

weather  
report

79°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:42 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:37 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:41 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 65 degrees

• Humidity 26 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds southwest at 10 mph

• Barometer 29.86 inches

and falling

• Record High 96° (1966)

• Record Low 30° (1926)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 85°

Low 48°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low 45 to 50,

southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday: sunny, high near 90,  
southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Monday: dry, lows

45 to 50, highs 75 to 80.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.23 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.08

Loan deficiency payment — .37¢

Corn — \$1.58 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.59

Loan deficiency pmt. — .40¢

Milo — \$2.20 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.95 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.95

Loan deficiency payment — .94¢

Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.15 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.44

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.

Veto threatened  
on new tax cuts

WASHINGTON — Opening a new front in the tax battle, House Republicans today began moving a \$23.2 billion, five-year measure to renew a handful of expiring tax credits that immediately drew a fresh veto threat from the Clinton administration.

A day after President Clinton vetoed the GOP's 10-year, \$792 billion tax cut, the House Ways and Means Committee approved the "extenders" measure on a strict party-line vote.

Originally part of the larger bill, the new bill includes a five-year extension of the research and development tax credit popular with high-tech industry and manufacturers. It would permanently ensure that middle-class taxpayers who claim credits such as the \$500-per-child credit do not become entangled in the complex, costly alternative minimum tax.

## Goodland enrollment figures work out better than expected

By Charlie Baker

*The Goodland Daily News*

Enrollment figures are in, and things appear better for the Goodland School District than they were looking a week ago, with the schools gaining about \$2,000 over their proposed budget.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said that missing the proposed \$6 million budget by only \$2,000 is about as good as he could expect.

The head count for the 1999-2000 school year is 1191, eight students less than last year's count of 1199.

The increase in the budget was brought about by the number of vocational classes students are in, how many students are in bilingual classes, how many get free and reduced lunches, and how many are transported more than two and a half miles. The district receives additional funding for students that participate in

those classes.

All of those factors are figured together to come up with a "weighted enrollment." The weighted enrollment is the figure that the district receives its state funding from.

So, even though the district has eight students less than last year, the weighted enrollment actually went up one student, from 1596 to 1597.

There is also "low enrollment weighting." School districts that have less than 1400 students receive more per student. The per student figure goes up proportionally as the number of students goes down.

Last year, Goodland received \$5,215 per student, this year the figure went up \$50 per student, to \$5,165.

So, even though the actual number of students is down, the district is getting more money.

Selby said the district had planned on 335 students in "at-risk" programs,

but ended up with only 278. The decrease in at risk students will cost the district around \$20,000.

But enrollment in vocational classes is up several students, which will add about \$90,000 into the budget, he said.

"Overall, we are OK," he said, adding that the figures are still tentative, and have to be confirmed by a state auditor.

"If the figures hold up," he said, "I will be very pleased."

Selby said most districts in rural Kansas are losing students.

He said he had heard Brewster is down four or five students, as is St. Francis.

"A school that only has 90 students is really hurt by losing one or two," he said.

Selby said the only district that has gained students he knows about is Weskan.

"They are only up by two," he said.

## Getting ready for Saturday



Robert Rall (left) shined his 1952 Chevrolet pickup, while Tim Dinkel (center) helped Lonny Kear polish his 1936 Ford Coupe, in preparation for the Rod Run that is part of the Flatlander Fall Festival at Goodland.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

## Building problems on school board agenda

By Charlie Baker

*The Goodland Daily News*

Potential problems with school district buildings will be discussed at the regular Goodland School District board meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday.

School Superintendent Marvin Selby said there is a potential problem with the gymnasium section of the Max Jones Fieldhouse. It appears that the wrong material for the acoustic ceiling

may have been shipped, and could hold up completion of the project.

The protest time for the purchase of the Medical Arts Clinic has passed, and the board will have to decide whether to go forward with the purchase or not.

"It is going to cost the district much more to remodel the building than we had initially thought," Selby said.

The remodeling cost more than doubled from the first estimates of

about \$200,000 to around \$500,000.

There will be presentations given by Dick Liess, athletic director, honoring several citizens for recent donations given to the athletic department. A scorer's table for the new auditorium, new weight equipment, and football goals have been donated.

The next regular scheduled meeting will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct 11, at the district office.

## Graves downplays school budget cuts

TOPEKA (AP) — Many school districts would not have to experience any problems from state budget cuts because they can tap into rainy day funds, Gov. Bill Graves says.

But questions about the cost of eliminating a waiting list for in-home services for frail elderly Kansans can make the governor wince.

Graves is proposing that the state cut its current budget by more than \$43 million to deal with Kansas

government's financial problems. The cuts would represent 1 percent of spending from the \$4.4 billion general fund, with payments on bonds and teacher pensions exempted.

The governor's administration has sought to play down the possible effects of its proposal, saying state agencies should be able to manage their way through the changes.

