

weather
report

84°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:44 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:36 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:42 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 63 degrees

• Humidity 17 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds variable at 5 mph

• Barometer 29.92 inches
and falling

• Record High 95° (1954)

• Record Low 29° (1946)

Last 24 Hours*

High 84°

Low 45°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low near 50,
northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Friday: partly sunny, high near 85,
southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday through Monday: dry,
lows 45 to 50, highs 75 to 80.

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

"I shot an arrow into the air"



The seventh grade girls physical education class, under that direction of Mary Kratky, took advantage of the warm sunny weather Tuesday to practice their archery skills.



Chantel Thornburg eyed up the target, while Megan Sheldon, (left to right) Emily Burkett, and Katy Hurst looked on. Nelda Aguirre did her best to hit the bulls eye.

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Old Schoolhouse Day will honor those romantic times

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The little white one-room schoolhouse sitting north of the High Plains Museum stands as a reminder of days gone by when such buildings dotted the landscape and were the cornerstone of public education.

As many as 84 one-room schoolhouses existed over the years in Sherman County. The Union School from District 51, northeast of Kanorado, is the only one that has been preserved and open for public viewing.

Sunday in remembrance of "one-room schoolhouses," the Sherman County Historical Society will hold the second annual Old Schoolhouse Day with an open house from 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the schoolhouse.

In addition, Randy Johnson, co-author of the book, "A Dispatch to Custer - The Tragedy of Lieutenant Kidder," will be on hand to answer questions about his book and sign autographs. Sheriff Doug Whitson will present a patch, which represents the Kidder Massacre, to Johnson. Employees of the sheriff's department are now wearing this patch on their uniforms.

The schoolhouse was donated to the historical society by Grant Extension Homemakers Unit over 10 years ago, and the board members were responsible for getting it moved to Goodland from its original location north of Kanorado.

The school was built in 1912 to serve



Clarence Scheopner, member of the Sherman County Historical Society, looked through an old textbook in the one-room schoolhouse located north of the High Plains Museum. The historical society will have an open house at the old country school from 1:30-3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

District 51 and housed grades one through eight. It was called Union School and was located in Grant Township. It was also known as the "Daise School," as it was across the road from

the Daise family homestead. Harold Daise was the first graduate in 1913.

In 1940, the schools in District 51 were consolidated and all the district's students went to Union School. Later,

the building was set on a basement. Indoor plumbing and a furnace were installed. A coat room was added and a kitchen was installed in the basement.

The building was the last country

school in Sherman County to have classes, remaining open until 1961. After its closing, organizations used the building as a meeting place. It was also the voting place for the township for years.

Unique to Union School is a painted curtain, which is attached to the ceiling. It has a winter scene in the center, with business advertisements around the outside edge and is believed to have been painted perhaps in the 1950s. The curtain was used during school programs.

Clarence Scheopner, a charter member of the historical society, said ever since he has been on the board, they have talked about preserving some of the old country school history.

Scheopner went to the Goodland City Commission to get permission to move the schoolhouse to town, since the property where they wanted to put it belonged to the city. After getting their approval, he made arrangements with the carpentry department of the Northwest Kansas Technical School to lay a foundation. Then the historical society hired Kuhn's House Moving from Victoria to move it for \$3,500.

Scheopner recalled that he took a couple of boys from the technical school with him on three afternoons to prepare the schoolhouse to be moved.

The historical society owns the schoolhouse and has it open to tourists during the summer from Memorial Day through Labor Day.

Trash fees to increase; new landfill paperwork nears completion

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County Commissioners received good news and bad news involving landfill operations during Tuesday's meeting.

Curt Way, public works director, presented the commissioners with copies of the final draft of the design for the new county landfill from Terranext. Way said Mark McMullen of Terranext wants to review the final draft with the commissioners at their next meeting before the documents are submitted to the state for final approval.

The commissioners agreed to a conference call with McMullen at their next meeting Thursday, Sept. 30. If there are questions which cannot be answered at that time McMullen would come to Goodland for a meeting.

