

**weather report**

**91°**

at noon



**Today**

- Sunset, 7:27 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:11 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:25 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 78 degrees
- Humidity 28 percent
- Sky Clear
- Winds East 12
- Barometer 30.12 inches and steady
- Record High 102° (1960)
- Record Low 45° (1964)

**Last 24 Hours\***

- High 95°
- Low 60°
- Precipitation —

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: Partly cloudy; low 60; 20 percent chance of thunderstorms; winds Southeast 10-20. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy; high 90; winds Southeast 15-25; 20 percent chance of thunderstorms.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday through Tuesday Highs 85-90 each day; lows each night around 50; chance of thunderstorms. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.19 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.14
  - Loan deficiency payment — 31¢
  - Corn — \$1.62 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.57
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 42¢
  - Milo — \$2.36 hundredweight
  - Soybeans — \$4.02 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.94
  - Loan deficiency payment — 95¢
  - Millet — \$4 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$6.80 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$7.17
  - Oil new crop — \$6.70 cwt.
  - Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.
  - Pinto beans — \$15 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo 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.**

**Reno opens probe of FBI**

WASHINGTON (AP)—As Attorney General Janet Reno opens a full investigation into the FBI's newly disclosed use of incendiary devices in the 1993 Waco siege, the military is insisting it played only an observer's role on the day the Branch Davidian cult compound burned.

Three Army special operations officers were present that final day, but were not involved in the FBI operation in any way, not even in an advisory role, a senior Pentagon officer said Thursday.

The officer said the Pentagon had no say in the FBI's decision to use potentially flammable tear-gas grenades.

Former CIA officer Gene Cullen said today anti-terrorist Delta Force commandos told him detailed accounts of active military involvement as he worked with them on an overseas assignment in 1993.

## Teachers have fun, build teamwork

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

About 120 teachers and staff from the Goodland School District came together to do activities at the ropes course at North Elementary Thursday, to build teamwork, camaraderie, and communication skills.

Rhonda Williams, peer counselor and facilitator for the event, said they randomly selected people to be in each of the ten groups. "We tried to separate schools, to get people working with someone that they weren't used to working with."

The group mainly did activities designed to promote trust and communication, said Williams.

Jon Felver, the psychologist for the district, said he thought the event was good for team building and camaraderie.

"To solve some of the problems presented by the challenge, we had to talk about and use our experiences that were outside our usual area of expertise," he said.

"That way we were able to talk about

ourselves and get to know each other."

Felver said that in his group there were staff members, elementary teachers, junior high teachers, and coaches. "We had a good cross section," he said, "I really enjoyed it."

Melissa Hammond, a paraprofessional at Grant Junior High, just recently moved to Goodland from Fort Collins, Colo. She said she thought the day was pretty productive overall.

"We really had fun," she said, "but it was also a good way to get to know people."

Hammond added that everyone was really pretty nice, and she is excited about starting the school year.

Williams said she was really pleased with the days events. "I heard lots of good comments," she said. "I hope everyone can take these lessons and apply them in the classroom."

"It was great to hear all the laughter," she said, "at the end of the day when everyone was hot and tired, they will still having fun, working together, and solving problems."



About 120 faculty and staff from the Goodland School District got together Thursday at the challenge course at North Elementary, to learn trust, cooperation and communication, all while having a great time. One of the 10 member groups (above) try to lean on each other and collectively sit down. A group member has to trust that his team members will not drop him, (below) and team members must learn to count on their partners to be able to support his weight.

Photos by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News



**School starts Monday, slowdown at the crosswalks and watch for children!**

Superintendent Marvin Selby said doors will be open by 7:30 a.m. for students that have breakfast at the schools.

Classes start at 7:55 a.m. at elementary schools and the high school, he said.

Classes at the junior high start at 8 a.m., to allow for busing changes.



## Teacher's summer gives new meaning to hands on learning

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

For the first time in many, many years, Gaylene Shank, Goodland High School math teacher, got out of the classroom and into the workplace. She spent three weeks this summer working at three local businesses, as part of an internship, which she applied for through the Kansas State Department of Education.

