

weather report

91°  
at noon

Today

Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 5:28 a.m.

Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 79 degrees

• Humidity 33 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds west at 10 mph

• Barometer 29.92 inches and falling

• Record High 104° (1985)

• Record Low 42° (1952)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 92°

Low 66°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, low near 60, northwest winds at 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: mostly sunny, low near 60, high 85 to 90, north winds 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday through Sunday: dry, lows in the 60s, highs in the 90s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Wheat — \$2.10 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.98

Loan deficiency payment — 47¢

Corn — \$1.46 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.58

Loan deficiency pmt. — 41¢

Milo — \$1.98 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.42 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

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Life insurance an investment

TOPEKA — It's a relatively new form of investment: buying a terminally ill person's life insurance policy at less than face value and pocketing a profit when that person dies.

And the state is getting more aggressive in regulating the trade in life insurance policies' death benefits.

A new Kansas law deals with instances in which the terminally ill sell their life insurance policies to raise money for expenses. Companies buying the policies turn around and sell them to investors.

The new law requires companies that sell other people's life insurance policies as investments to register their products with the state securities commissioner.

The same law requires people who deal in such investments to be licensed both as securities dealers and insurance agents.

# Wheat harvest brings out best in people

## Neighbors help with harvesting

**By Janet Craft**  
*The Goodland Daily News*

Neighbors helping neighbors. That's what this act of kindness was all about.

After Randy and Vicki Phillips' son, Brian, lost his life in a tragic accident earlier this week, neighbors and friends of the family wanted to help in some way. They came from the Kanorado and Burlington communities.

As the Phillips' family was grieving the death of their son, whose funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church in Burlington, many of the people in the communities had the same thought. Help the family by cutting their wheat.

The idea wasn't the plan of a particular person, but one that many of those who got involved had come to mind.

Some of those who wanted to help were cutting on a field southeast of Kanorado, at the corner of Road 5 and Road 57, on Wednesday.

Naomi Windell, Kanorado, has three sons, Rob, Rick and Mike Windell, who were helping out. Rob was driving a combine, Rick was driving a semi-truck and Mike was working on a broken down combine.

"We were ready to go help," she said. "It's just one neighborly thing to do."

"Everybody thought of the idea," said Rob. He has two sons, Mat and Denny, who were taking turns driving a grain cart. "Both my boys were close to Brian," Rob said.

Randy Phillips and his brother-in-law, Allan Pralle, Burlington, farm together. When Pralle was told of what people planned to do, he was in tears. He indicated that the wheels wouldn't be turning on their farm, anyway.

The Windells, were joined by others from the area.

Charles Denton and his son, Jeff, who live south of Kanorado, along with Jason Simmering, nephew of Denton's from Colby, were involved. Charles was running his combine, Jeff was driving a semi-truck hauling wheat and Simmering was driving a grain cart.

Dick Pettibone, Kanorado, brought his combine out to help. He and Marshall Siruta, Kanorado, who works for Pettibone, took turns running the machine.

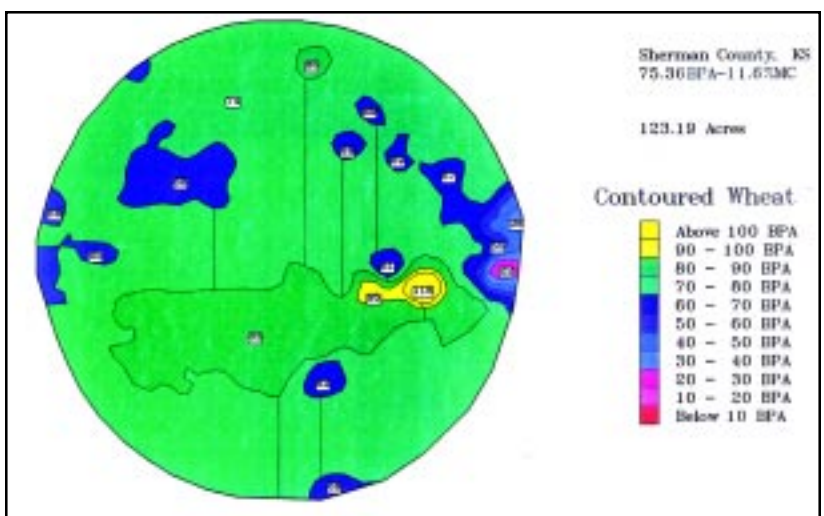
Tom Billenwillms, Burlington, also came out with his combine and Scott Weber, Goodland, was driving another semi-truck to help with the effort.