Way then told the commissioners that Browning Ferris Industries (BFI) has announced an increase of \$2 per ton for tipping fees at their landfill near Garden City. He said this will cost the county about \$40 per day or about \$160

per week more than the current rate.

For the past two years Sherman County has been hauling refuse out of the county to the landfill in Thomas County one day a week (this stopped early this summer) and to Garden City about four days a week. The monthly cost has been about \$13,000 a month. With the new cost increase the monthly cost will be close to \$13,500.

The commissioners have been working with Terranext over the past 18 months to help with location of an approved site and design of the landfill. The site south of Goodland has been approved by the state, and once the final landfill design is approved construction of the first cell can begin.

It is the hope of the commissioners that the first cell can be in operation early next year.

Sheriff Doug Whitson told the commissioners that the Ford Explorer was involved in an accident Saturday when one of his officers was responding to a call. There were no injuries, but both vehicles in the accident were totaled.

Whitson said the accident has been turned into the insurance and he will be getting bids to replace the vehicle.

Duane Cheney, coordinator for the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development, Dick Fletcher, district conservationist and Sandy Rogers, secretary for the soil conservation district met with the commissioners. Cheney updated the commissioners on what their organization is involved in and the various projects in the area.

He asked the commissioners to appoint a representative to the board from Sherman County who would be able to attend the meetings.

The commissioners took the request under advisement, but had no names in mind for the position.

Blaine Davis of Architecture Plus met with the commissioners by phone to discuss the courthouse handicapped renovation project. The commissioners were asking about some changes that were made to the restroom. Davis said there was one change made that he did not know who authorized the work.

The commissioners said they would check with William McKnight, building manager, and asked Davis to get together with Amy Griffey to see what has been covered by the grant and can still be done. The commissioners want to get this project completed as soon as possible.

The commissioners discussed the fairgrounds lease approved with Kountry Kactus. Commissioner Gary Townsend said he had been called by Harold Van Vleet about the use of the 4-H building. Van Vleet said he had talked to the Extension office in July about reserving the 4-H building for the same weekend as the Kountry Kactus group. He was told his group could use the building, but received a call last week that it would not be available. Van Vleet said the 4-H building was being reserved as a backup facility in case of bad weather.

Dana Belshe, county extension agent, said when he was scheduling the fairgrounds he kept in contact with LaDonna Frerichs so each one knew

what was being scheduled. However, since McKnight has taken over, the communications may not be as good. Belshe said he would try to have them work together closer in the future.

The board asked if Kountry Kactus has turned in a copy of the insurance coverage and the rent and damage deposits. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said none of the paperwork or deposits have been made. She said Franklynn Rankin has been called about the matter and he said he would have the papers turned in by Sept. 29.

Townsend said he had received a call from Larry Enfield asking the commissioners to pass a resolution to opt out of the weather modification program. The board would like to visit with Wayne Bossert of the Groundwater Management District about the program before considering any action.

The next regular commissioner meeting will be 8 a.m., Thursday, Sept. 30, in the commissioner room on the first floor of the Sherman County Courthouse.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.19 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.06
Loan deficiency payment — .39¢
Corn — \$1.58 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.61
Loan deficiency pmt. — .38¢
Milo — \$2.20 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.93 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.02
Loan deficiency payment — .87¢
Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.15 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.85
Oil new crop — \$6.15 cwt.
Confection current — ask
Pinto beans — \$17 (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.

Child killer
is recaptured

COUNCIL GROVE — A child killer who was the subject of an around-the-clock manhunt after he escaped from jail was recaptured without incident early today.

Law officers who had searched for Scotty Adam for a second night converged on an area south of town where he was spotted late Wednesday, crossing a highway near a hilly, wooded area, Morris County Sheriff R.J. Meierhoff said.

Dogs and a helicopter tracked Adam back into town and he was found inside a Council Grove house. Adam, who was not armed, was taken into custody about 5 a.m. without incident. Meierhoff declined to say if anyone else was inside the house.

Adam was disheveled and apparently had on the same clothes since he climbed over a 10-foot chain-link fence topped with razor wire Tuesday afternoon.