

weather
report

87°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:50 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:56 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 80 degrees

• Humidity 52 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds southeast at 15 mph

• Barometer 29.99 inches

and falling

• Record High 105° (1964)

• Record Low 48° (1960)

Last 24 Hours*

High 93°

Low 64°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low near 65, south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Wednesday: mostly sunny, high near 95, southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Friday: chance of thunderstorms, lows near 65, highs near 95.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.31 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.17

Loan deficiency payment — .28¢

Corn — \$1.88 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.78

Loan deficiency pmt. — .21¢

Milo — \$2.91 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.18 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.10

Loan deficiency payment — .79¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7.10 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.74

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.

Brothers, 14,
held in deaths

KANSAS CITY, Kansas — Twin 14-year-old brothers went to church three days after they executed an elderly couple during a robbery, a prosecutor said Monday as first-degree murder charges were filed.

The boys were in church even as police followed leads trying to find the killers of Wilbur John Williams, 79, and Wilma F. Williams, 73, said long-time District Attorney Nick Tomasic, who seemed particularly shaken by the crime.

"They didn't show any remorse," he said of the young defendants. "The property was there and they were going to get it. Their only remorse is that they got caught."

Tomasic said Donell and Ronell Williams were roaming their neighborhood when they saw Wilbur Williams working in the front yard.

Board hires seven,
cuts tax levy slightly

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board approved a \$6 million budget for the coming year Monday, increasing spending by \$48,000 over this year, but cutting property taxes slightly, by .44 of a mill.

The board also approved hiring of seven staff members and coaches.

The total budget for the school year was set at \$6,016,920. Superintendent Marvin Selby said that an increase in property valuation in Sherman County is being generated by new businesses and new home construction, spreading out the tax load some.

He said that patrons are paying taxes on time, which is helping the district save money.

The amount the state pays per student has increased by \$50 over last year, to \$3,770, which accounts for the budget increase. The budget was based on last fall's enrollment of 1,155, down 21 from the 1997 enrollment used last year.

The board agreed to meet for a back-to-school breakfast at 8 a.m. at the high school cafeteria. They also decided to have a picnic on Thursday, Aug. 26, at Gulick Park, to welcome new teachers and staff.

A tailgate party was set for the first football game, Sept. 3 against Hoxie. Selby said that groundskeeper Chuck Lutters will be pouring the concrete for the new bleachers on the visiting side of the football field soon.

"We are hoping everything goes well and the bleachers are in by the end of August," he said, adding that since they will have the equipment there, they intend to pour a sidewalk to the parking lot, and also one in front of the visiting bleachers.

Selby said that Rhoads Construction, the contractor for the Max Jones Fieldhouse expansion, has offered to let the district use some of its equipment to set up the area and pour the concrete.

The restrooms at the track are complete, he said, and while there is some painting that will be done by the district, they are ready for use.

The roofers are working on the weight and dressing room addition to the fieldhouse. Selby said he hopes they will have the building ready for the start of school.

Principals set targets
for upcoming year

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland principals told the school board about their plans for the year Monday, with each of the five giving their job target, an area of special emphasis, for the year.

"I have never seen the building look better for 30 years," said Jim Mull, junior high principal.

Mull thanked the board for the new computers in the lab at the junior high. He said his job target for the year is crime and violence reduction.

Steve Raymer, principal at North Elementary, said he wanted to thank the custodial staff.

"All of the buildings look great," he said.

He also thanked the board and Karla Murray, technology coordinator for the district, for the new I-Mac computers in the lab.

"The purple computers look a little wild," he said, "but I know the kids will be excited about using them."

He said that Goodland is so far ahead of many districts in technology and in service training.

His said his job target is public relations.

"There are a lot of good things happening in the district," he said. "I want to help get the message out of the good things and what great teachers we have."

He said he is excited and looking forward to the year.

Sharon Gregory, principal at Central Elementary, said she believes that the appearance of the school is important.

"Our school shines," she said. "The custodial staff did a really great job."

She also thanked the board for its commitment to improving the schools. "We have new paint, new carpet, a new copier, and the computers that are

"Some days I think they will be ready," he said, "and some days it looks like they won't be."

Gaylene Shank, a math teacher at the high school, told about a coordinated summer internship she did at three Goodland offices.

She said she got interested in the program after a student had asked her how they would ever use what they were learning in the real world.

"How should I know," she said. "I had never been in the real world."

