

## weather report

80°

at noon



### Today

- Sunset, 7:35 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 6:06 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:34 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 75 degrees
- Humidity 52 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds southwest 15 mph
- Barometer 30.14 inches and falling

- Record High 102° (1943)
- Record Low 46° (1964)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High	90°
Low	58°
Precipitation	0.6 inch

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, low 60-65, winds light and variable. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, chance of thunderstorms, high 90, low 60, winds southeast 5-15 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: dry, high 95, low 60-65. Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, high 95, low 60-65. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.41 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.17  
Loan deficiency payment — 27¢  
Corn — \$1.55 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.41  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 58¢  
Milo — \$3.38 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.79 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.00  
Loan deficiency payment — 9¢  
Millet — \$7.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$5.35 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.30  
Confection current — \$15/\$6 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.

## Ford to close truck plants

DETROIT — Ford Motor Co. says it will shut down truck plants in three states so it can cannibalize 70,000 tires intended for new vehicles and use them as replacements for the Firestone models being recalled.

The unprecedented move by the nation's No. 2 automaker came even as a safety advocacy group filed a lawsuit to force BridgeStone/Firestone Inc. and Ford to widen the recall.

Plants in St. Paul, Minn.; Edison, N.J.; and Hazelwood, Mo., will close from Aug. 28 to Sept. 8 so the tires used on Ford Explorer/Mercury Mountaineer sport utility vehicles and Ford Ranger pickups can be sent to Ford and Lincoln/Mercury dealers.

Bridgestone/Firestone has recalled some 6.5 million tires made at a plant in Decatur, Ill.

# Students get degrees in living room

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Students can get a degree in criminal justice from Washburn University without setting foot on the Topeka campus or in a classroom.

In the past year, Colby Community College joined the ranks with many colleges across the country by offering classes on-line. The community college joined forces with five others across western Kansas to offer the program.

Recently, the college announced a program offered through Washburn University for a criminal justice degree.

The Internet courses offer students the chance to get an associates degree completely on-line, from enrollment to graduation, said Debbie

Schwanke, public information director for the community college.

This year will be the first year, said Schwanke, that anyone will graduate from the Internet program.

The program has been up and running for the past four terms, she said, with interest and enrollment increasing with every term.

The courses are organized through college.com, and instructors are divided between the colleges participating. Everything from speech to chemistry is offered over the 'net.

"I didn't think it would be possible to offer a speech class on the Internet," Schwanke said, explaining that students who take speech videotape their speeches in front of an audience of their

choice, and then are graded on the tape. Chemistry students get lab kits in the mail and do their own experiments.

The cost of the courses for Colby is \$115 per credit hour, and there are 25 people enrolled currently in the program.

Colby isn't the only college in western Kansas to offer the program, Fort Hays State University also offers Internet degrees through its Virtual College, said Mike Michaelis, assistant to the dean of the on-line college.

The Hays Virtual College is three years old, he said, and has had several graduates who have never seen the campus.

The Virtual College offers a variety of studies, with one of their most popular courses being the

criminal justice program.

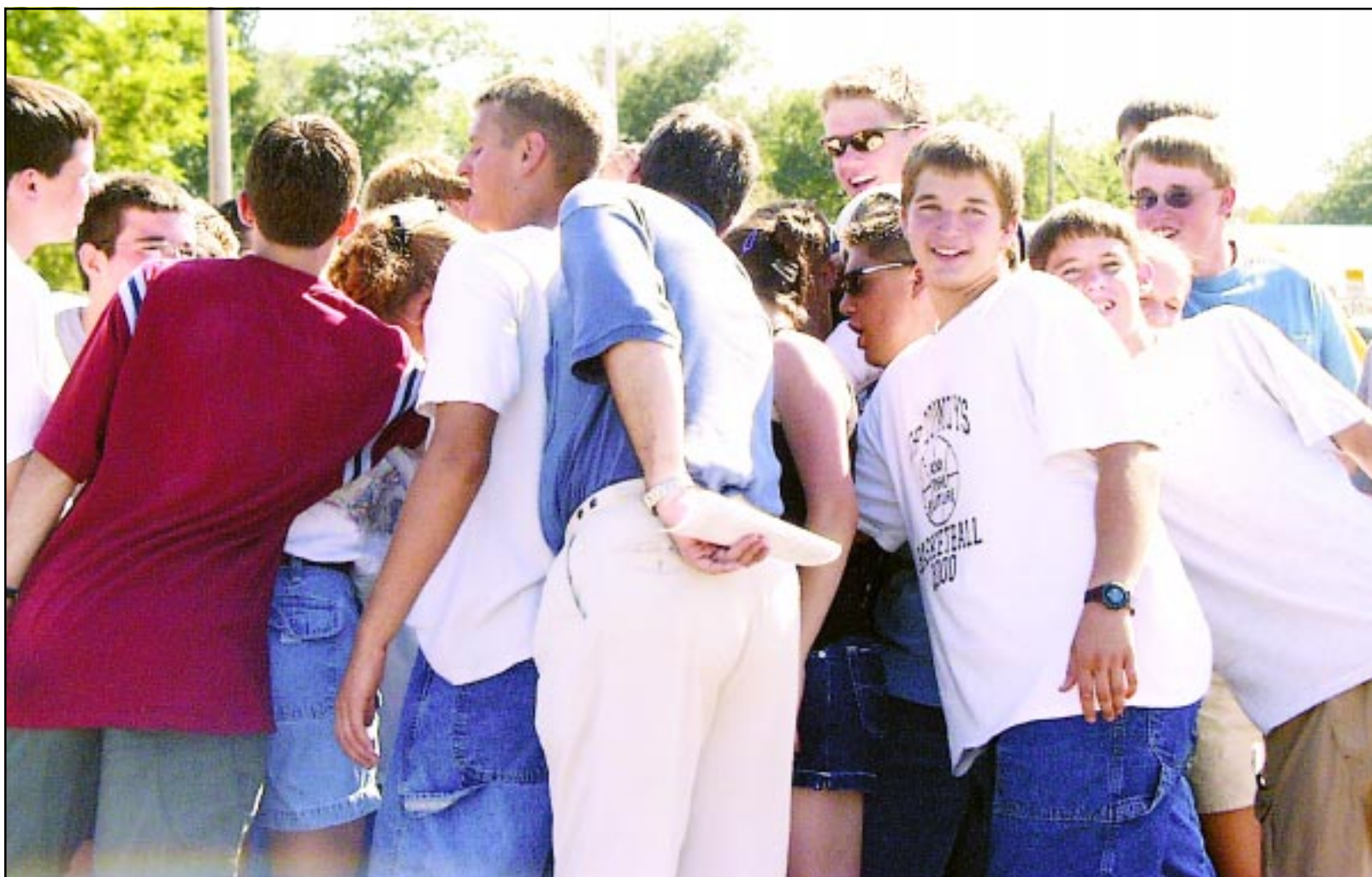
"Our students are thrilled not to be here," Michaelis said.