"If something had happened to one of us, they would have helped us. Good neighbors," said Rick about the Phillips' family.

The wheat was being hauled in to the Kanorado Co-op elevator. Ken Ketter, manager of the Co-op, said that he tried



Some friends helped the Phillips family (above) by cutting their wheat on a field southeast of Kanorado. View from the cockpit of Fred Schields' combine, (center) fitted with the Green Star System. A map of a Sherman County wheat field, (below) is shown on a print-out from information gathered by satellite.



to coordinate the harvesting effort somewhat by telling people who wanted to help, who they could get in contact with. He said that on one of the family's fields in Colorado, there were seven combines cutting on Wednesday.

The effort was not only aided by these people, but by many more neighbors and friends in the Kanorado and Burlington communities.

man County wheat field, (below) is shown on a print-out from information gathered by satellite.

## Despite spring weather, wheat is outstanding

**By Charlie Baker**  
*The Goodland Daily News*

In a year when hail damage to wheat is as bad as some people can remember, the yields are also as high as some can remember.

"I would not have believed dryland wheat could produce like this," said Dave Darnauer, salesman at Goodland Greenline. "We have had reports of around 100 bushels an acre. Even some fields that have hail damage are still producing 50 bushels an acre."

Reports from grain elevators say that what is coming in looks really good. "We are pretty satisfied," said Tom Stewart, operations manager at Muellers grain elevator. "The bushels per acre have varied from 40 to 82, but that is due mainly to hail damage."

The moisture was about as close to what it should have been as you could ask," he said. "If it had not been for the hail, this would have been an exceptional year."

The test weights that he has seen so far have been around 59 to 63.

The protein has been around 11, Stewart said. "From the central and south part of the state to the east yields have been pretty good, but, the protein values are a little low," he said. "That should put Sherman County wheat at a premium."

Merwin Jensen, from Frontier Equity, said that the harvest is winding down. "I would say it is about 75 percent complete," he said. "We have seen good quality and good yield for what didn't get damaged by the hail."

Mike Campbell, from the United States Department of Agriculture Farm Service, said the quality of northwest Kansas wheat should be some of the best in the state. He said rain in the southern part of the state has caused the wheat to be of lower quality than what Sherman County farms are producing.

Campbell also said that if it had not

been for the hail damage, it would have been a very good harvest.

He said that farmers should visit the Farm Service office before they sell their wheat if they want to sign up for a Loan Deficiency Payment, which is at 51¢. He also said if anyone is planning to store their wheat they need to look into a loan from Commodity Credit Corporation, which is currently at \$2.45 a bushel.

"One of the reasons for the success of Sherman County farmers is their level of education," said Ron Lucas, owner of Greenline Farm Equipment. "Not just their formal education, but the more importantly, their commitment to continuing education."

One of the newer innovations farmers are using is satellite technology to map production of fields. Combines are equipped with a link to a Global Positioning System that records the position of the combine to within approximately two meters every two seconds.

When this information is coupled with sensors in the combine that measure bushels per acre and moisture content of the wheat, a map is compiled that shows production of the entire field in a clear and precise way.

As the combine moves across the field, if the operator sees a patch of weeds, run-off damage, or other problem, with the push of a button, they can mark the area. The satellite receives the information, and can print a map telling not only the yield and condition of the grain, but also the condition of the field.

This map can then be used to develop a plan to fertilize and adjust seed amounts to get the best possible yield, and identifies areas that may need attention after cutting, said Lucas.

