

weather report

54°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:46 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:35 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:44 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 60 degrees

• Humidity 74 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds northeast 14 mph

• Barometer 29.80 inches

and rising

• Record High 96° (1939)

• Record Low 30° (1983)

Last 24 Hours*

High 82°

Low 42°

Precipitation .03 inches

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, 40 percent

chance of rain, low near 40, winds

northeast 10-20 mph. Tomorrow:

Cloudy and breezy, high mid 40s,

chance of rain or snow, low 30-35,

winds northeast 15-25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: chance of rain, high 50-

55, low near 30. Monday: dry, high

65-70, low mid 30s. Tuesday: dry,

high 70-75, low mid 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.49 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.32

Loan deficiency payment — 13¢

Corn — \$1.59 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.46

Loan deficiency pmt. — 53¢

Milo — \$2.39 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.36 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.10

Loan deficiency payment — 8¢

Millet — ask

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.20 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.55

Confection current — \$15/\$6 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier

Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean.

These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Group files casino lawsuit

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — The Wyandotte Nation has filed a lawsuit against the federal government in a move that it hopes could end state regulation of casinos operated by American Indians.

The tribe, of Wyandotte, Okla., is planning to open a casino in an old Masonic Lodge between the tribe's historic cemetery and City Hall in Kansas City, Kan.

The tribe said it would rather open the casino at the Woodlands racetrack or at some other location in Wyandotte County.

But Kansas Gov. Bill Graves on Thursday asked the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver to halt the casino's construction and bar its opening until the Court decides whether to prohibit it.

In his 20-page motion, the governor said an injunction also was necessary.

Technical school wants to be college

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The director of the Northwest Kansas Technical School hopes to earn the school some respect by turning it into a college.

"People respect the name 'college' more than the name 'school,'" said Larry Keirns, who became director two years after the school opened at 1209 Harrison St. in 1964. "It carries a little more respect, a little higher standards."

If everything goes as planned and state lawmakers approve, next summer the school's name officially will be changed to "Northwest Kansas

Technical College."

But that isn't the only thing that will change, Keirns said.

Students will be able to earn Associate of Applied Science degrees in the 13 programs, ranging from medical assistant to truck and tractor diesel mechanic, that the school offers. Right now, technical school graduates get a diploma and a "credential" showing courses they've completed and their grades.

Keirns said above all the school wants to give students the option of getting a higher level of education. He said the school's board, faculty and

students support the change.

"Statistics show that a person with an associate's degree will earn more on average than someone with just a high school diploma," said Keirns, adding he expects the switch to attract more students, though the school isn't having problems in that area.

This school year's enrollment dropped by nine for a total of 593, he said, but enrollment in 1999 was the highest it's ever been, up almost 30 students from 1998.

Keirns said old or new students won't be forced to get an associate degree if they'd rather not.

"It allows for a two avenue approach," he said. "You choose. Some students aren't interested in getting a degree and that's OK."

Those who are interested, the director said, must earn 16 college credits in general requirements, such as science, math and language.

He said the technical college won't offer the courses, so students will have to transfer in the credits from another college or university or attend Colby Community College. The college has offered outreach classes at the Goodland campus

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Teacher to show new tools

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Sue Hagerman, a seventh-grade science teacher, will show the Goodland School Board on Monday new equipment that lets students measure light, sound, force, motion and more and teaches them that accuracy in science is important.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. at Grant Junior High, 11th and Montana, for the presentation from Hagerman.

Afterwards, they will discuss selling a round-top Quonset the district owns on west 8th Street, services the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center in Oakley provides and hiring a night custodian at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Hagerman said the measuring instruments and computer software will teach the junior high students how to accurately collect scientific data and organize and graph their findings.

"It will give them an understanding of the importance of precision and accuracy in science," she said, adding that before, students took inaccurate measurements because they used inaccurate tools.

"To get a heart rate, we would have students put their fingers on their wrists," Hagerman said. With the new equipment, she said, a device placed on the finger more-accurately measures heartbeats.

"This way it's a sure thing," Hagerman said. "Students will understand that mistakes are made when you do it on your own."

