

weather report

87° at noon

Today
• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Tomorrow
• Sunrise, 5:28 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 78 degrees
- Humidity 44 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south at 20 mph
- Barometer 30.17 inches and steady
- Record High 105° (1959)
- Record Low 45° (1952)

Last 24 Hours*

High	83°
Low	64°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low mid 60s, south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday: partly sunny and breezy, high in the upper 90s, low in the 60s, south winds 15 to 25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: chance of thunderstorms, low near 60, high in the upper 90s.

Saturday: dry, low near 60, high in the 90s.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.15 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.94
Loan deficiency payment — .51¢

Corn — \$1.50 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.60
Loan deficiency pmt. — 39¢

Milo — \$2.05 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.48 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.49
Loan deficiency payment — 1.40¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.21
Oil new crop — \$7 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. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Heat brings harvest back

SALINA — Scorching heat and hot winds drove farmers across Kansas back into their combines to cut winter wheat, with at least 44 percent of the state’s crop now harvested.

The latest harvest estimate, released Tuesday by Kansas Agricultural Statistics covering progress as of Sunday, reflects a flurry of harvest activity. Just a week ago, only 7 percent of the wheat had been harvested.

Even so, this year’s harvest remains well behind last year — when 93 percent had been brought in by this time. In an average year, 66 percent would have been harvested this late in the season.

The long lines at grain elevators are back, and cutters are working into the night. At Continental Grain in Colby, though, things were quiet. Few farmers were selling after last week’s price plunge.

Prisoners jam cells in state

By JOHN HANNA
Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — The state’s inmate population continued to grow in June, at one point leaving the prison system with fewer than two dozen free beds.

The state had 8,486 inmates in prisons, work programs, county jails and the Larned State Hospital criminal unit at the end of June. The figure represented an end-of-month record and 52 more than at the end of May. The Department of Corrections reported the figures Tuesday.

By the end of June, the state had space in its prison system for 8,506 — only 20 more than the number in custody. The system was 99.8 percent full.

The department added additional 48 spaces by finishing renovations at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility, and it plans to add 180 beds this fall.

Corrections officials are not yet saying they will have to propose any major construction projects to increase capacity. However, spokesman Bill Miskell acknowledged that operating so close to capacity can create headaches.

“It reduces our operational flexibility,” he said. “Our ability to move inmates from one facility to another facility for program reasons is fairly limited. It becomes really tight, no question about it.”

The state’s prison population has increased for seven consecutive months and nine of the past 12 months.

One reason is that more former inmates are returning to prison for violating conditions placed on them before they are released, either on parole or, under pre-1993 sentencing laws, after they have served half of their maximum sentences.

The department is studying why more ex-inmates are returning to prison, as is the Legislative Division of Post Audit. Miskell said the department is waiting for population projections from the Kansas Sentencing Commission in August or September before it decides whether to propose expansion.

Last week, the renovations at the Hutchinson prison’s minimum-security south unit added space for 48.

This fall, the department plans to finish work on new space for a “therapeutic community,” which treats inmates trying to overcome drug addictions.

The program currently is housed inside the Lansing Correctional Facility.

The department also expects another renovation project in Hutchinson, to add space for 80 inmates.



Nikki Wurtz, an employee at Carnegie Arts Center (above), worked at getting the proportions just right on the tree wrapping out front. Marcia Golden, Wurtz, and Rebecca Downs (from left below) covered the trees with pieces of bright fabric. Nikki’s father, Rob Wurtz, helped out. Photos by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Brightly wrapped trees speak out on center, the arts in Goodland

By Charlie Baker
The Goodland Daily News

The staff wanted to bring some color and excitement to the Carnegie Arts Center, and create a little excitement for the arts.

So they bought some bright fabric remnants, some tacks and a hammer, and started wrapping the trees that line the street in front of the historic old library.

“We wanted something that would speak loud,” said Rebecca Downs, who is in training to be director at the center.

“We thought we needed something more colorful, a more attractive look,” added interim Director Marcia Golden. “We have had people in today we have never seen before.”

“I think they saw the wrapped trees

and stopped to see what was going on.”

In another move to generate interest, the Goodland Arts Council (the governing body for the center) and the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, with the help of several sponsors, are backing a new program to promote the arts and Sherman County.

