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weather report

52°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 6:04 p.m.

Tomorrow

- Sunrise, 7:02 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:02 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 51 degrees
- Humidity 37 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northwest at 12 mph
- Barometer 30.38 inches and steady
- Record High 90° (1958)
- Record Low 19° (1925)

Last 24 Hours*

High	56°
Low	27°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low near 25, west winds 5 to 15 mph.

Wednesday: sunny, high near 65, northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: dry, low near 35, high near 80.

Friday: dry, low near 35, high near 70.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.13 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.07
 - Loan deficiency payment — 38¢
 - Corn — \$1.52 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.56
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 43¢
 - Milo — \$2.21 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.21 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.04
 - Loan deficiency payment — 85¢
 - Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$5.95 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.52
 - Oil new crop — \$5.95 cwt.
 - Confection current — \$9 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.

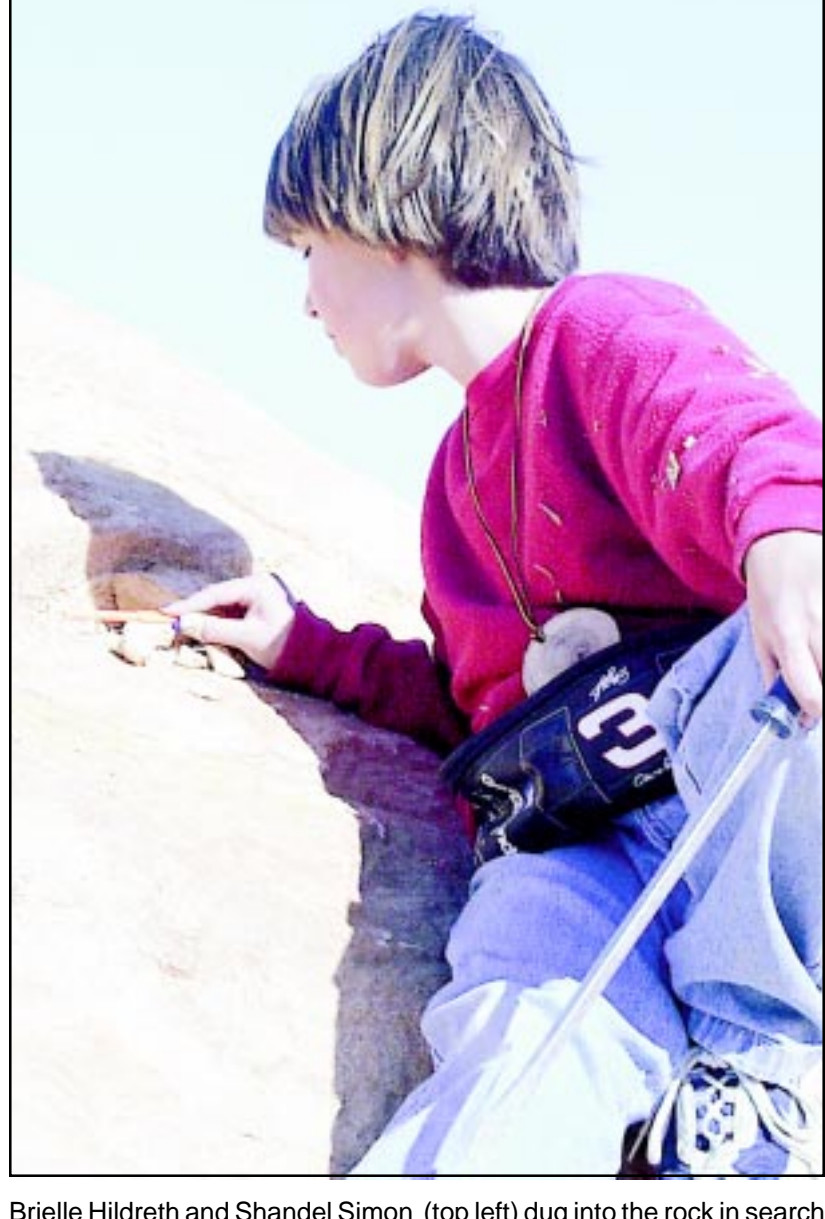
Fall harvest moves slowly

WICHITA — Dry, mild weather this past week helped farmers get back to work in their fields, but fall harvest of most Kansas crops remained well behind for this time of year, the Kansas Agricultural Statistics said.

In its weekly crop weather report on Monday, the agency reported that the Kansas harvest — with the exception of soybeans — has made slow progress compared to last year and the five-year average.

Corn harvest is 67 percent finished, with cutting of grain sorghum at 49 percent completion. Sunflower harvest is 42 percent complete. Only the harvest of soybeans, at 58 percent completion, was ahead of normal.

Meanwhile, seeding of next year's winter wheat crop has moved rapidly — with planting now 93 percent.