The instruments, called e-measure, she said, measure motion, force, light and sound waves, temperature, heart rate and pH, and the computer software graphs the measurements for students.

Hagerman said learning how to graph information will help students in other subjects.

"It will help them with math," the teacher said. "Algebra will just click a little easier."

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the board wants to visit each of the five schools in Goodland at least once this school year.



Robin Deeds, a Goodland farmer, harvested corn Thursday evening on a field north of Goodland. Deeds (above, in combine) continued cutting after unloading corn onto a grain cart driven by Dee Albers. Mark

Bantam (below) augered corn from a grain cart into a truck, while truck driver Joe Phillips watched.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Corn harvest underway across county

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Corn harvest is just getting underway in western Sherman County, while it's been going on for a couple of weeks in the west.

Grain elevator operators report low yields on dryland corn but haven't seen enough of the irrigated crop.

Nate Reid, manager of Collingwood Grain in Brewster, said for the past two weeks, he has seen mainly dryland corn, with yields ranging from 15 to 70 bushels an acre and an average of 40 bushels.

He expects to get in half of the normal corn crop due to drought.

Half of the acres of dryland corn planted weren't harvested, Reid said, because of hot, dry weather.

He added he knows of eight to 10 circles of corn north of Brewster that were hauled out this summer.

Test weights on dryland corn have been from 52 to 56 pounds, he said, adding farmers are just starting to harvest irrigated corn.

Reid said in another week the eleva-



tor will start getting other fall crops, including milo, soybeans and sun-

flowers. In the Kanorado area, Ken Ketter,

general manager at Kanorado Co-op, said he hasn't seen much corn, but what he has seen has been dryland.

"It's been real slow up until now," he said. "It's just trying to get started."

"Everything that's been brought in has been extremely dry," he said, noting test weights have been running light, around 51 to 54 pounds.

"A little disappointing," Ketter said, adding he had no idea on yields.

Glen Teels, Kanorado Collingwood branch manager, said he has had corn coming in since last Friday.

Yields are down, he said, but he has gotten a lot more corn in than he thought.

"What I've gotten so far has been real dry," he said. "Most of it has been corn stripped up by hail."

He said now he is starting to get some wetter corn.

Teels figured by the end of next week fall harvest will be in full swing.

He said the yields on dryland corn are way down and test weights have been good with an average of around 57 pounds.

Good response prompts two community pages

Because of strong positive reaction to a new Community Page, which spotlights community groups and youth activities around Sherman County, *The Goodland Daily News* has decided to publish the page twice a month.

The page, introduced earlier this year, replaced an older version with a history dating back several decades. It is sponsored by Goodland area busi-

nesses. "The Community Page is an old tradition at *The Daily News*," said Steve Haynes, president of Nor'West Newspapers. "It used to run every week, but that got cut back. It was down to once a month, sometimes not even that."

"This year, we decided to give it a new look and a new commitment. Response has been gratifying, and now we

are ready to go to twice a month.

"The Community Page is a place to spotlight the good things that happen in our town and recognize the people, especially kids, who make them happen."

Starting this month, the page will run the second and fourth Tuesday of each month. The change will be reflected in September bills.

Any community group, youth group

or school organization, temporary or permanent, is a candidate for the page, said Haynes.

"We often are not aware of groups that should be featured unless someone, a teacher, business person, principal or parent, tells us," he said.

Call Doug Jackson, advertising representative, at 899-2338 to nominate a group for the page.

Man is a \$100 winner

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

As the Kansas City Chiefs were celebrating another touchdown Sunday against division rival San Diego, Sherman County's Ryan Warren was moving closer to a big score of his own.

By the end of the night, the Chiefs were one win closer to the playoffs, pummeling the Chargers 42-10, and Warren was \$100 richer, though he didn't know it yet.

Warren, who works for the Kanorado Co-op Elevator, is the first person in Sherman County to win a regional football contest that *The Goodland Daily News* is participating



Ryan Warren

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New pheasant chapter starts

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Pheasants in Sherman, Wallace and Cheyenne counties. Chapter president is Timothy Muhr of Goodland.

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The new High Plains Roosters

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