

weather report

89°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:08 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:22 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:07 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 75 degrees

• Humidity 29 percent

• Sky clear

• Winds southwest 10 mph

• Barometer 29.92 inches

and falling

• Record High 100° (1931)

• Record Low 38° (1962)

Last 24 Hours*

High 80°

Low 54°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 55-60, south winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms late, high 90s, low 55-60, west winds 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: chance of thunderstorms, high 85-90, low 50. Monday and Tuesday: chance of thunderstorms, high 85-90, low 55.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



It's all in the hips...



Four girls played with their hoola hoops Thursday evening. Kamisha Nonamaker (left), Kiera Musil (second left) and twins Christy and Misty Musil (front) kept their hoola hoops going at the Nonamaker home in Goodland. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Diggers will bid on landfill

Contractors attend pre-bid conference

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Three contractors met with county officials and engineers Thursday for a pre-bid conference on excavation of the new landfill later this year.

Mark A. McMullen, solid waste program manager for Terranext of Lakewood, Colo., met with the contractors to review the project requirements and answer questions which might have a bearing on the bids the contractors are to submit by Oct. 6.

Curt Way, county road and bridge supervisor, said five contractors had been invited to the pre-bid conference and three showed up. Based on the requirements of the proposal, the contractors who attended will be the only ones who can bid, he said.

The three contractors were Dan Grasser of Grasser Construction of Stratton, Colo.; Jerry Meier of Meier Construction of Burlington, Colo.; and Jay Sporer of Sporer Land Development of Oakley.

Commissioners Kenny Davis and Chuck Frankenfeld attended the meeting along with Kevin Rasure, commissioner nominee.

McMullen said Terranext will be providing full-time supervision at the site during the excavation, and their job will be construction quality assurance.

"The conceptual plans have been approved by the state," McMullen said, "but we can make changes in the field if they need to be made. We hope not to have to involve the state in these, because that would delay the project."

Besides talking about the excavation, McMullen went over the specifics for the sump which has to be installed in the bottom of the cell and the soil liner which has to meet state specifications.

McMullen said once the topsoil has been removed and stockpiled on the site, the next step would be to set up a test pad to determine what moisture content and compaction will be required to meet the state permeability

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City rents and staffs space at old pound

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

The City of Goodland is renting space from Prairieland Animal Clinic for the city's animal impound facility.

The city impound facility was run by the clinic until last Friday, when they stopped staffing the area. The clinic's owner, Dr. Gary Smith, said they did not have enough staff to deal with the number of animals the city was bringing in.

There was also some concern, he said, that the stray animals might be a danger to workers.

"We have high school kids working here," said Smith, "we don't want to risk them getting bitten."

The clinic sent a letter to the city on Aug. 14 saying they would no longer provide the services, and City Manager Ron Pickman brought the letter before

the City Commission on Aug. 21.

The commission discussed several options. One was to lease the space from the clinic and staff it themselves, another was to help the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter build a shelter on property that the board had purchased east of town.

"Right now we are working with the shelter," said Leann Taylor, administrative assistant at the police department.

She said that the shelter is helping out with cleaning the impound facility and taking care of the animals.

The space is being leased from the clinic on a monthly basis, said Taylor. She said that the city's policy with the strays is the same as it was before. The city will hold the animals for three days and then work with the shelter to try to find the owners of the animals or someone to adopt them.

Results of elevator investigation not available

The U.S. Department of Agriculture has not completed an investigation of Prairie Pea and Bean grain elevator that started two weeks ago, and investigators say they will not be able to release the results until next week.

"I believe that most of the investiga-

tion is complete, but nothing is official yet," said Steve Mickelson, head of the warehouse license and examination division of the licensing branch in Washington.

The Ruleton elevator's license was suspended on Aug. 24, and Mickelson

said the suspension will continue until the investigation is complete.

Elevators get licensed on a voluntary basis in order to protect the farmers who own grain, said Vernon Steenhard, chief of the division in Kansas City. To get a license, a facility must meet finan-

cial standards and pass an inspection.

Galen Diehl, owner of the elevator, said that he would not comment, as the investigation was still being conducted. While the elevator is under investigation, any grain collected will not be backed by the government.

Teachers help to get big grant

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board will recognize two district staffers Monday for their help in getting a \$150,000 federal grant that five northwest Kansas districts will use to help high school students find careers.