She said she realized that she had been in a classroom since she was 5, and decided to apply to the state Department of Education for one of the scholarships.

She worked a week each at the National Weather Service office, the Northwest Kansas Technical School and an engineering firm, Evans-Bierly-Hutchinson and Associates. She said the experience was wonderful.

The board went into closed session to discuss the purchase of the Medical Arts Clinic, but on returning had no new business to discuss.

In other business, the board:

- Discussed the possible sale of the two lots north of the land sold for the Parrish Center Complex. The board decided to table the proposal to find out about the need for building roads and access to the land north of the construction area.

- Authorized Selby to get and accept the best bid on a certificate of deposit for \$750,000.

- Approved a payment to Rhoads for the fieldhouse for \$170,083.

- Agreed to accept the resignation of Julie Unruh, a cook.

- Approved the hiring of Maggie Hernandez, migrant coordinator; Gwen Huddy, seven hour cook; Steve Raymer, assistant high school football coach; Marshall Hatfield, custodian at the junior high; Rich Schwasinger, assistant cross country coach; Shannon Simpson, Girls Athletic Association sponsor; Courtney Weeks, assistant girls basketball coach; Wallace Hansen, assistant tennis coach; and Steve Wright, assistant football coach at the junior high.

The next regular school board meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 23, at the district office.

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- Jim Mull
Grant Junior High Principal

equipped with 'CD ROM capabilities and are networked."

Her job target is academic performance. She said that to improve students success, it is important to develop problem-solving and reading skills.

Jerry Burkett, principal at West Elementary, also commended the custodial staff for their work.

"They have done a great job," he said.

His job target is reading.

"We have really been making progress," he said. "The HOSTS (Help One Student To Succeed) program and mentoring are making a difference."

Harvey Swager, high school principal, said his buildings are looking great.

"Our guys have done a great job," he said. "They work hard, and a lot of times it goes unnoticed."

Swager said he had just completed training on the ropes course at West school. "I want to challenge the board to go through the course," he said. "It builds trust and helps you to communicate."

He said that his job target is teacher morale.

"I think the ropes course really fits in with my target," he said. "It is hard to have good morale if you don't trust each other and communicate."

"If teachers can be happy at work, everything will be better."

Young cowpokes in action



Those young cowpokes were featured last night in the Kids Rodeo at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair in Goodland. Among the events the young people took part in were untying the ribbon from the goat and a pig catch. The youngsters found that once they could work their way down the rope the goat was tied to it was easier to reach out and grab the ribbon. Chasing the pigs was more difficult, but once they were cornered the key was to grab a hind leg and drag the pig to the gate in the corner. (More photos on Page 8).

Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

Committee considers exempting
doctors from service on state juries

TOPEKA (AP) — A Leawood orthopedic surgeon told legislators that physicians should be exempt from jury duty because it creates an undue burden on patients who must reschedule their appointments.

"They get kind of mad at you if you cancel," Dr. James H. Garner Jr. told the Special Committee on Judiciary.

After Monday's meeting, Chairman Tim Emert said he thought the current jury law is sufficient and that few legislators see any need to change it. The committee will make its recommendations on Garner's proposal in November.

"I don't see a lot of sentiment to move in the direction of starting a laundry list of people who are automatically excluded," said Emert, R-Independence, who also is Senate majority

leader.

Garner said he suggested the idea to Senate President Dick Bond, R-Overland Park, after Garner received two jury summonses within a week. He said he did not have to serve either time.

The surgeon said the jury system is inefficient because doctors have to show up for jury selection but are rarely chosen.

"If physicians were being called regularly and were serving, that would be a different thing," he said.

State law exempts from service people who cannot understand English, face being declared incompetent by a court or have committed felonies within the past decade.

The law also allows judges to excuse people from jury duty for various reasons, including extraordinary personal

hardship. Although judges can exempt people whose work is important to public health and safety, the law contains no blanket exemptions.

District Judge Robert J. Schmisser of Pratt said doctors should have to serve on juries as a matter of fairness.

"We don't want to have a system where people can step away and say, 'Have somebody else do it,'" said Schmisser, whose sits in Barber and Pratt counties.

Schmisser said 95 percent of jury trials in his jurisdiction last no more than two days and he would not ask a physician to be a juror in a lengthy trial.

Jerry Slaughter, executive director of the Kansas Medical Society, said he favors continuing to allow judges to decide whether to exempt someone from jury duty.