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# Weight room opened at Max Jones

### By Charlie Baker

weather

report

at noon

• Sunset, 4:32 p.m.

• Sunrise, 6:33 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:31 p.m.

Humidity 17 percent

• Barometer 30.01 inches

Record High 80° (1941)

• Record Low -3° (1955)

and falling

Last 24 Hours\*

**Northwest Kansas Forecast** 

Tonight: clear, low near 30, south-

Wednesday: sunny, high near 80

**Extended Forecast** 

Thursday: dry, low near 30, high

Friday: dry, low near 25, high near

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

76°

33°

Sky sunny

High

Low

near 60

local

markets

Wheat — \$2.12 bushel

Corn — \$1.55 bushel

60.

Precipitation

west winds 10 mph.

south winds 15 to 25 mph.

· Winds calm

Today

Tomorrow

**Midday Conditions** 

Soil Temperature 53 degrees

The Goodland Daily News house Monday at the weight room and locker rooms of the Max Jones Fieldhouse addition and were entertained by the school pep band.

School Superintendent Marvin Selby was the tour guide for the evening. The pep band played while the Goodland Ambassadors cut the ribbon for the new building. Selby thanked the Ambassadors, architect Glen Strait, and Mike Boyson, for painting the murals in the weight room and locker ementary, said they have also had great rooms.

Ambassador John Golden thanked Selby and the board for the addition. "Athletics are the front porch to the

building that is education," he said.

School Board President Dick Short said the building project has been an teers for the class. enjoyable learning experience.

learning about construction from Rhoads has been seen all over the nation," he said. "It is something we and the students can be proud of.'

Selby took people around and explained the various stages of construction. He said the mirrors in the weight room had been installed that afternoon. He said the plumbers had agreed to hook up the whirlpool and ice machines.

'It wasn't in their contract," he said, "but they said they would do it while they were here."

The school board started it's meeting at 7:30 with Gerald Franklin absent. Selby said Franklin had to take a trip to Topeka.

Selby said he had attended a United School Administrators finance committee, and attendees were concerned about the 1 percent budget cut being proposed by the governor.

Selby said the district could probably absorb the cut this year, but it would also affect the district next year.

He said if the budget is cut, and then the enrollment goes down, the cuts could be more serious. Grant Junior High Principal Jim Mull

told the board there are 26 seventh graders and 26 eighth graders out for basketball, and 27 out for cheerleading. Mull said they just had their parent/

teacher conferences, and his school had

#### 96 percent contact.

Jerry Burkett, principal at West El-About 75 people attended an open ementary, said for the second quarter of school, the emphasis is on authors. He said Curtis Duncan, radio announcer for KLOE, will read a story over that air at 8:30 a.m. Friday, and his students will be listening.

> Central Elementary Principal Sharon Gregory said her students will also listen to the program. She said the fourth grade is beginning to work on their Christmas musical.

> Steve Raymer, principal at North Elparticipation for their parent/teacher conferences. He said his school has begun a senior citizen computer class, and 28 persons attended. He said two of his sixth grade students, Jody Roane, and Cyndi Hiatt, were helpful volun-

"We always hear when kids do some-"The video of the fifth grade class thing wrong," he said. "We need to pat these kids on the backs and thank them for helping.'

Raymer said he and his wife, Debra, had their fifth child. Dawson Anthony, a seven pounds, four ounce baby boy, was born Oct. 30.

Raymer told board member Ben Duell not to worry, though.

"You have a big enough head start," he said. "Your record is safe."

Duell and his wife have 15 children. Athletic Director Dick Liess gave the principal's report for the high school, since Principal Harvey Swager was

home with the flu. Liess said the high school had a pretty good parent/teacher conference turnout. He said the school musical last week was a big success.

