

weather report

34°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:23 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:49 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:22 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 64 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southeast 8 mph
- Barometer 30.49 inches and rising
- Record High 90° (1993)
- Record Low 19° (1952)

Last 24 Hours*

High 55°
Low 33°
Precipitation 0.02 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, low 25, light southeast winds. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, high 40s, low 20-25, southeast winds 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: dry, high 60s, low 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Moisture slows harvest

By Dana Sulsberger
The Goodland Daily News

The pace of fall harvest in Sherman County has slowed as a half-inch of much-needed moisture has fallen in the area since Sunday.

In the end, the weather will have little effect on harvest or yields, said Dana Belshe, Sherman County extension agent, aside from slowing things down a bit and providing moisture for young wheat plants.

Two cold fronts, which moved in this week from the North Plains, are responsible for the weather, said Bob Boyle, a weather service specialist with the National Weather Service in Goodland.

The fronts, he said, led to temperatures dropping below freezing last night, and a light dusting of snow over Sherman County.

"This moisture was such a limited amount it will have no major effects on the crops," said Belshe, "good or bad."

He said the moisture would have to be prolonged for it to have a substantial effect, but weather reports say there won't be much more.

Boyle said moisture in the air should be above normal starting Monday, as temperatures start to rise, but no big rain is on the way. He said temperatures next week should range between 40 and 60 to 70 degrees.

Goodland is about 2 inches below normal for average rain fall this year, he said, even though many areas in Kansas say they are in a drought.

Belshe said the weather may have slowed down corn harvest, but things should pick up once things dry-out.

He wasn't sure of the status of corn harvest here.

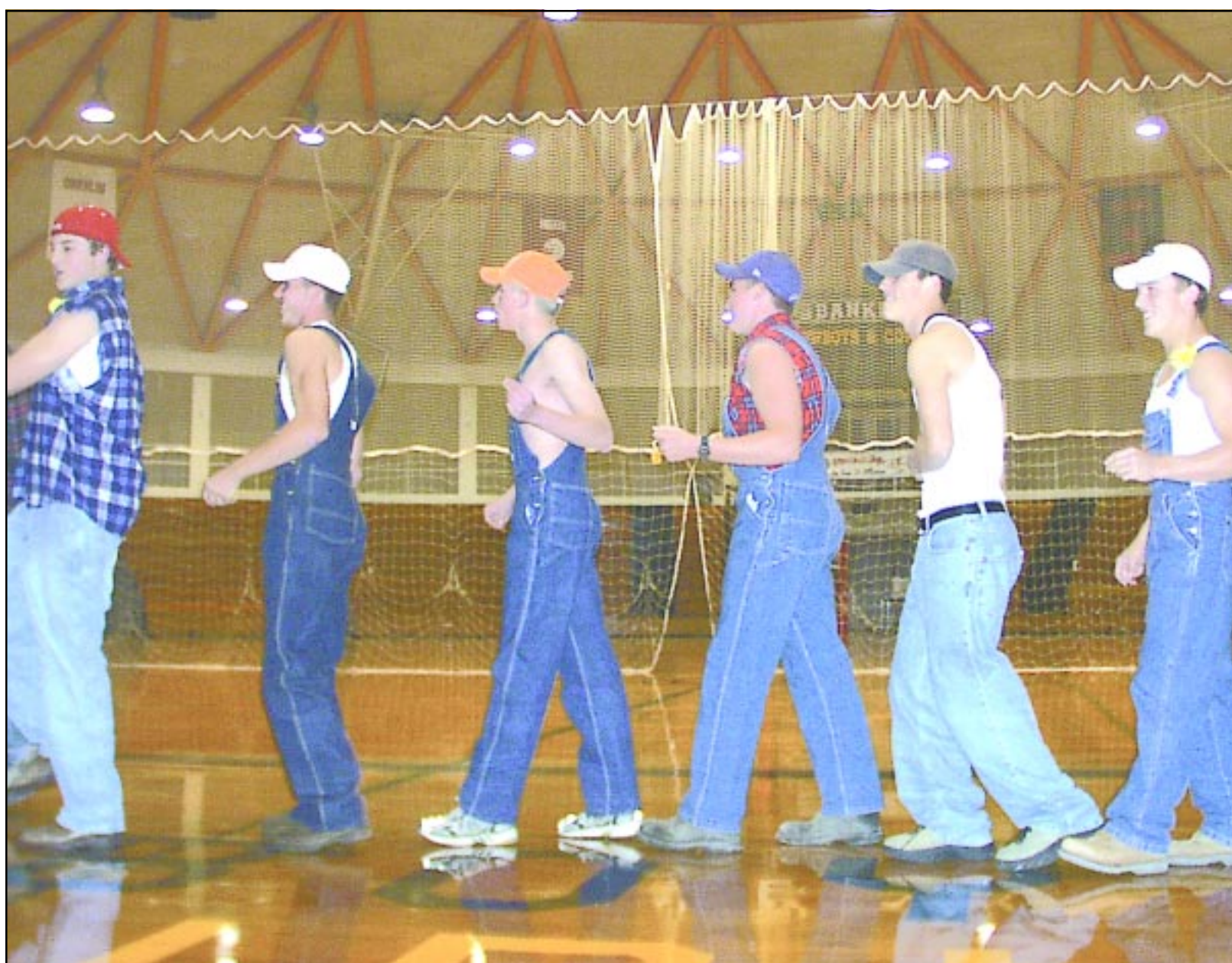
"I've seen several corn fields that were completely done," he said, "and others that haven't even started."