The plan, a photo-shoot contest, is called “A Day in the Life of Sherman County.” Participants will be given one 24-exposure roll of film to use in their own cameras. They can choose either black-and-white or color.

The contest will be held Wednesday, July 21, with a rainout date of Thursday, July 22. There will be some point-and-shoot disposable cameras for children who would like to participate.

Subject matter will be left to the participants. The only stipulation is that the

photo must be shot in Sherman County. Participants will be given 24 hours to shoot the film, then return it to the council, which will process and judge the film.

Selected photographs will be displayed at the Sunflower Festival on Saturday, Aug. 14. Sixty winning photographs will then be enlarged, matted, and displayed at the Flatlander Fall Festival.

Before the contest, a photography workshop will be offered at 6 p.m. next Wednesday at the center by professional photographer Doyle Saddler of Thomas County.

Photographers can register at the center, 120 W. 12th St. Enrollment is limited to 60 rolls of film, so sign up soon. For information, call the center at 899-6442.



Pool plan would make \$3 million splash in budget

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

Goodland city commissioners received a preliminary design Monday for a new water recreation complex with a top-end price tag of over \$3 million.

Annette Franklin, chair of the special citizens’ committee which supervised the plans, presented the design done by Bohl and Associates of Kansas City after several meetings with the citizens group.

The complex would include a large outdoor pool with a “zero depth” area for handicap access, as well as separate areas for water slides and a youth pool. In the entrance building would be concession and locker areas, plus an indoor therapy pool and a lap pool.

Franklin told the commissioners the first design was for a larger indoor portion, but the cost was nearly \$5 million, and the committee wanted to stay between \$2.5 and \$3 million.

“We are in dire need of a new pool,” Commissioner Curtis Hurd said. “I remember when I was contracted to paint the pool in the mid 1950s, and they found some of the cast iron pipes were leaking back then.”

City Manager Ron Pickman said with the summer pool season about half over, the city has pumped about 1.7 million gallons of water into the pool.

“This is the second year we have seen this pattern,” he said. “When we fill it, we see a drop of about 14 inches the first day or so, and then we see a drop of



Architects drawing of the proposed Goodland Aquatic Center include a separate youth pool, water slide area and a large pool featuring a beach-like gradual slope down to the area where there would be swim lanes, two low diving boards straight water slides.

about four to five inches a day. We have checked all the drains, but we do not know where all this water is going.”

Franklin said the current pool has other problems, including the fact that it is not handicap accessible.

“We now have a design to look at, but we know that it is not close to being a final design,” she said. “This is the best we could come up with all the ideas

from the citizens and committee members as well as input from the architects.”

She said the architects suggested putting the pool where the current Steever Park ball diamond is.

“We looked at putting the pool out at the new ball complex, but felt this would be difficult to get to, with all the dirt it would be more costly to keep

as we feel we can afford them,” Franklin said.

Commissioner Rick Billinger asked if there was a savings if all the areas were to be combined into one pool. Franklin said the committee had asked the same question and had been told the cost difference was about \$100,000. However, she said the consultants and the committee members felt the differ-

ence in cost was outweighed by the benefits of allowing the people to be able to separate into the areas based on the different water activities.

Billinger also asked how much of the cost was for the indoor part. Pickman replied the total cost of the indoor pool part was about \$1 million of the total project.

According to estimates presented by Franklin, the new facility would cost \$157,000 to \$195,000 to operate on a year-around basis. The basic cost of the yearly operation were the \$157,000 with the outdoor being an additional \$38,000.

Pickman estimated the cost of the current pool operation at \$35,000 for the summer, plus the cost of the water. He said the pool handles about 100 people a day.

Sullivan Palmer of Bohl and Associates estimates the outdoor complex could generate revenues of \$45,000 (at \$1.50 per person) to \$60,000 (based on \$2.50 per person) based on 200 people a day, and if that increased to 400 the revenues would be close to \$100,000 or over.

Based on 50 per day attendance, the indoor facility could generate \$53,375 (at \$1.50) to \$70,875 (at \$2.50) in revenue in addition to the revenue from the outdoor operation.

Mayor Chuck Lutters thanked Franklin and her committee, and said the commission would begin looking at finance questions during the budget meetings next week.