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The board approved a payment to Rhoads Construction in the amount of

\$137,315 for work at the fieldhouse. The board went into closed session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss personnel issues. They returned at 8:45, and voted to approve contracts for Brad Bergsma, as "Rule 10" (non-teacher) assistant boys

About 75 people showed up to tour the weight room and dressing rooms of the Max Jones Fieldhouse addition

Monday evening. School Superintendent Marvin Selby took those interested on a tour of the project.

Monica Pickens, as at-risk aide.

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nations of Ruth Ann Gonzales, bilingual migrant aide; Diane Schilling, para-professional at Grant Junior High; and Kim Lawson, at-risk aide at Central Elementary.

Selby said it is hard to find at-risk aides since the pay for the job is low.

"It's gonna get tougher and tougher," he said. "If we don't get help from the legislature, we are going to hurt for teachers."

Board member Mike Campbell told the board he had heard several visitors at the open house complain about the elevator shaft being on the gym floor. "I would hate to not say something,"

he said, "and for the next 30 years wish I had.'

Campbell asked Selby to check into the cost of putting the elevator further to the west of the building, and off of the gym floor.

## Pepsi honors former Husker quarterback

Goodland's Brook Berringer, killed on sale in the Goodland area. in a 1996 plane crash, is memorialized on a series of special Pepsi cans featuring standout University of Nebraska quarterbacks.

His mother, Jan Berringer gave one of the special cans to each member of the Goodland School Board at its meeting Monday. The cans will be distributed in Nebraska, Iowa, South Dakota, and Wyoming, she said, and probably won't be



Pepsi is doing a series to honor Nebraska's standout quarterbacks of the century. Her son, a 1991 graduate of Goodland High School, was a quarterback on the 1994 and 1995 national championship teams. He is featured on the Pepsi can in the first series of special cans.

Other quarterbacks are

featured on Pepsi One, Diet Pepsi and Mountain Dew cans, she said, and later, the soft drink firms will replace this series with another group of athletes.

One of the most promising athletes to come out of Goodland in recent years,

Berringer had been home shortly before the accident.

"Five days before the accident," his mother said, "he sat right here in this spot (at Max Jones Fieldhouse) and signed autographs."

basketball coach at the high school: Gunner Whorton, as assistant boys basketball coach at the high school; and

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

The board voted to accept the resig-

Posted county price — \$1.61 Loan deficiency pmt. - 38¢ Milo — \$2.15 hundredweight Sovbeans — \$3.87 bushel Posted county price — \$3.91 Loan deficiency payment - 98¢ Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$5.80 cwt.

Noon

Posted county price — \$2.11

Loan deficiency payment — 34¢

Loan deficiency pmt. - \$3.97 Confection current — \$9 cwt. Pinto beans — \$15 (new crop) (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.



NEWPORT, R.I. — The FBI is taking over the investigation of the crash of EgyptAir 990, Clinton administration officials said today, an indication officials think that the plane may have been brought down by a criminal act.

The Associated Press learned that apparently someone in the copilot's seat uttered a prayer before the jet's autopilot disengaged and the airliner started its fatal plunge.

Investigators determined the timing after synchronizing the cockpit voice recorder with the flight data recorder.

Although the phrase heard on the cockpit recorder was characterized as a prayer, that doesn't necessarily mean it was related to the cause of the plunge.

The source said it was unclear if it was the co-pilot, who was at the controls when the plane took off from New York, or somebody else.

City urged to move Cherry Street re-design forward

### By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News Several citizens appeared at the GoodlandCityCommission meetingMonday to urge completion of the Cherry Street project, and the commissioners approved a change designed to provide commission," Mull said. better access to the two businesses on the east side.

At the previous commission meeting, Don Bennett, one of the landowners, told the commission he was not satisfied with the design for an access to his property. Bennett had complained that he did not like the idea of having an entrance off of 19th Street, but wanted an access from the new Cherry Street.

City Manager Ron Pickman had missed the earlier meeting, but Monday he presented two options the engineers ing lot out in front on the city property had drawn to try to accommodate Bennett's desire.