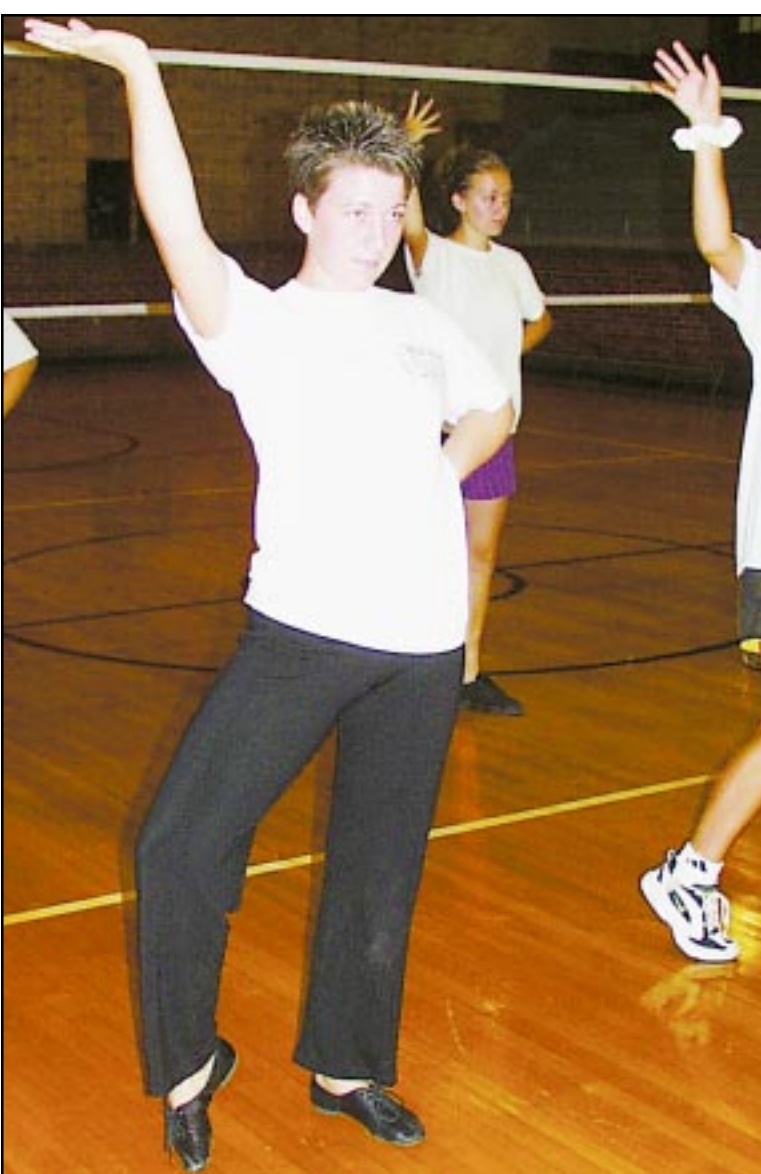
Superintendent Marvin Selby said the board will congratulate Rhonda Williams, Goodland High School counselor, and Dennis Friedrichs, high school technology teacher, for their work in helping to write the grant, which Goodland schools will get about \$30,000 of.

Selby said last school year, Williams and Friedrichs worked with teachers and administrators from Colby, Oakley, Winona and Weskan on the "School-to-Careers" grant. He said the money, awarded this summer, will be used to develop a program to give high school students direction after graduation.

"It will be used to help them make the transition to work after school," he said, adding that the program will focus on students who aren't likely to attend college but are interested in learning a

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Groovin'



Freshman Lacy Stephens strutted her stuff Friday morning as she and 11 other teen-age girls danced to Madonna's version of American Pie. Eight of the girls will join the high school's drill team after try-outs Monday night. Kim Schields has sponsored the group for its seven-year existence. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Hospital lost money during month of July

Loss blamed on low patient count

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland Regional Medical Center lost \$118,838 in July, the county hospital board learned Thursday.

"July was not a particularly good month, in any sense," said Andy Laue, chief financial officer. "Volume revenue continues to remain low."

Laue said the other side of the equation is expenses, and by far the largest part is employees.

"Is there a silver lining to this cloud?" asked Dr. Greg Bongers, a board member.

"Yeah, I think there is," replied Laue. "Stats are down."

Board member Pete Whalen asked if he was referring to outpatient statistics and Laue said outpatient and inpatient, but that inpatient was way down.

Board member Dennis Shank asked if it was a sign of the times, because of doctors not wanting to put patients in the hospital. A couple of board members wondered if the community was healthier.

Laue said a large amount of expenses are fairly fixed. The variables are the salaries and expenses related to patient supplies, he said.

Board members got to see the new spiral computerized tomography scanner. Mike Boettcher, diagnostic imaging supervisor, explained the machine and answered questions.

Boettcher said hospital staff will be trained on the new ultrasound machine next week.

After a closed session, the board approved two motions. One was to accept the contract with Cargill Associates, a fund-raising firm from Fort Worth, to help the Northwest Area Medical Foundation raise money for the scanner and ultrasound machine and future endowment needs of the hospital. The other was to accept the contract for radiology services with Professional Radiology Services P.A. of Dodge City.

Dale Schields, director of human resources, was asked about the Slice of Life Benefit Auction and Tournament to be held next weekend. Schields said tickets are still available at Mr. Jim's His Shop, the hospital and the country club for \$10 apiece.

The auction and social will be on Saturday, Sept. 16, and the golf tournament will be Sunday, Sept. 17, at Sugar Hills Country Club.

Schields said 132 golfers are signed up for the tournament on Sunday. He said a bridge tournament will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday at the club. The foundation hopes to have 25 to 30 players and will give cash prizes.

Schields said last year the foundation raised \$25,000 and hopes to exceed that this year.

Board member Lynn Hoelting said the auction is open to the public.

Pete Whalen, another board member, said people don't have to be a member of the club to come out.

Schields said the foundation has

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local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.59 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.31

Loan deficiency payment — 14¢

Corn — \$1.61 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.50

Loan deficiency pmt. — 49¢

Milo — \$2.42 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.30 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.15

Loan deficiency payment — 75¢

Millet — \$8.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.35 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.26

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.

Summit ends with promises

UNITED NATIONS — The U.N. Millennium Summit comes to its historic close today with the adoption of a wide-ranging wish list that promises to cut poverty, protect planet Earth and improve the ability of the United Nations to keep the peace.

The summit declaration, negotiated for weeks but expected to be adopted by acclamation, also commits the 150 heads of state and government who gathered for the three-day meeting to promote democracy, strengthen respect for human rights and reverse the spread of AIDS.

Secretary-General Kofi Annan told a press conference on the eve of the summit that he expected every one of them "to go back home and begin to do something about it." The last day of the summit opened this morning.