at-large complaint. After finding the animal, persuading it into the squad car and transporting it to the pound, Bookstaver had spent 35 minutes.

"That was a typical call," Bookstaver said. "Sometimes it goes quicker. Sometimes it takes longer. This dog did not want to be caught."

"These calls eat up a lot of manpower hours," Smee said. "Problem dogs may cost you an hour and a half of time that could be spent on other duties."

Time is not the only expense involved in animal control. Owners can invest a lot of money if they are not willing to keep their animal within the guidelines of the city code.



The Goodland Police Department has been busy chasing and catching dogs. A terrier being held at Prairieland Animal Clinic (right) looked for a friendly face while a Spaniel (above) captured in near 15th and Wyoming on Wednesday wondered where this ride was taking him.

Photos by Keith Lippoldt/The Goodland Daily News

## Shelter to show animals

If you want to enjoy a "Dog Day of Summer," make your way to the old roadside park on Business U.S. 24 south and east of town, where the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter foster care givers will be on hand with pets ready for adoption.

"It is really impossible for someone to see all the pets that are up for adoption at one time," said Jamie Helmut, who is organizing the event for the shelter. "Since we don't have a building, the animals are spread all over town, so we thought that this way we could bring them all together so people could see what we have."

The shelter has about 20 dogs in care right now. They also have several cats, puppies and kittens ready for adoption. They will have pictures of the cats and kittens.

"We thought for our first event like this, we would be better off to not bring them all together," said Helmut. "We don't want any dog-cat fights."

Many of the volunteer foster-care givers will be at the site.

"We will have one person per dog, so we can keep everything under

control," she said.

Volunteers will have adoption agreements on hand for anyone who finds a companion.

"We just check to make sure that the applicant can care for the animal," said Helmut, "I don't remember ever turning someone down."

There will also be foster care giver agreements for anyone who would like to become a care giver. The shelter could really use a few more volunteers, she said. They will also have membership forms for anyone who would like to become a supporter of the shelter.

The shelter has mostly male dogs that are mixed breeds. There are two females available, one spayed, and one that is not.

The shelter is run completely by volunteers.

"People in the community have been wonderful," said Helmut.. "They have really supported this effort and made it work."

"We have some beautiful dogs that would make great companions, so if you or someone you know would like to see what we have, come on out."

\$20 for the pick-up plus \$20 for dog-at-large. In addition to those charges, the owner will be responsible for the impound fee of \$10 per day, up to three days. If the animal has not been licensed, an additional fine of \$20 is imposed.



Separate and above these fines will be court costs of \$36. So one dog-at-large could cost you up to \$126.

Those costs are based on a graduated scale, meaning that each offense could add additional costs.

When an animal is picked up, it is delivered to Prairieland Animal Clinic, where it will be housed for up to three days.

"Prairieland holds our impound animals," Smee said. "Any complaints that owners may have need to come through us. We are the ones who picked them up, not them."

"We are the holding facility for the animals that are picked up," Dr. Gary Smith of Prairieland said. "We hold them for up to three days. At that time we determine if this is an adoptable pet. If so, we will contact the animal shelter. If not, we will have to euthanize the animal."

Smith says that some of the factors involved in determining whether or not an animal is adoptable include attitude, behavior, age, breed and overall condition of the animal.

The city is advertising for a part-time animal control officer who would work with the police officers, all of whom are also considered animal control.

Just Wednesday evening, a Goodland boy was bitten by a dog. The bite barely scratched the hand, but police are waiting for proof of vaccination. Smee said that no action will be taken by the police or the victim's family once proof has been presented.

The owners have just moved to town, police said, but say the dog has been vaccinated. If they they can't come up with proof, though, then the dog will have to be confined for 10 days to be sure it does not have rabies.

"This is a learn-as-you-go proposition," Smee said of the officers animal control work. "If you get bit, you won't do it that way again. There are no schools that teach this. Fortunately, none of our people have been bit. And, we don't find every dog."

"Owners need to take responsibility," he said. "License them. Vaccinate them. Take care of them. It would save taxpayers money."

# Sherman County calendar a fund-raiser for society

Items will sell for \$10  
prior to Sept. 1 deadline

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Did you know that Jan. 6, 1909, was opening day of the Crystal Theater, Goodland's first moving picture theater?

Or that on Jan. 13, 1888, 85 armed members of the Homesteaders Union Association marched to former town of Eustis to steal the county seat?

You can find these facts and many more by purchasing a 2000 calendar that the Sherman County Historical Society is putting together with pictures of Goodland buildings for each month and a county historical fact for each day of the year.

Evelyn Ward, vice president of the society, came up with the idea for the calendar as a way to raise money to do research on the county's history. Membership in the society will also help support the research they do.

Ward started in April 1998 to compile the facts to correspond to each day of the year. She went to the three-volume set of historical books, "Sherman County and Family History — They Came to Stay." She spent 10 months on this part of the project, working a little bit each day.

"I read all three volumes cover to cover to find a fact for each of the 366 days of the year," said Ward, noting that 2000 is a leap year.

The calendar will give fact that actually happened on each date. Then, at the bottom of the box, the volume and page number of he history are listed, so that who is curious can read in detail about the events.

After Ward finished, Gennifer House, past presi-

dent and a board member of the society, created the calendar on her computer. The next step was to find pictures for the 12 months of the year.

Bryce Cole, president of the society, and Marilyn Cooper, secretary, went to the High Plain Museum for help finding those in its archive. Cole said they had a rough list of what pictures the society wanted and then they made their best judgment from what was available.

Some of the pictures chosen included the old Rock Island depot, Carroll's Gas Station, the Carnegie Library, Boothroy Hospital, and Hotel Neu.

The society is planning for the calendar to go to print by July 1 at The Prints and The Paper of Goodland.

The society is selling the calendar by mail for \$10 each, including postage until Sept. 1. After then, the cost will be \$15, plus \$3 for postage and handling.

Ward said that the society would like to encourage people to buy the three-volume set of Sherman County historical books to go with the calendar.

"There's a wealth of information in those three books," she said.

House had the idea to sell ads for the calendar so that they could be sold at a lower price. She felt that if the price wasn't too high, they might be able to sell more calendars. House and Cole did the ad sales.

Other board members of the society, include Brenda Ross, treasurer, Clarence Scheopner and Natalie Austin.

The society has a website at www.goodlandnet.com, which is maintained by Mark Scheopner, grandson of Clarence Scheopner. People can buy three-volume sets of the history books, plus marriage license books and cemetery books for Sherman County through the website.

"We have had an incredible response to our website," House said.

## The Yo-Yo Man



Jack Burr, also known as the "yo-yo man," demonstrated some of his talents to an audience of mostly youngsters during story hour on Wednesday at the Goodland Public Library. Burr brought a collection of his own yo-yos for the children to look at.

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