

weather report

55°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:41 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:38 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:39 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil Temperature 48 degrees
- Humidity 41 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northwest 10
- Barometer 30.34 inches and falling
- Record High 94° (1938)
- Record Low 21° (1926)

Last 24 Hours*

High	41°
Low	30°
Precipitation	0.11 inch
Snow	1 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear, low 40, south winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny, high 75-80, low 40s, southwest winds 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Friday: dry, high 70s, low 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.52 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.39
 - Loan deficiency payment — 10¢
 - Corn — \$1.58 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.52
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 49¢
 - Milo — \$2.38 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.35 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.17
 - Loan deficiency payment — 75¢
 - 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.

Opponents cry vote fraud

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Claiming victory in an election marked by fraud allegations, Slobodan Milosevic's opponents warned Monday that the Yugoslav president may try to rig the vote count in an attempt to keep the power he has wielded for 13 years. "This is the dawn of our freedom," opposition candidate Vojislav Kostunica said early Monday as Yugoslavs poured onto the streets of Belgrade.

By midafternoon Monday, election officials had still not released official numbers from Sunday's elections. An estimated 74 percent of the country's 7.6 million voters cast ballots for president, parliament and local officials.

The Democratic Opposition of Serbia party claimed its candidate, the 56-year-old Kostunica, had won the presidency.

Officials ponder economic dilemmas

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County economic development leaders dealt with the proverbial chicken and the egg question Thursday night at a countywide "economic development summit."

"How do you get laborers without labor?" City Manager Ron Pickman asked Scott McGinley, director of economic development with UtiliCorp United, parent of Peoples Natural Gas. "And how do you get labor providers without people to get the jobs?"

"How do you get people to build houses without people to live in them? And how do you get people to move here without houses?"

The Wichita based expert said he had no simple answers.

Chamber gets, sends back grocery study

Preliminary results from a grocery store feasibility study came in on Thursday, but the report had to be sent back for some corrections.

The preliminary version, at least, showed that people were not happy with the current situation, where there is no regular supermarket or grocery in town since the closing of Jubilee by Fleming Foods last year.

Ron Harding, director of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, announced the initial results of the study at a county "economic development summit" Thursday evening.

At the time, Harding said that the results were ready, but later said that some errors have been detected and the study will have to go back to the company to be fixed. It will be about 10 days before the results are ready to be released.

On Thursday, he said that the survey showed that 75 percent of people

in Sherman County area were unsatisfied with their grocery shopping options in the county. According to the study, Goodland people spend \$11,000,000 on groceries annually.

The initial report may change when revisions are done, Harding said, and the information won't be any good until the mistakes are corrected.

The study, when completed, will hopefully be used to entice a grocery store into the area, he said.

"I wish I had a magic pill that would answer the question," he told members of the city commission, county commission and Chamber economic development board at the summit. McGinley, who advises on economic

development all over western Kansas, said that he sees the same problems in a lot of the areas that he goes.

"It is an uphill battle just to stay even," he said.

Several of the main issues that he said Goodland needs to deal with are the two sources of income. With tourism or agriculture, he said, money is coming into the community from outside, but other is money circulated within the town from locals shopping at local stores.

He stressed the importance keeping people from going outside the community to shop.

Otherwise, he said, their money doesn't circulate within the community.

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Man says he's guilty of incest

Teens go to court for burglaries

A Goodland man who had been charged with raping a 13-year-old girl in June pleaded guilty to a reduced charge of aggravated incest earlier this month in Sherman County District Court.

Patrick Tagtmeyer, 37, waived his right to a preliminary hearing and reading of the complaint against him, and the state amended the charge to aggravated incest. The court found him guilty and ordered a pre-sentence investigation.

Once the report is completed, the court will schedule a sentencing date. Tagtmeyer faces a possible sentence of 30 to 136 months in prison. He is to complete a sexual offender application as part of the case.

Justin Lamb, 18, Andrew Potterf, 18, and Marshall Carson, 17, were charged with burglary, felony theft and felony criminal damage to property stemming from an incident in July at the Sigco sunflower plant west of Goodland.

Lamb was in court on Sept. 5 and the burglary count was amended to conspiracy to commit burglary. If Lamb agreed to plead guilty to the first charge, the other charges would be dismissed and he would testify on pending cases that he may have knowledge of.

On Friday, however, an arraignment hearing was held for Lamb. He pleaded not guilty and the state amended the charge back to burglary. A jury trial is scheduled for 9 a.m. on Dec. 14 and 15. Lamb remains in the Sherman County Bastille.

No activity has taken place in the Potterf case. He remains out of jail on bond.

At a hearing on Aug. 15, Carson pleaded guilty to felony criminal damage to property. He was placed on 18 months probation with Community Corrections and was to pay a third of the property damages, which amounted to about \$2,000, plus court costs. The first two charges were dismissed.

Randy Rodriguez, 18, and Greg Mace, 16, were charged with two counts of forgery and possessing a forged instrument, two counts of conspiracy to make false information, and two counts of conspiracy to commit forgery and theft after trying to cash two checks at a Goodland bank in mid-August.

Mace's trial was to begin at 9 a.m. today. He had been held at the Trego County Detention Center in Wakeeney.

On Aug. 18, his attorney Leslie Beims, entered a plea for him of not guilty on all charges.

On Sept. 18, a motion was filed which asked that Mace be placed on non-custody case management program with house arrest through the Juvenile Justice Authority until his trial.

A request was filed on Tuesday for Mace to be brought to Goodland on

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Racers run second part of annual series

Richard Schwasinger (above), organizer of the annual Flatlander 5 Race Series, sprinted down Main Street to the finish line Saturday in the men's five-mile race, one of five held that morning in the second part of the series. With a time of 38:23, Schwasinger took third in the race, which had five participants, and second in the 40-49-year-old age group. The winner was Michael Skipper with a time of 31:38. Grant Junior High cross-country runners (left) shivered in the cold, wet morning air, before they started their one-mile race against runners from Lakin. The competition was added to the series this year. Goodland's Tiffany Thomas won the girl's race with a time of 6:29, and Isaac Cardenas, Lakin, won the boy's race with 5:46.

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Hospital board will work on strategic plan

A strategic plan work session will start off the evening for the Goodland Regional Medical Center board when members meet with hospital staff Tuesday night.

The two groups will meet at 6:30

p.m. at the Buffalo Inn Convention Center. The regular board meeting will follow at 8 p.m.

The agenda includes a review of policy manuals for housekeeping and physical therapy.

The hospital's financial report will be given by Andy Laue, chief financial officer. Administrator Jim Chaddic will report on what has taken place at the strategic planning meeting with hospital department heads and medical staff,

along with an administrator's report.

If there are any quality improvement papers or credentials for medical staff presented, those will also be looked at.

The board has allowed about an hour in closed session to discuss personnel.