The main option was to add a new street to the east of Cherry which would be on the property line between the two businesses, and be about 80 to 100 feet Billinger. south of 19th Street. Pickman said the idea was to put a parking lot on the area out in front of Bennett's business.

There was concern about the project would take \$55,000," Bennett said. being delayed by the redesign, but Pickman said he had already received a trance," Hurd asked. letter from the Kansas Department of Transportation saying the project would be delayed until April.

"We can submit it right away, and be sure all the details are done from our side to make the April date," Pickman said. He said the redesign would cost the city about \$6.000.

"This will make the east entrance more efficient and attractive," said Commissioner Jim Mull, who was handling the mayor's duties because of the absence of Chuck Lutters. "This is a long overdue project and this is a good start. There are many visions of what will go here, and we appreciate what Pickman has done to move this project forward.'

Bennett was asked if the option methis approval.

'I like it better than the first design, but

said. "Why don't you just buy that place fore I was born," Chamber of Commerce will get this approved and need to get the city. On the west side of the new street, a from me?"

"I wondered when that would be suggested," said Commissioner Curtis Hurd.

"That has never been discussed by the

"As an alternative, purchase it so Mr. Whalen has a place to park his Cadillac," Bennett said. (He was referring to attorney Pete Whalen, an audience member.) "I am also concerned you are going to flood me out with water on 19th Street."

"If we put water on your property, you have a real suit, as we are responsible for it," Mull replied. "I hope it doesn't happen and we have spent a lot of money trying to keep this from happening.'

As to the suggestion of putting a park-Bennett said, "I don't want anything going out in front of me. Can you sell me the property?"

"I don't have a problem with selling that to you," replied Commissioner Rick

"How much do you want for your property," Mull asked.

"It can be built for \$110,000 but I

"Have we satisfied you with the en-

"I am not really satisfied with it, but that is not my only concern," Bennett said

"I am here because there are many people who are concerned the commission may be taking second looks at this project," attorney Pete Whalen said. "I ope not. I think you should be congratulated to see this move forward.

"I don't want to see you sell any property to anyone until the whole project is in place and we can then look at what would be the best use for the city."

"I think it is important to keep the needs of A&R Trucking in mind when talking about 19th Street," said former Commissioner John Golden. "They have a terminal in that area and need good access.

"I can tell you with confidence this I am not completely satisfied," Bennett project was first discussed 25 years be-

manager Ron Harding said. "There are investors out there who want to invest in Goodland, but they want to know this is actually going to be done.

"We are here to lend our support and to let you know we would like to help you politically if needed." he told the commission. "We want to see this done for the graduates of 2001."

Commissioners replied that the city has now swerved in its commitment to the project.

There has never been a problem about doing this project," Commissioner Billinger said.

"We need to move on," Mull said. "We

### Celebrating Book Week

first part built.'

Commissioner Hurd made the motion to approve the new option and Commissioner Tom Rohr seconded it. The vote was unanimous.

Darin Neufeld, of Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson and Assoc., said the change in bidding date may be good because it would mean that Cherry Street would not

be closed during wheat harvest, and should be completed before the fall corn harvest

The project involves straightening the street from the railroad tracks out to Business U.S. 24 and the elimination of the east half of the old "Y" entrance to the

series of drainage ponds will be constructed to collect the water which pours into the low spot, and then pump it out east of Cherry. Also the city has a grant to build a biking and hiking trail around the pond area and to carry this north along the east side of Cherry across the railroad tracks and up to the swimming pool complex.

There have been discussions about developing a new museum on part of the city property to the east of the new Cherry Street, and the proposed replica of a Vincent Van Gogh painting of sunflowers has been mentioned as a possible development for the new entrance area.

North School Principal Steve Raymer read to fourth-grade students at Central School on Monday afternoon as part of a celebration of National Children's Book Week, which is this week.