John Deere produces a combine equipped with such a system, called Green Star. Case has a similar system, called Advanced Farming Systems.

## Commission approves 4-way at Cattletrail off K-27 and 16th

**By Tom Betz**  
*The Goodland Daily News*

The Goodland City Commission approved a change Tuesday which hopefully will allow trucks better access to Cattletrail off of K-27 at 16th Street.

Effective Monday, the intersection will become a 4-way stop, and then on Aug. 9, the stop sign for eastbound traffic on 16th will be removed to allow the trucks to proceed without stopping..

Commissioners agreed that if it seems to help with congestion this will become a permanent change in September. Truck traffic at the intersection is heavy, with most bound for elevators on 17th Street.

The city hopes to improve traffic flow at the intersection before the state closes off the south entrance to Cattletrail next year.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved an ordinance setting the municipal court costs and detailing where the money is to go. According to City Manager Ron Pickman about \$29.50 of the \$36 collected per case

stays in Goodland.

- Approved the final plat of the Goodland School District's addition west of Kansas Avenue between Fifth and Third Streets. This is where the new city well and a proposed assisted living center are to be located.
- Declared Saturday, July 31 as "Jeff Darnauer Kansas All-Star Football Shrine Bowl Day" to honor the Goodland High School graduate who has been selected to participate in the 26th annual game in Wichita.
- Discussed alternating the city official newspaper beginning in the middle of August. Commissioner Curtis Hurd said he thought the city should share the legal business between the two newspapers, and said he would make a motion to have the city switch to the *Sherman County Star* for the next year. Commissioner Jim Mull said he agreed, and Mayor Chuck Lutters and Commissioner Tom Rohr also backed the plan. (Commissioner Rick Billinger had left the meeting before this was discussed.)
- Approved payment of \$221,351 to Allied Inc. for work done on the water-line improvement project and \$92,790 to PDM Inc. for work completed on the new 500,000 gallon water tower. The commission also approved a request for reimbursement from the state revolving loan fund for \$275,919 for the water improvement project, and request of \$21,015 from the Community Development Block Grant for demolition projects under the housing project.
- Work sessions will be held at 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday to allow the commission members to review each department and discuss next year's budget. The budget hearing will be held in August.
- The next regular commission meeting will be 5 p.m. Monday, July 19, in the commission room upstairs in the City Administration Building.
- Correction:** In Wednesday's report on the new aquatic center the name of the head of the citizen committee was incorrectly listed. The head of the citizen taskforce which has been working on the replacement of the current city pool is Annette Fairbanks.

## Tech home set for auction

The Northwest Kansas Technical School is inviting the public to the showing of the 1999 home built by the school's Carpentry Department. The open house will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Sunday on the school campus, one-half block east of 15th and Harrison in Goodland.

The home was built from the foundation to the roof, inside and out, by the carpentry students with help from students and staff in the electrical and engineering departments at the school.

Some special features of this beautiful, three-bedroom home include custom-made oak cabinetry in the kitchen, dining room, main bathroom and master bathroom. There is also a lighted, built-in china cabinet in the dining room and lighted, glass-door cabinets between the dining room and kitchen. The kitchen has a built-in pantry, range/hood/oven, dishwasher and disposal.

A key design feature in this year's home is curved walls in the hallway

between the living room and the bedrooms and bathrooms. The living room also boasts a cathedral ceiling and is structurally adapted for a staircase if the home is to be set on a basement.

The main bath has a shower and tub, while the three-quarter master bath has a full size shower. The master bedroom includes a walk-in closet and a separate vanity area.

This 1,800 square-foot home is built with top quality products including Marvin vinyl clad casement windows and patio door, Stanley Prodigy doors, Mohawk carpeting, Hardiplank glass-reinforced concrete siding, Whirlpool kitchen appliances and American Standard bathroom fixtures.

The home will be sold at public auction at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 24 by Maynard Bane, Bane Auction and Homestead Realty. For more information, contact George Adelgren, carpentry instructor or Larry Keirns, director on weekdays at 785-899-3641.