The program allows students to take courses at their own pace, he explained, and they don't have to go to campus, which is convenient for them.

Michaelis said requirements for acceptance into the virtual program were the same as for general enrollment into Fort Hays.

The Hays virtual program is offered worldwide, and works with the Navy and Army to offer courses. About 3,200 students took courses through the Hays virtual college in the 1999-2000 school year.

Cost of courses through the virtual college is \$79.65 per credit hour.



## Getting back in the swing of school

Members of the Goodland High School band practiced Monday afternoon to prepare for the upcoming school year. They gathered for instructions (above) from Jason Showalter and Amanda Hoffman, drum majors, before they were dismissed. Band members practiced a marching routine (right) on the parking lot across from Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Photos by Janet Craft  
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# City repeals recycling fee because it hasn't been recycling

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The Goodland City Commission voted Monday to repeal the 50-cent recycling fee residents pay every month because the city has not been giving residents the services they are paying for.

At the commission's regular meeting, City Manager Ron Pickman explained that there is no place to take the recyclable materials now.

Magazines and newspapers collected by the city are picked up by Jeremiah Wickham, who used to run a recycling facility and plans to start a curbside recycling program in September, but cardboard collected by the city is just taken to the city dump.

One of the considerations for repealing the fee was so Wickham could start his business, and have a chance at success. Residents have to pay Wickham \$2.50 a month for his curbside service.

Some commissioners questioned if Wickham's new program would last.

"This guy doesn't have a good background," said Commissioner Curtis

Hurd.

He asked if Wickham's old recycling plant on Business U.S. 24 had been cleaned up, and Pickman said it hadn't.

Lowell Lambrecht, who owned the other recycling plant in town, Lambrecht Recycling, said that he had dealings with Wickham before.

"There is no guarantee that the things that he takes won't end up in the landfill," said Lambrecht.

Lambrecht said that he closed down his recycling plant because he read in the newspaper that the city was going to try to open its own.

"I didn't want to have to compete with the city," said Lambrecht.

Pickman said that nothing had ever been said about opening a recycling plant, and that the city had decided to wait a year and see what happened with the other programs.

Mayor Chuck Lutters said that people struggle to make a profit recycling, and there is no telling how long Wickham's service is going to last, but Lutters said, his service isn't the point.

"The point is that we have been

charging people for services that we aren't delivering," he said.

The commission voted unanimously to repeal the recycling fee, since the city couldn't provide any services to go along with it. The repeal will take effect on the September bill. Bins for newspaper and magazines will still be available to take recyclable materials.

The commission also talked about what to do with impounded animals.

Previously the city had kept animals caught by the animal control officer at Prairieland Animal Clinic, but officials say Prairieland doesn't want to keep the animals any more.

Pickman presented the commission with several options. Space could be rented from Prairieland, but since the clinic wouldn't have anything to do with the care of the animals, the city might have to get a license to run the space that it had rented.

Another option would be for the city to help the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter to build a planned shelter. The shelter's board has land already, but the group hasn't gotten any farther on the

building than just making plans.

"I would like to see us work with the shelter," said Hurd.

There wasn't enough information available for the commission to decide what to do, so there was no action taken. Pickman reported that two of the new wells that were drilled as part of the city's water project are running.

"Well No. 4 is only pumping at 175 gallons per minute," said Pickman.

The well that it is replacing pumped over 300 gallons per minute, and the test pump on No. 4 indicated that it would pump 300 gallons also, he said.

Pickman requested that another test

well be dug in the farthest west corner of the property on 10th and Colorado. He said that the water has to go through some sand and gravel, so it is pumping slow.

"There is plenty of water there, it is just a matter of getting it up," he said.

"I don't think that well No. 4 is an emergency," said Commissioner Rick Billinger. "We haven't painted ourselves into a corner yet."

Pickman said there is enough water from the other wells and stored in the water towers that the low amount that well No. 4 is pumping would only cause a problem if the other wells went down.

## Board calls meeting to go to lunch

The Goodland School Board will meet at noon Wednesday over lunch to talk with an Arizona man who will be in town giving teachers advice.

Carl Boyd, a motivational speaker from Glendale, Ariz., will be in Goodland Wednesday for a teacher

in-service day, talking about "reaching our nation's 'hard to reach.'"

School board members decided to take him out to lunch at Kickers at 15th and Arcade, and by law had to call a special meeting to do so.