

weather
report

22°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:52 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:03 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:53 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 36 degrees
• Humidity 740 percent
• Sky mostly cloudy
• Winds northwest 12 mph
• Barometer 30.26 inches
and falling
• Record High 72° (1986)
• Record Low -17° (1962)

Last 24 Hours*

High 34°
Low 13°
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 5-10,
northwest wind 5-10 mph. Tomorrow:
Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of
snow, high 40, low 15-20, west wind
5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: dry, high
40s, low 15-25. Tuesday: dry, 45-55,
low 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.93 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.78
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.89 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.91
Loan deficiency pmt. — 8¢
Milo — \$3.13 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.16 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.08
Loan deficiency payment — 82¢
Millet — \$8.25 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.90 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.69
Confection current — \$15/\$7 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.

Clinton says
he lied in case

WASHINGTON — President Clinton admitted Friday for the first time that he made false statements in the Monica Lewinsky case and entered into a deal with prosecutors to avert an indictment. He surrendered his law license for five years.
“I tried to walk a fine line between acting lawfully and testifying falsely, but I now recognize that I did not fully accomplish that goal and that certain of my responses to questions about Ms. Lewinsky were false,” the president said in a statement read by White House press secretary Jake Siewert.
The deal will spare the nation the prospect of seeing one of its former chief executives put on criminal trial. Clinton will have immunity from further prosecution under the deal.

Snow shapes up young wheat crop

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County’s wheat crop appears to be in good shape and last Saturday’s snow gave it a boost, not only from the moisture the snow provided, but in the protection it gives the crop from the cold and wind.

Dana Belshe, Sherman County extension agent, said the snow cover will help protect the crop. Before the moisture, Belshe said, the wheat was holding its own, but there were parts of the crop that were being damaged by the wind. He said there had been some “chiseling” going from blowing dirt. The wind can cause hurt

to the plants, he said, and when the ground is dry, the cold can penetrate them more easily.

“I think we’re still in good shape,” Belshe said, adding that the county did get some good moisture last Saturday. “I think in general, it’s been a pretty good shot in the arm.”

When wheat is exposed to temperatures in the low teens, you get winter kill, Belshe said. Until last weekend, he said, he was concerned wind blowing it out the smaller wheat. It’s better now, but winter is not over.

“We still have February and March to get through,” the agent said.

He said there are some good stands of wheat and

enough moisture to help it along, but we are going to be coming into the high-wind months and that’s always a concern.

Lynn Hoelting, general manager at Mueller Grain, said it’s a wait-and-see situation for the wheat crop.

“But the moisture definitely is a help,” he added.

Hoelting said the biggest fear would be no snow cover or moisture going into the windy season, since both the snow and the moisture protect the wheat from the wind.

He said before the winds picked up, the wheat was in good shape but it needed some moisture. The winds did some damage before the snow fell,

he said.

Snow is a good insulator, Hoelting said. It helps protect the plants from the cold and the wind.

Even though intense cold can be hard on the wheat, Hoelting said, it does help to eliminate problems from insects.

He said some of the earlier planted wheat is in good shape because it grew more and put roots down. The wind did expose some of it, he said, and if you kill the roots, you kill the plant.

“Overall, the wheat is in fairly decent shape,” Hoelting said, adding that from his travels through the state, he believes that northwest Kansas has the best looking wheat.

Gettin’ the facts



Five DECA students from Goodland High School went on a scavenger hunt Thursday in 15 downtown businesses as part of “Free Enterprise Week.” Eddie Lewis (right) and Quenton McCombs (center) wrote down the answers to questions after talking with Mary Jane Sponsel at Jan’s

Hallmark. Lewis and McCombs won \$5 each and tied for fourth place. Other winners in the hunt were Bryce Chatfield, who came in first and won \$30; Tonya Ory, second for \$20; and Stacey Yarbrough, third for \$10.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

New Pheasants Forever chapter plans banquet

The newly organized High Plains Roosters chapter of Pheasants Forever will hold its first fund-raising banquet Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall in Goodland.

The chapter was started in August covering three counties, Cheyenne, Sherman and Wallace.

The organization works on restoration and preservation of farmland wildlife. Since its inception in 1982, the

conservation group has planted 14 million trees, purchased 50,000 acres of upland and wetland habitat and completed habitat projects on more than 1 million acres of land.

Tim Muhr, president of the tri-county chapter, said everyone concerned with wildlife populations and the ring-necked pheasant is encouraged to attend. The evening will include good food, good prizes and fun for everyone,

he said.

“The banquet is the single most important fund-raising event during the year,” Muhr said.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets will be \$15 per person. Memberships to the national organization will be sold for \$35 per person or \$45 per couple.

The first hour will be a social hour when people can look at the wildlife

prints and hunting memorabilia to be auctioned off around 8 p.m. and several raffle tables where people check out gift certificates, shotgun shells, gloves or guns, to name a few items. Prime rib will be served for dinner.

Muhr said the tri-county chapter retains all the money raised (excluding national membership fees) and will use it for habitat work with farmers and landowners in our area.

County has yet to hire a new administrator

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County commissioners held interviews for the new county administrator job two weeks ago, but have yet to make a decision and the commission chairman said he’s not sure when they will.

“We really don’t have anything to say about that,” Chuck Frankenfeld said, “but that we’re looking at options. We really haven’t made up our minds.”

He said the commissioners still plan to hire someone for the position — created in October to help them keep up with an increasingly complex county government — but don’t know who.

The commissioner said a Goodland man and a Wichita man remain in the running for the job. However, Frankenfeld said, it could take the commission a long time to make a decision.

He said having only one meeting each week, and not being able to discuss filling the position without public scrutiny is prolonging a decision. State law allows the commissioners to talk about personnel issues behind closed doors, but Frankenfeld said he’d like a more comfortable setting.

“We don’t have the chance to just sit down and talk about this over a cup of

coffee,” he said.

State law also allows officials to set “special” meetings outside their regular schedule, but Frankenfeld said they don’t plan to hold any.

The commission will meet again on Wednesday, Jan. 31, and Frankenfeld said he is not sure if they will discuss the administrator position then. If they do, he said, it will be in a closed session.

“I wish I could tell you more,” he said, “but I don’t have any more to tell.”

After picking three finalists from 11 applicants, the commissioners scheduled interviews for Wednesday, Jan. 3. A finalist from Kansas City, Mo. dropped out the night before the interviews, saying he had found another job.

That left Tom Betz of Goodland and Roy Ridener of Wichita looking to take the job.

Betz, editorial editor for *The Goodland Daily News*, has lived in Goodland for three years and says his experience covering city and county government for 30 years qualifies him for the job.

Ridener, a retired U.S. Army first sergeant, has two years’ experience in city administration and degrees in public and business administration. He said his experience has taught him how to communicate well and solve problems.

Road block



Cowgirl Cody Pettibone (15) drove the floor against Scott City’s Bridget Kuntzsch (33) at the Orange and Black Classic on Thursday night in Colby. In the event’s first round, Goodland beat the Beavers 49-43. For a story and picture, see Sports, Page 8.

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