Market prices for September are slightly lower than last year and last month.

The Kansas Department of Agriculture said in a report released Monday that prices for all farm products were down three points from August and down two points from last September. The report said prices for all crops were down four points from last year and one point from last month.

Prices for wheat, the report said, averaged \$2.50 per bushel in September, which is up seven cents from August and sixteen cents from last September.

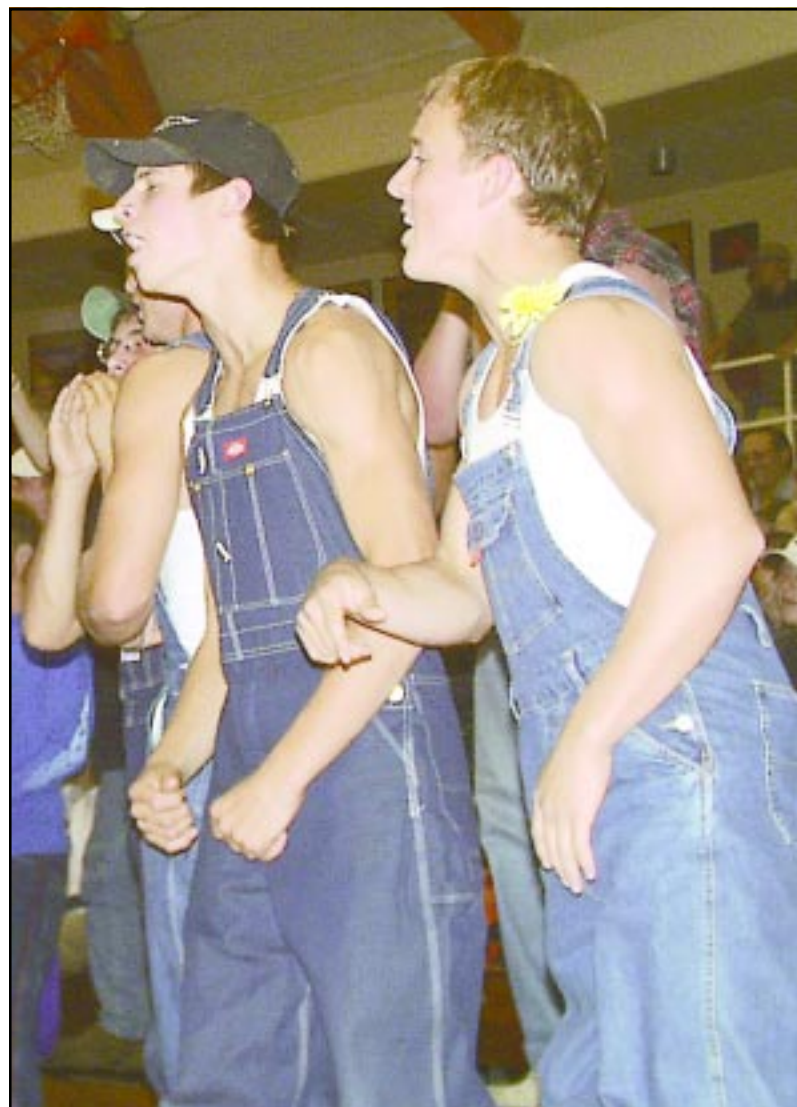
Corn prices averaged \$1.59 per bushel in September, down eight cents from August, and the September price last year was \$1.87.



HOMECOMING

A pep rally held Thursday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse for homecoming, had the theme of, "The Cowboy Way." Senior football players (top) performed a routine, while Senior Kendra Brack (below) dressed up in cowboy gear to cheer the crowd on. Seniors Tyler Billinger and Bryce Abbey (right) responded to a cheer led by Goodland's cheerleaders.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



Rally peps up crowd for homecoming events

Goodland High School cheerleaders jumped up, down and around, leading the crowd in a cheer.

