

weather
report

40°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:23 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 6:55 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 36 degrees
- Humidity 42 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds northeast 18-22 mph
- Barometer 30.07 inches and falling
- Record High 70° (1970)
- Record Low -11° (1978)

Last 24 Hours*

High 54°
Low 24°
Precipitation —

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow. Low 15-20, wind north 15-25 mph. Tomorrow: slight chance of snow, partly sunny, high 35, wind northwest 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday, dry, high 45, low 15-20. Saturday, dry, high 40-45, low 20. Sunday, chance of snow, high 35-40, low 20-25.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.05 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.96
Loan deficiency payment — 49¢
Corn — \$1.58 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.64
Loan deficiency pmt. — 35¢
Milo — \$2.25 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.02 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.08
Loan deficiency payment — 81¢
Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.75 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.89
Confection current — \$11/\$7 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.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.

Gun makers
face lawsuits

WASHINGTON — The Clinton administration hopes the threat of a new, national lawsuit will persuade gun makers to negotiate with cities that accuse them of negligently allowing guns to fall into the hands of criminals.

The White House is helping prepare a class-action suit against gun makers, alleging that guns and the way they are marketed have contributed to violence in public housing projects, administration officials said Tuesday.

The lawsuit by some or all of the nation's 3,100 housing authorities would be patterned on suits filed against the industry by 29 cities and counties, the officials said.

Those suits claim that gun manufacturers have sold defective products or marketed them in ways that increase the likelihood that they will be used to commit crimes.

Revised science standard sent out for review

By DAVID MILES

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — The state Board of Education's latest version of science standards gives evolution even less prominence than an earlier text approved by the board.

The board voted 9-1 Tuesday to have an outside consultant review its rewritten science standards.

In August, the board approved standards that downplayed evolution. However, board members decided then to include a sentence saying students should develop an understanding of biological evolution before graduating from high school.

The version reviewed Tuesday by the board did not include the concept of biological evolution in a list of topics that students should learn before graduating.

The standards do not set a statewide curriculum, but they are guidelines for

Comparison of the two versions

TOPEKA (AP) — Here is a comparison of the same passage on biological evolution in versions of science standards approved by the state Board of Education:

AUGUST VERSION

"As a result of their activities in grades 9-12, all students should develop an understanding of the cell, molecular basis of heredity, biological evolution, interdependence of organisms, matter, energy and organization

in living systems, and the behavior of organisms."

CURRENT VERSION

"Experiences in grades 9-12 will allow all students to develop an understanding of the structure and function of the cell, the molecular basis of inheritance, interdependence and behavior of living things; and organization of living systems and uses of matter."

what should be taught and will be used to develop statewide tests to be introduced in spring 2001.

During Tuesday's meeting, the board did not discuss the deletion of evolution from the list of topics that students should learn prior to graduation.

Chairwoman Linda Holloway, of Shawnee, said after the meeting that she

wasn't aware of the change but thought it probably was made to avoid copyright problems.

In September, three national science groups refused permission to borrow copyrighted material from their publications. Their actions prompted the board to direct a group of staff members and a science teacher to revise the stan-

dards.

"Anything that was lined out was a copyright problem," said Holloway, referring to the deleted passages.

Bill Wagnon, who cast the lone vote against sending the revised standards out for review, suggested that other motives might be behind the change. "That's part of the political agenda,"

said Wagnon, of Topeka. "These are terrible standards. We need to abandon them."

Education Commissioner Andy Tompkins said he doesn't know how much it will cost to have consultants review the standards. However, he noted that similar reviews have cost as much as \$20,000.

Holloway said results of the review could come back as early as February. The board will look at the results before it takes any further action, Holloway said.

"We've had so much fun, we want to go on," Holloway said sarcastically.

The board's decision in August brought Kansas national attention, much of it negative. Tensions over the standards haven't lessened in the four months since the board approved them.

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Fair carnival group elects new officers

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Gene Becker was elected president of Sherman County Community Service Inc., the group that runs the home-owned carnival, at the group's annual meeting Tuesday at the Western State Bank.

Members elected to three-year terms on the board and the organizations they represent were: Marita Birkholtz, Topside Lions Club; Kim Duell, Bankwest; Steve Duell, Sherman County Fair Board; Merwin Jensen, Lions; Valerie Kaup, Farm Bureau Insurance; and Stephen West, Western State Bank. Don Leiker was elected to fill the final year of a seat formerly held by Mike Short, representing the Moose Lodge.

Gene Becker, chairman of the equipment committee, said that each organization was allowed \$1,000 for maintenance, but some had gone over that. He said the organization which runs the carousel went over because an air compressor had to be replaced. Farm Bureau, which is in charge of the ferris wheel, also went over, with the money going for lights and seats.

"The major expense is done," said Becker, "and equipment is in pretty good shape."

Becker said he would like to see about getting trailers to put equipment on, so it could be moved into the buildings without banging it up or losing parts.

Jerry Fairbanks, organization committee chairman, suggested that the group look at purchasing rides that put more people on and off at once, as those are the ones that make the most money.

Reporting for the finance committee was Chairman West. He said his committee had met a couple of times over the last few months and would look at contacting a couple of businesses that wanted to donate to the organization, rather than trying to do a lot of fundraisers.

"Basically, we are debt free," said West.

Other officers elected for the year were Merwin Jensen, vice president; Tanya Cox, treasurer; and Valerie Kaup, secretary.

Outgoing President Harlan House said he had been told there was a concession trailer for sale in Grant, Neb. Becker thought that people on the concessions committee should go look at it. Kim Duell said she and Cox would be available to go in January. However, House decided that maybe it should be checked into before then. Jim Wedermeyer volunteered to go with House in the next week or two.

"I really appreciate all the work everyone has done for this organization," House said. "It's been a pleasure. I think you have made me look good and the organization look good."

The board will meet Jan. 12.

Food drive reset

The weather-postponed Goodland Genesis food collection has been rescheduled for Saturday, with donation pickup from homes to be from 9 a.m. to noon.

Cherry Street continues as 'cone zone'



Allied Inc. has two crews working in the city is replacing water meters and service lines. One crew is working on Cherry Street and will continue north to 6th Street. The second crew is working on Center Street.

Ron Murrow, Allied worker, (right) and Neal Thornburg, city worker, (far

right) assisted a crew member who was working down in the hole. Greg Sander (background) watched the backhoe, as Rick Dannels, driver, worked to remove dirt.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Three more win \$50 in merchant contest

Three more lucky winners have claimed instant prizes in Goodland merchants' big Christmas on Us giveaway.

The three winners spotted their numbers in the Christmas on Us section of Thursday's *Goodland Daily News*. More winning numbers will be in this Thursday's paper.

The instant winners each received gift certificates worth \$50 at participating sponsors in the Goodland area, giving them some ready cash for Christmas shopping.

Winners this week were:

- Candi Von Lintel of Goodland. She said she got her ticket at Wane's Carpet and Drapery.

"I called my grandpa to ask him what the winning ticket number was," she said. "After he told me, I said, 'Huh uh, that's my number!'"

- Eric Cullens of Goodland said he got his winning ticket from Shores Brothers. He said people need to remember how valuable their tickets are.

"I was surprised," he said. "I had the tickets, but I had almost forgotten about them."

- Judy Ridnour of Burlington, who got her ticket at Dan Brenner Ford. She was her second winner from her dealership.

Winning numbers are printed in merchants' ads in the special section of the Thursday paper. Winners have four days to come to the newspaper office and claim the instant prize.



Cullens



Von Lintel



Ridnour

Sponsoring merchants will be giving away tickets for the contest until Thursday, Dec. 16. Merchants report giving out thousands of tickets in the first three weeks, and a big crowd is expected for the final event.

The Grand Prize Drawing will be held in downtown Goodland at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 18. In addition to the \$2,000 Grand Prize, second and third prizes of \$400 and \$200 will be given away, along with any leftover \$50 prizes. Entertainment and treats are planned for the event.

Shoppers will be given one ticket for each \$10 in merchandise or services purchased. No purchase is necessary to enter or win. Anyone 18 or older may

obtain a free ticket (limit one per visit) from *The Daily News* office or the Goodland Chamber of Commerce office, or any sponsor.

Last year, more than 1,200 people jammed the auditorium at Central School, where the grand prize drawing was moved because of bad weather.

There is no limit to the number of tickets you can collect for the contest, but there is a maximum of 250 per purchase. Employees of sponsoring businesses are not eligible to win with tickets obtained at work, and employees of *The Daily News* are not eligible to win at all.

Sponsors are include: Knott Just Books, Collage Ltd., Corner Garage,

Shores Bros., Rasure Lumber Do-It Center, Miller's Electronics, American Communications, Jan's Hallmark, First National Bank, Mann's Jewelry and Julie's Interiors, Gambino's Pizza, Aten Department Store, Orscheln Farm & Home Supply, NAPA Auto Parts, Frontier Equity Co-op.

Elliot's Inc., Fixsen Electronics, Wane's Carpet and Drapery, Latinos Mexican Restaurant, Bowladium Lanes, McB's Corner, Cowboy Loop, Dan Brenner Ford-Mercury, Scheopner's Culligan, Luci's Aquarium, Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliance, McDonald's and The Goodland Daily News.