The purpose of the summer internship program is to form connections between the educational curriculum and the requirements of employers. It was designed to allow teachers to work side by side with employees, taking part in "hands-on" work experiences and participating in the culture of the workplace.

Shank was prompted to apply for an internship because her students would ask her when they were going to use the things they were learning in her classroom. It dawned on her she had always been associated with either the school or the classroom and didn't know the answer, so she decided to find out.

The two main things she wanted to discover were, how math was used in the workplace and what the workplace culture was like.

Shank had to find the places of employment on her own. She did a mental inventory of the businesses in Goodland that would be using high school level math in their workplace and selected the National Weather Service, the Northwest Kansas Technical School, and E.B.H. & Associates, a civil engineering firm. She worked a week at each place.

All of the businesses used math, but every place of work was different in their day to day routines. The internship gave Shank a chance to observe some of these differences. She also learned a little bit more about other careers.

While at the businesses, she observed their work schedules, habits and interpersonal relationships.

She discovered the workplace is different than the classroom. The main difference, she noticed was that her time was not as structured in the office,

like it was at the high school.

"The rich and varied experiences, I enjoyed at each of the three workplaces, far exceeded my expectations," Shank said. "It was definitely one of the highlights of my career."

Shank found that the businesses and education shared a common vision for students, which is to prepare them for the workforce, by determining what education and personal skills would be needed.

To fulfill the requirements of the internship, Shank had to work 40 hours a week and keep a time card. The indi-

vidual businesses set the hours for her, whatever was typical or whatever shift they wanted her to work, which were daytime hours. In addition, the businesses set up schedules for her to follow.

Shank will get paid a salary for her time spent on the job, by the Department of Education, after she turns in her report to them and also to the Goodland school district.

From this experience, Shank can tell her students some things learned in the classroom, they might be using on the job. But she said it will vary, because it depends on the field they choose to go into. She can answer her students' questions with more credibility now that she has been in the workplace.



Shank

## ConMan to feature songs from Exit 17 band

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Three original songs written by Goodland's Shad Sheldon and performed by the band Exit 17 will be featured on the nationally broadcast ConMan radio show tonight.

The songs will be played at 10 p.m., and can be heard locally on KWGB at 97.9 FM. Curtis Duncan, News Director at KLOE/KCCI/KWGB said the ConMan show runs from 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. is broadcast through the Jones Radio Network of Englewood, Colo. "The ConMan does this every week giving a band from across the country a shot on network radio," Duncan said. "I understand the show gets about 400 demo tapes and CD's a week. It is real exciting to have it be a group we know and have heard play in this area."

Joining Sheldon in the band are his cousins Stony and Cody Wilson. The three have been playing together as Exit 17 for the past two years. They have performed for dances in Goodland, Garden City, Colby, McCook, Neb., Yuma, Colo., and other towns in Northwest Kansas.

Sheldon said the band sent in a CD with five original songs he had written and the ConMan has selected "Nowhere Bound," "I Hope She Knew," and "Eight Years Young." In addition

to playing all three songs tonight, the songs will be played individually during the ConMan show each night of the next week.

This is not the first band Sheldon and the Wilson brothers have played together in as they formed their first band while still in school "Black Diamond," a rock band, playing mostly for high school functions.

After high school Sheldon played with several bands including "Thunder Rose Band," and he developed his own recording studio.

Stony Wilson went to college where he played in a band. He moved to Denver and played with "2-Kind" for two years. He played the western U.S. circuit with "The Look" for five years, and began his own company Entertainment West. Besides playing with Exit 17 he is also part of a duo, "Karen and Stony."

Cody Wilson was involved with "Stony Cold" for three years and the last year of the tour with "The Look." He moved back to Goodland in 1997 and became the third member of Exit 17.

The three musicians have their own unique style. Sheldon's country/southern rock, Stony Wilson's 80's retrospective and Cody Wilson's rock and roll give Exit 17 a style that fits well with the new country sound.