The high school drill team did a dance routine to Madonna's "American Pie," and parents, dressed in cowboy hats and jeans, line danced across the wooden floor. As the noise level increased, so did the school spirit.

As part of the homecoming activities for Goodland High School, a pep rally was held Thursday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Outside activities, which usually include a parade and bonfire were canceled due to cold temperatures and threat of rain or snow.

The crowd was treated to a dance

routine by the senior's parents, as well as one by the senior football players. The "Jumpin' Juniors" performed a dance and the Goodland High School band got in on the action, playing a few musical numbers.

The homecoming king and queen candidates were introduced, and the winners will be announced at halftime

during tonight's homecoming football game between the Goodland Cowboys and Oberlin Red Devils.

King candidates are Bryce Abbey, Matt Mentzer, Luke Stone and Nathan Thompson. Queen candidates are Adriel Alstrom, Ashley Hallagin and Jill Sowers. Winners will be announced at tonight's football game.

Weekend packed with events in city

Goodland will be a flurry of activities this weekend, with homecoming, a gymkhana and a bike-a-thon, and Kanorado will be busy too, with an annual Octoberfest.

As part of the Goodland High School homecoming festivities, the Cowboys football team will play the Oberlin Red Devils at 6:30 p.m. tonight at Cowboy Stadium.

At half-time, this year's homecoming king and queen will be crowned, and a homecoming dance for students will be held from 9 p.m. to midnight in the high school gym.

On Saturday, Kanorado will hold its seventh annual Octoberfest.

The Little Butterfly Cafe will open at 7 a.m. for breakfast. Booths will open at 9 a.m. on Main Street and in the Senior Citizen's Center. An alumni reception for the graduating classes of '30, '40, '50 and '60 will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Little Butterfly Cafe, and a parade will begin at 11 a.m. Entries need to line up at 10:15 a.m. at the north end of Main to be judged.

Games will start at 11:30 a.m. and Collingwood Grain of Kanorado will have a bean feed and the United Methodist Women will serve pie and ice

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Board to discuss classrooms, changing league

By Rachel Miscal
The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board will meet with the district's architect on Monday to talk about what it will cost to build new science classrooms at the high school.

At the regular meeting, board members will also form an opinion on a state association's proposal to change how high school sports districts are divided, thereby giving the association more responsibility for scheduling high school games.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said Glen Strait, the district architect, will present ideas on where to put additional high school science classrooms and the costs.

The board has been talking about

building science classrooms, said Selby, since it decided a few years ago that was the district's greatest need after a new gymnasium and weight room.

The board has talked about building the classrooms in the high school's courtyard, the superintendent said, and then moving the junior high into the classrooms as it becomes necessary because of population and enrollment declines.

He said the Kansas State High School Activities Association has proposed switching from four-team high school sports districts to eight-team districts. The Goodland District supports the change, Selby said, because it would take the pressure of scheduling games off the athletic director.

Right now, he said, the Goodland

high school athletic department schedules six of the nine games team's play each regular season, with the association scheduling the last three, pairing teams with the three other similar-sized schools in their district.

Richard Liess, high school athletic director, has said before that it's difficult to schedule games because other schools in Goodland's class don't like the travel distance or the time change, since Goodland is in mountain time.

With 8-team districts, Selby said, the association would be responsible for scheduling seven games between teams in the district each season, and schools would only have to schedule two. That way, he said, Goodland would play more teams, like Pratt and Hugoton, in their own class.

In other business, the board will:

- Meet with Brian Staats, manager of the Colby branch of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball, an accounting firm, who will give an annual audit report and suggest ways the district can control spending.

- Hear a report from the Professional Development Council, which tracks the credits teachers earn for attending educational conferences or in-service training and using what they learned in the classroom.

- Listen to board member Gerald Franklin, who represents the district on the Northwest Kansas Technical School board, report on their board's last meeting.

- Pick a member to be the Kansas Association of School Boards delegate.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.72 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.61
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$1.84 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.62
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 37¢
- Milo — \$2.74 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.28 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.98
- Loan deficiency payment — 92¢
- Millet — ask
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$5.20 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.51
- 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.

Court says Milosevic lost

The high court on Friday declared opposition leader Vojislav Kostunica the winner in presidential elections, boosting his drive for power after a popular uprising swept away the pillars of Slobodan Milosevic's 13-year rule.

A defiant Milosevic, whose whereabouts have been a mystery since Thursday's street protests, denounced the unrest, after meeting Russia's foreign minister. Igor Ivanov suggested the disgraced leader, who has been indicted on war crimes, will try to keep a role in Yugoslav politics.

Milosevic said he met with Ivanov in Belgrade. "It was agreed that violence and destructive riots jeopardize the functioning of the state," Milosevic said in his statement.

Such behavior "weakens the state."