

weather
report

93°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:57 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:47 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 80 degrees

• Humidity 27 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds southwest 20-32 mph

• Barometer 30.04 inches

and falling

• Record High 106° (1936)

• Record Low 48° (1931)

Last 24 Hours*

High 93°

Low 57°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 60-65, winds 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 90-95, low mid 60s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: chance of thunderstorms, high mid 90s, low mid 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.27 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.07
Loan deficiency payment — 38¢
Corn — \$1.45 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.39
Loan deficiency prmt. — 6¢
Milo — \$2.37 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.73 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.84
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.06
Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.45 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$4.16
Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$12 (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.

Clinton: ‘Gore
not to blame’

SOUTH BARRINGTON, Ill. — In his most detailed, candid public reflection on the Monica Lewinsky scandal, President Clinton said he had made a “terrible mistake” and that Al Gore should not be blamed for it.

The vice president said he appreciated Clinton’s remarks.

“He’s said it before,” Gore told Fox News on Friday. “I think that he also went on to say that this election, as all elections, is about the future and not the past and I very much agree with that.”

Gore’s communications director acknowledged Clinton’s headline-making confessional was a distraction. “We need to stay focused on the positive Gore message,” Mark Fabiani said.

Clinton spoke Thursday before 4,500 ministers in suburban Chicago.

Sherman County commissioner dies

Janet Craft/Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County Commissioner Gary Townsend, a farmer who lived his whole life in Sherman County, died Thursday afternoon in a Denver hospital where he was recuperating after a bone marrow transplant.

The Sherman County Courthouse will be closed Monday, so employees can pay their respects at Townsend’s funeral. Tuesday’s commission meeting has been canceled and rescheduled

for next Tuesday, August 22.

Townsend, 54, who served one term as a county commissioner, had received the transplant in early June at Presbyterian/St. Luke’s Medical Center in Denver and had been an inpatient for most of the time since then. He had first been treated for severe aplastic anemia in 1996.

He graduated in 1964 from Good-



Townsend

land High School and went on to graduate from the Northwest Kansas Technical School at Goodland.

Townsend was a farmer and lived in Sherman County his whole life.

He served as president of Kemp Beet Growers from 1976 to 1980, was Smoky Township trustee from 1980 to 1992 and chairman of the Smoky Gar-

dens committee from 1991 to 1996.

“He was a pretty important link,” said commissioner Kenny Davis. “He had a very level head and was willing to listen. I am going to miss the guy, and he is going to be hard to replace. He was pretty honest and diligent in his work.

“It was almost a surprise because we thought he was improving,” Davis said, “but I guess we never really know.”

Townsend was up for re-election in November, and didn’t have an opponent for the general election.

Bill Gattshall, chairman of the Sher-

man County Republican party, said Friday he thought members in Townsend’s commissioner district No. 3 would have to appoint someone to fill the rest of his term, but will first have to check the law books at the courthouse to be sure.

“Before anything can be done, I have to receive official notice from the county clerk,” he said.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld

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Man and son like wearing make-up

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Randy Whitmore and his 14-year-old son Brock like to get dressed up in polka dots and put on make-up.

The man, who works at Century Feeders Feedlot, and his son can spend hours finding the perfect outfit before going out to strut their stuff. Not just anything will do, it has to have loud colors and obnoxious patterns.

When they sit down in front of the mirror for a face transformation, they can spend 20 minutes carefully applying red lipstick, white foundation and black liner.

When they’re looking their best, they step out to face stares, some amused and some angry.

The stares come from large groups of children and parents and some bad-tempered calves. Whitmore and his son are rodeo clowns.

They performed Monday night at the

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Derby highlights fair tonight

The Northwest Kansas District Free Fair continues through Sunday with a demolition derby, modified tractor pull and carnival drawing crowds to the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

Tonight’s grandstand event will be a demolition derby starting at 7 p.m. On Saturday, registration for the antique tractor pull will start at 8 a.m. in the grandstands arena. The tractor pull starts at 10 a.m. at the grandstands.

Sign-up for the Tri-State Royal will begin at 9 a.m. in the livestock barns. It’s a livestock competition for grand champion winners in Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado. The competition will start at 1 p.m. in the livestock arena.

A modified tractor pull will take place at 7:30 p.m. Saturday in front of the grandstands, and the home-owned carnival will be on the midway tonight and Saturday night.

On Sunday, registration for an antique tractor pull will begin at 8 a.m. in the grandstands arena. The pull starts at 11 a.m. in front of the grandstands.



Officers recruit and have fun

Sergeant Mark Reasoner (above) of Goodland and Specialist Jeremiah Allen (right) of Phillipsburg were at the Sherman County Fairgrounds Thursday looking for Army National Guard recruits. But it wasn’t all business. The officers brought along an armored personnel carrier, used to carry troops to a position or point, and gave youngsters a ride around the block. Allen, 20, said it was his first time driving the tank-like vehicle. Allen plans to enroll at the Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland next year, and said the National Guard will pay for much of his schooling.

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School budget will increase, but tax rates hold the line

Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board will look over the proposed budget for the 2000-2001 school year Monday and listen to any complaints or suggestions the public has on it.

If they don’t have any problems, board members will approve the budget. The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the administration office, 1312 Main St.

There isn’t much to complain about since in the proposed budget the dis-

trict is holding the line on the mill levy rate for the district’s general fund, and slightly increasing the tax rate for the local option budget, or the supplemental general fund.

The proposed tax rate for the general fund is 20 mills, the same as the past two years. That is estimated to raise \$939,202 in taxes next year for the general fund, which is about \$40,000 more than the prior year.

The extra money comes from an increase in the value of property in Goodland, which means taxpayers are

paying more because their property is worth more.

The proposed tax rate for the local option budget is 14.019 mills, or less than half a mill higher than last year’s tax rate. Including the slight tax rate hike and increased property values, taxpayers will pay about \$50,000 more into the fund this year, for an estimated total of \$736,176.

The proposed tax rate for the district’s capital outlay fund will also stay the same as the two previous years. The proposed budget says the

four mills will raise \$210,000, which goes into an account for building renovations.

For more information call the administration office at 899-2397.

The board will also:

- Hear reports from Superintendent Marvin Selby and principals.
- Discuss the district’s discipline policy for students.
- Go over plans to join the City of Goodland in a project to improve tennis courts.
- Review bids the district received

from contractors to paint Cowboy Stadium.

• Talk about the advantages and disadvantages of being a National School Board Association member.

• Pick a bid from companies who want to supply the district with milk.

• Discuss handbooks that outline the district’s policies for substitute teachers and hourly employees.

• Talk about which candidate the board will support for president-elect of the Kansas Association of School Boards.