Students dig Kansas' history

By Janet Craft

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Fifth graders from North School spent Friday in Wallace and Logan counties as part of their outdoor education. But of all the things they did that day, digging for fossils was the highlight.

The classes and their teachers, Mary Frazier, Myron Tedford, Norma Staker and Steve Wright, along with around 30 parents, left shortly after 8 a.m. Dr. Natalie Griego, who likes dinosaurs and kids, accompanied the group.

Once in Wallace, they met with Herb Steinike to learn about the effect of the railroad coming through the area. The Wallace County Museum and the Fort Wallace Cemetery were two stops the group made before heading to the Red Rocks Quarry, which is in a pasture in Logan County, about 10 miles south of McAllister.

It was a sunny, windy day. The group ate lunch at the fossil site and then began their search. The students and parents had hammers, screwdrivers, paintbrushes, and toothbrushes to uncover their finds. They were strung out over the area, hammering on rocks, turning over rocks and blowing away dirt. A look of concentration on their faces, they hammered away, giving a shout of excitement when they found something that looked important.

Most of the students found little things, such as clam shell fossils. But a few found bigger things, like fossilized teeth, vertebrae and possibly the rib of a fish.

Tom Bussen of Wallace, who has done a little fossil digging, was at the site to show students where to dig and how to get the fossils out.

Bill Frazier and John Murray from Goodland, who have also done fossil digging, went along on the trip to help. They both had visited the school last week to show the students some of the things they have found on fossil digs

and to explain how to get the fossils out of the rock.

Some of the students took home big chunks of rock with fossils in them. They will bring their fossils to school on Wednesday, when they will be visited by Mike Everhart, Derby, who

studies fossils, and will help the students identify their finds.

After leaving the dig site, the group went to Smoky Gardens, south of Goodland, for a nature hike, games, supper prepared by parents, and singing and storytelling around a campfire.

Brielle Hildreth and Shandel Simon (top left) dug into the rock in search of fossils at Red Rocks Quarry in Logan County. Lindsay Schields (above) cleared dirt away with a toothbrush while looking for fossils on North School's fifth-grade field trip Friday afternoon. Ginny Schields (below) dug in the rock along with Goodland fifth graders Doug Eddleman, Josiah Goodley, Brett Schields and Ryan Gausman. The group was joined by a dog, which wandered in.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



Two-year contract approved for city manager

By Tom Betz

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Following a closed-door evaluation, the Goodland City Commission voted unanimously Monday to approve a new two-year contract for City Manager Ron Pickman, including a \$2,500 raise.

"It was a positive evaluation by all the commissioners," said Commissioner Jim Mull. "We have been very satisfied with Pickman's performance in bringing grants to the city and his ability to deal with the public and the staff. He is doing an excellent job and we want him to continue."

The new contract will become effective in January and the raise will be added to the former police chief's current salary of \$59,653.

Commissioner Curtis Hurd wanted a one-year contract, but when Mull made the motion, he made it for a two-year term. Mull said there were provisions in the contract for a review at this time next year.

Trash rates to go up \$2 in January

The Goodland City Commission voted Monday to raise residential and business trash collection fees \$2 a month beginning in January to pay for regular pickups of heavy, bulky and unusual items, such as tires, furniture, limbs and appliances.

Pickman said the increase is to allow the city to make "special" collections monthly, with a different type being picked up each week. The city will establish a schedule for the collection of items tree limbs and branches up to six inches in diameter, old furniture, appliances and old tires.

The crew will collect these items on a regular basis and the residents will have to sort the items and place them on the curb, Pickman said. Previously, the items, which are banned from regular trash dumpsters, had been picked up only once a year.

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• Approved an ordinance adopting the new "1999 Uniform Public Offense Code for Kansas cities." The code covers all public offenses within the city limits. Pickman said one provision of the code will cause the city to make some changes because it prohibits the use of barbed wire in fencing within city limits. Another provision changes the use of weapons like molotov cocktails from a misdemeanor up to a felony. The commissioners each reviewed a copy of the new code before approving the ordinance.

• Pickman reported that a request for bids on a new metal roof for the airport administration building had not brought any interest from local contractors. He said the staff was going to try again to see if they can get some bids on this project.

The next city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, in the commission room upstairs at the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th

• Approved a change order and final payment on the airport painting project. The change order reduced the cost of the project by \$5,320, and the final payment to Tri-State Striping was \$44,680.

• Approved home occupation permits for Laura Wing, 1016 Sherman Ave., and Diane Schilling, 526 West 10th St., to operate licensed daycare facilities.

• Approved the request from Alco Discount Center to allow the sale of Christmas trees in front of the store beginning in November through December.

• Approved a request from Nu Phi Mu

"I asked for one year, but you're making the motion," Hurd said. He joined the other commissioners in approving the contract and also had praise for Pickman.

The commission was in closed session for about 25 minutes and invited Pickman in for the last 10 minutes.

In other business, the commission: