

weather report

56° at noon

**Today**  
• Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

**Tomorrow**  
• Sunrise, 5:22 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:18 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**  
• Soil Temperature 70 degrees  
• Humidity 93 percent  
• Sky overcast and rainy  
• Winds southeast 12 mph  
• Barometer 30.24 inches and falling

• Record High 106° (1940)  
• Record Low 43° (1985)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High	75°
Low	53°
Precipitation	.12 inch

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**  
Tonight: Cloudy, 70 percent chance for thunderstorms, low 55-60, winds southeast 10-20. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance for rain, high 75, low 50, winds northeast 10-15.

**Extended Forecast**  
Thursday: dry, high 70-75, low 50.  
Friday: dry, high 80-90, low 60-65.  
Saturday: dry, high 90s, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

**Noon**

Wheat — \$2.70 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.47  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$1.77 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.63  
Loan deficiency payment — 36¢

Milo — \$2.26 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.17 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.39  
Loan deficiency payment — 51¢

Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight

Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.83  
Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$12 (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.

## Jailed man gets murder charge

Roy Vance was behind bars in a Randolph County jail when two guards were killed in an alleged botched attempt to free him, but he will face first-degree murder charges in their deaths.

Randolph County Attorney Mike Fusselman filed the charges against Vance on Monday in Moberly. He also included charges of armed criminal action and escape from custody, though the jailbreak in Huntsville was unsuccessful, said associate criminal court clerk Ann McCune.

Authorities say Vance, 27, conspired with Michael Tisius, 19, and Tracie Bulington, 27, to kill the two jailers and use their keys to free Vance.

Fusselman on Monday also added charges against Tisius and Bulington so both will face charges of first-degree murder, armed criminal action and burglary.

## District hires three teachers

### Aide decides its time to resign

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board hired three teachers and a counselor Monday night, and heard that a teacher's aide at Central Elementary is quitting.

Skipping the usual closed session to discuss the new teachers, members hired Sue Olson as special education teacher at Grant Junior High School. They hired Patricia Stindt as language arts teacher and assistant volleyball coach at the junior high.

A Goodland man was hired as social science teacher and assistant basketball coach at the high school. He is working at another agency and asked that his name not be released until he has time to talk to his present boss.

The board hired Nancy Farris as district counselor and accepted the resignation of Marcia Sutton, the teacher's aide.

The district is still looking for a facilitator for gifted programs, but Superintendent Marvin Selby said chances are "pretty slim" of finding someone who is certified in that field.

At a previous meeting, the board signed an agreement with the KBI and FBI to do criminal history checks on all new personnel who haven't lived in Kansas for 10 consecutive years. The state law, however, won't go into effect until July 1, so the new staff won't have to be checked.

The board planned to talk about resurfacing the high school's aging track, but put off discussion after Selby said the district needs more time to gather bids.

He said they have looked at high school tracks across northwest Kansas and like those in Norton and Larned the best.

Those schools' tracks have rubberized surfaces like here, Selby said, but the surface is smooth. The 7-year-old Goodland track is made of shredded, recycled tires and latex glue, which gives the track a more rough surface.

In other business, the board:

- Watched the Family Careers and Community Leaders of America parliamentary law team conduct a pretend meeting, including approving the meeting's agenda, passing motions and adjourning the session. The group of high school freshmen are the only parliamentary law team from Kansas that qualified for national competition in July in Orlando. At their short meeting, the students decided to spend a few hours of free time during their trip at the beach.

- Made annual end-of-the year transfers of money out of the general fund to the district's capital outlay fund and contingency reserve fund — for emergencies. The district is required by state law to end its fiscal year on June 30 with a zero balance in the general fund.

- Heard from Superintendent Selby, who said the district is nearly finished with next year's budget.

- Heard from member Mike Campbell, who reported on the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center board, which he serves on as a school board representative. He said recent meetings were postponed for harvest, but at the next meeting the board will discuss, "mostly vehicles, people and end-of-the-year business."

- Gave Rich Schwasinger, who teaches business classes at the high school, an award for 20 years of service to DECA, the association of high school marketing students.

- Looked over two used busses the district bought from Masters Bus Sales in Kearney, Neb. Bob Harkins, transportation supervisor, answered questions about mileage and special features on the busses.

- Decided to hold a special meeting at 7 a.m. on Monday to make first-of-the-year decisions and discuss resurfacing the track.

- Set the date for the first regular meeting at 5:30 p.m. on July 17. The board decided to meet early for its annual barbecue.



# Raindrops!

## Rain good and bad for hot, parched fields

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Wheat harvest in Sherman County came to a screeching halt last night as the rain started to fall, but over half of the crop was in before the bad weather hit.

"Right now the rain is just a nuisance," said Lynn Hoelting, general manager of the Mueller Grain Co. "Qualitywise, it will not have much effect unless the rain continues."

If that happens, said Mueller, it might affect the test weight and bleach the wheat. But others say the moisture isn't unwanted.

"The rain might affect the test weight if it continues," said Bernie Stefan, manager for the Frontier Equity Exchange grain elevator in downtown Goodland, "but we do need the rain."

"The weather probably won't effect things unless it rains all day," said Dale Weeks, manager of Wheeler Equity Exchange, on Tuesday morning. "Then it will knock the test weight down."

Scott Lockhart, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Goodland, predicted that rain showers would continue through Wednesday morning, when wet wheat fields will start to dry out and temperatures should rise. Hot summer weather is supposed to return this weekend, he said.

If the weather straightens out, said Mueller, it will be four to five days until wheat harvest is finished here.

"It should be completed the first part of next week for us," he said.

Harvest is close to being done east and south of town but west of town may take a little longer, said Stefan.

"If we can get one good day weather wise, everyone should be able to finish up," said Week. "We are 85 to 90 percent done."

Yields have been adequate, Hoelting said, averaging 30 to 35 bushels per acre. Test weights are slightly below average, which is 60 pounds.



George VanVleet gets the mail delivered, rain or shine.



Jeannie Denton-Scheck, a Goodland native who now lives in Jacksonville, Fla., sheltered herself from the rain as she came out of Wal-Mart on Tuesday morning. She said she's just visiting.

Photos by Rachel Miscall and Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

# Woman drives 1,900 miles for harvest

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Gaynell Helweg drove 1,900 miles from Florida to run the Goodland harvest office for about 10 days. It was a long way, but for her it's like coming home.

Helweg lived in Goodland for 30 years and ran the Goodland harvest office for about 10 years before she moved to Naples, Fla., in June 1997, so she has lots of friends here.

"This is an excuse to come back," she said.

Plus, Helweg said, she enjoys the work.

"It's good to try to help people," she

said.

She left Naples on Thursday, June 15, and arrived here on Sunday, June 18., then opened the harvest office at 7 a.m. on Monday, at Frontier Equity Exchange. The office hours are 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. with no days off for the duration of the harvest.

Her job is to help farmers find harvest crews to cut their wheat, but she also tries to find work for harvesters or truck or combine drivers.

She said the first year she worked, she was second in the state for place-



G. Helweg

ment.

The job involves a lot of paperwork, she said. She has to fill out social security numbers, names and addresses on each harvest crew member.

She spends quite a bit of time on the phone, too. She gets calls from harvest crews and farmers, but usually more of them are from the crews.

She has gotten to know many of the crews over the years and many of them stop in to tell her good-bye before they move on.

While she has been in Goodland, she has stayed at David and Joan Darnauer's home.

Helweg worked in the office last summer, but wasn't going to come back this year until she received a call from the main office in Garden City.

Helweg feels that having the office at Frontier Equity has worked well. The crews gather at the elevator because they can get food, fuel, parts, and service, she said.

She said she had about 10 crews stop in on Monday, but said she will close the office Wednesday night as harvest is winding down.

# 'City girl' returns to Goodland for slower pace

## Newcomer takes job as assistant director of agency which brings people to town

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Donna Price and her husband Steve, decided they were tired of life in the fast lane in Nebraska City and needed a slower pace.

So, Donna said, they sold their house, packed their bags and moved back to Goodland — a place that has always served as somewhat of a touchstone for her.

That was four months ago.

Now, she is taking over as assistant director of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, and says she and her family are settling into their new life here and don't have any regrets about moving.

"We decided to grow up and be mature and raise our kids," she said. "We decided what kind of values we wanted our kids to have."

Price and her husband have two

younger children together, and two grown children from their previous marriages.

The 41-year-old working mother is replacing Judy Siruta, who resigned in May to run for Sherman County Clerk, a job which is up for grabs this year.

Siruta stayed on until Friday to train her replacement, who was hired on June 1.

"I worked there for two years," said Siruta, "and I loved every minute of it." She predicts her predecessor will like the job just as much.

"I think she'll do great," said Siruta.

Price, who grew up in Leadville, Colo., but graduated from high school



Donna Price



Judy Siruta

in Sharon Springs, has lived in Goodland twice before.

She said she married young — right after high school — and lived in Goodland for about three years with her former husband, working and raising a child.

A divorce and another marriage later, and Price said she found herself living in Alliance, Neb., where she stayed for over 20 years.

At 34, she started her newspaper career.

In 1993, she said, she started working for the *Alliance Times-Herald*, reporting on the agricultural scene, police and courts. She worked her way up to

managing editor, she said, and soaked up as much knowledge as she could about the business.

She took classes at the University of Nebraska, she said, and signed up for continuing education courses offered through the Nebraska Press Association, the Associated Press and Midwest Free Community Papers Association.

Her husband got a job with Kyle Railroad in 1998, Price said, and she moved to Goodland for the second time, but it wasn't long before the city was calling the couple again.

Price left her job as managing editor of *The Goodland Daily News*, her husband took another job with the railroad in Nebraska City, where they lived for two years.

Managing three newspapers and trying to be a mom wore her out, Price said.