Graves' comments Thursday, though came only hours after his secretary of

aging, Thelma Hunter Gordon, told the Legislative Budget Committee that it would take an extra \$7.5 million to eliminate a waiting list for elderly Kansans seeking in-home services.

Families, advocates for the elderly and some legislators have strongly criticized the Department on Aging for establishing the waiting list. Department officials said they warned legislators the list would be necessary without more money.

## Fall begins, first freeze not far away

Leaves haven't changed color or fallen off the trees yet, but Kevin Lynott of the National Weather Service in Goodland says the freezing temperatures are getting closer.

Lynott says the official growing season across the tri-state area ends after the second week of October.

"This time of year people across the area keep a close eye out for forecasted overnight low temperatures for protection of their outdoor plants and gardens," Lynott said.

Protected vegetation and hardy crops could survive until temperatures reach 28 degrees which normally occurs dur-

ing mid to late October, Lynott said.

However, there are some years when the expected has become the unexpected on the High Plains. For example, Lynott says, the earliest first fall freeze in Goodland occurred as early as September 14, 1993. The latest first fall freeze happened on October 28, 1931.

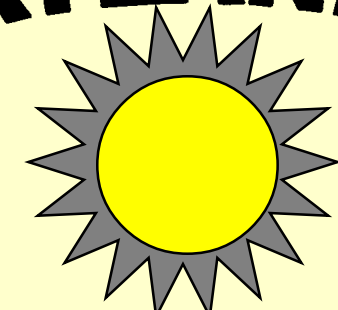
"If you have water lines which need to be drained or other freeze sensitive activities which need to be performed, you may wish to get it accomplished before the hard freeze dates," Lynott said. "The National Weather Service in Goodland will closely monitor temperatures in the upcoming month, and

issue a Freeze Advisory when below freezing temperatures are expected in your area."

First hard freeze dates for Northwest Kansas: Atwood, Oct. 15; Colby, Oct. 20; Dresden, Oct. 23; Goodland, Oct. 19; Hill City, Oct. 23; Hoxie, Oct. 21; Leoti, Oct. 22; Norton, Oct. 25; Oakley, Oct. 24; Oberlin, Oct. 16; Quinter, Oct. 24; St. Francis, Oct. 20; Sharon Springs, Oct. 19; and Tribune, Oct. 18.

First hard freeze dates for Burlington and Cheyenne Wells, Colo., Oct. 18. First hard freeze dates for Benkelman, Neb., Oct. 15, and McCook, Neb., Oct. 19.

# FLATLANDER FALL FESTIVAL



## Street Festival

Saturday, September 25, 1999

10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Main Street

CRAFTS \* FOOD \* GAMES \* DRAWINGS

ENTERTAINMENT \* SOUVENIRS

Admission - Festival Button



## SCRUFFY DOG CONTEST

Saturday, September 25, 1999

11:00 am.

11th & Main (West Side)

Sponsored by:  
The Animal Shelter and KLOE/KKCI

## FLATLANDER WALK/RUN RACE SERIES - PART 2

Saturday, September 25, 1999

Goodland Activities Center \* 808 Main

Registration \* 7:00 am.

Races \* 8:00 a.m.

Special Events: 5 Mile Race, 1 Mile Race,  
2 Mile Walk, Kids Fun Run and  
Grant Junior High Cross-Country

Sponsored by DECA-MDA



## EARLY IRON OF WESTERN KANSAS ROD RUN

Saturday, Sept. 25

Show & Shine Main St., 12TH to 15TH

10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

DJ Dance\* VFW Hall - 8 p.m. to 1 am.

Admission: \$3.00 or \$2.00 w/button

Sunday, Sept 26

Show & Shine 8 a.m. to 10 am.

Poker Run 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Awards Ceremony 12 noon

## NORTHWEST KANSAS BIKE SHOW

5th Annual Exhibit

September 25 & 26, 1999

Saturday, Sept 25 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Show Main St., - 24 Classes

Classic, American, Asian & European

Stock & Custom

Games: 3:30 p.m., Bank Parking Lot

Awards Ceremony 6:00 P.M.

Sunday, Sept. 26 9:00 am.

Poker Run 9:00 a.m.

600 Block on West Hwy 24



## IMCA STOCK CAR RACES

Friday, September 24, 1999

7 p.m.

Saturday, September 25, 1999

6 p.m.

Sherman County Speedway



FREE FREE FREE !!!  
STREET DANCE — LIVE BAND

## CRIMSON ROSE

MAIN STREET between 11th & 12th

8:00 p.m. to Midnight

Bring your family and enjoy the music

NO ALCOHOL ALLOWED IN DANCE AREA

## OLD SCHOOL HOUSE DAY

Sunday, September 26, 1999

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Refreshments Served

Union School House (North of the Museum)