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## weather report

**80°**

at noon



### Today

Sunset, 7:22 p.m.

### Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:14 a.m.

Sunset, 7:21 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

Soil Temperature 78 degrees

Humidity 62 percent

Sky sunny

Winds south at 14 mph

Barometer 30.07 inches

and falling

Record High 104° (1990)

Record Low 42° (1964)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 80°

Low 62°

Precipitation .10 inch

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low near 65, south winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tuesday: partly sunny, breezy, high 90 to 95, south winds 15 to 25 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, low near 60, high 90 to 95.

Thursday: chance of thunderstorms, low near 55, high in the 80s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## Rising costs may mean tax increase

By Tom Betz

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With a draft of the year 2000 budget in hand, the Sherman County Commissioners will consider a resolution notifying citizens that the tax levy may increase next year at their regular meeting 8 a.m. Tuesday.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the resolution is part of a new law that went into effect in July ending the state's tax lid and allowing the county to raise the property tax levy without a vote of the people. She did not know exactly how much of an increase there will be because the commissioners have not completed their review of the budget.

"All I know at this time is the increase will be more than the \$23,000 that was allowed under the old system," Rumpel said.

County Fire Chief Kenny Griffith will be back to discuss a grant application for a used fire truck to be stationed in Kanorado. The commissioners are expected to approve the application, but ask for additional details at their Aug. 10 meeting. The application must be turned in by Wednesday.

Gene Tromble will meet with the commissioners about the newly formed Noxious Weed Committee. He is seeking the county's support in the ongoing battle against bindweed in lawns in the City of Goodland.

Daryl West, county noxious weed department head, has asked to be part of the committee and has sent letters about controlling weeds to about 65 homeowners who were identified by the city as having bindweed in their lawns.

Tromble has talked to the commissioners on an informal basis and received assurance of support, but he is asking for a more formal action to give the effort official backing. The committee had its organizational meeting Thursday morning, and Tromble will update the commissioners on actions from that meeting.

The commissioners will also hear a report of the roof leaks at the jail, and options for handling the problem.

The commissioners previously tabled discussion of the road and bridge work week and the holiday calendar for next year, and are scheduled to review these items. The commissioners were reviewing the four-day work week of the road and bridge department and Commissioner Gary Townsend had asked to have the matter delayed to talk to some of the people in the department.

The holiday calendar was tabled to allow the departments and the commissioners to examine the 2000 calendar to see which holidays they would like to shift. There was some discussion about not observing Martin Luther King Day and Columbus Day, but moving these to the day after Thanksgiving and Christmas. Also the commissioners were looking at giving an extra day at New Year's because the holiday will be on Sunday in 2001.

The next regular commissioner meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the commission meeting room on the main floor of the Sherman County Courthouse.

## Smile, it's back to school time



Dean Oharah and his wife Daylene (above) videotaped their sons Tanner (left) and Riley as they arrived at Central Elementary for their first day of school today. Superintendent Marvin Selby (right) rode one of the shuttle busses to Central to see how things were going. Principal Sharon Gregory greeted Levi Koon with a high five as he arrived.

Photos by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News



## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.17 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.09

Loan deficiency payment — .36¢

Corn — \$1.63 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.56

Loan deficiency pmt. — .43¢

Milo — \$2.38 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.98

Loan deficiency payment — .91¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.75 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.76

Oil new crop — \$6.65 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.

## Dennis heads back out to sea

ATLANTIC BEACH, N.C. — Hurricane Dennis turned toward the open ocean today while still punishing North Carolina's coastline and its fragile barrier islands with drenching rain and high winds that knocked out power to thousands of homes and businesses.

By early afternoon, the storm had turned onto an east-northeasterly track and was moving at 18 mph.

"That's a good sign. I'd rather have it going that way than the other," said Bill Frederick of the National Hurricane Center in Miami.

Frederick said that after accelerating as it heads out to sea, Dennis is expected to stall sometime Tuesday, a couple of hundred miles from the coast. It will continue to produce high seas and swells, he said.

## His goal: Saving Kansas lifestyle

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

Agriculture, small business, transportation, health care, education and technology topped Congressman Jerry Moran short list of things that are most important to him at a luncheon talk Friday at the Goodland Rotary Club.

The public meeting was at Northwest Kansas Technical School was Rep. Moran's 40th stop on his 66-county "listening tour" of the "Big First" Congressional District.

State Rep. Jim Morrison introduced the congressman, saying he was "the best in Washington."

Moran said that his primary goal is to keep rural Kansas and its way of life available to future generations.

"Only when farmers make a profit can our communities and Main Streets thrive," he said, adding that he is working on the agriculture committee, trying to control expenses that affect a farmer's profit margin.

He said that the farm economy has to be strong to support the other businesses in rural Kansas towns. He said that Main Street businesses have to face unfair disadvantages in many instances, and that by holding down health care costs and taxes, and eliminating burdensome regulations, they can have a better chance.

He said transportation is important in rural Kansas because of the distance between communities and ser-

vices. Moran said that health care is a very important issue for small communities. He said most politicians in Washington do not understand the difficulties budget cuts can have on health care providers in small towns.

He went on to say that education and technology are important to see that Kansas is not left behind.

"Technology is like the railroad in past years," he said. "If the railroad did not stop in your town, your town did not prosper."

Moran answered a few questions from the audience of 60 or more on health care and Social Security.

He ended his talk by commending Morrison for the job that he is doing, saying that he is "a great advocate for the district."

The Rotarians had invited members of the Kiwanis and Lions clubs and the general public to the talk, and they made up a large share of the crowd.



Moran