

weather report

52°
at noon

Today

• Sunset, 5:44 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:09 a.m.
• Sunset, 5:45 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 42 degrees
• Humidity 54 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds light
• Barometer 30.22 inches and falling
• Record High 70° (1987)
• Record Low -4° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

High 47°
Low 31°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 25-30, southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, high 50, low 25-30, southwest wind 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday and Saturday: dry, high 50, low 20s. Sunday: chance of snow, high 30s, low 20s.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.85 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.81
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.99 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.94
Loan deficiency payment — 5¢
Milo — \$3.22 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.08 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.95
Loan deficiency payment — 95¢
Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.55 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.46
Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$14 (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.

Congress may repeal rules

WASHINGTON — House Republican leaders moved quickly today to follow the Senate's lead and repeal Clinton administration regulations aimed at reducing repetitive-motion injuries in the workplace.
GOP aides said a vote was likely by early evening on the measure. Passage would send the bill to President Bush, who has signaled he would sign it.
“We have a new rule that’s been promulgated that would cause extreme damage to our workplace,” Rep. Anne Northup, R-Ky., said as debate began on the House floor.
Democrats argued otherwise. “We should not turn our backs on progress just because private interests think it’s the right thing to do for their bottom line,” said Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo.
The arguments echoed those made in the Senate on Tuesday.

Catholic school girl shoots classmate

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — An eighth-grade girl shot a female classmate during lunch today at a Roman Catholic school today before being subdued by a school administrator, according to police and an official with the diocese.
The victim, also in eighth grade, was

shot once in the upper body, but her injuries were not considered life threatening, said Maria Orzel, a spokeswoman for the diocese of Scranton. After the shooting, students remained at Bishop Neumann Junior-Senior High School, where police were interviewing witnesses, she said.

The shooting suspect was in police custody, authorities said.
No other information was immediately released.
The wounded girl was being evaluated at Williamsport Hospital, spokeswoman Linda Campbell said.
The school has about 230 students in

grades 7 through 12. Williamsport, home to the Little League World Series, is in central Pennsylvania, about 160 miles northwest of Philadelphia.
The violence came two days after two people were killed and 13 wounded in a high school shooting in Santee, Calif. A ninth grader has been arrested.

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Center’s administrator takes officials on tour

Group talks of elevator, remodeling

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News
The Sherman County commissioners toured the Good Samaritan Center on Tuesday, discussing projects with the center’s administrator.
After their regular meeting, the trio went to the center where they talked about putting in an elevator and expanding the dining room and laundry area.
Paul Rainbolt, Good Samaritan Center administrator, met the commissioners at the front door with a list of all the furnishings in the center, and an estimate of what the remodeling projects would cost.



Lifting and moving residents of the Good Samaritan Center is safer and easier with the use of special lifts, Paul Rainbolt, administrator, told Sherman commissioners Chuck Frankenfeld (left), Mitch Tiede and Kevin

Rasure. Rainbolt said with the use of the lifts the center has gone to a “zero lift” standard where no staff or resident is in danger of being injured when they are moved.
Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

He led the three commissioners through the entire facility, pointing out areas where improvements have been made in the past, and where the new changes are planned.
The main item is the installation of an elevator, which Rainbolt said would be added on the south end of the building. He said a location closer to the center would not work because dust of problems which would require the whole hall to be evacuated during the construction.
“By moving the elevator to the south end we can handle the construction and not have to move any of our residents,” he said. “Also the location will include an emergency exit.”
The elevator will cost about \$120,000 and the commissioners have already committed \$40,000 from the home maintenance fund.



The basement of the Good Samaritan center is used for the continuing education of the staff and for supply storage. Paul Rainbolt, administrator, showed commissioners Kevin Rasure and Chuck Frankenfeld on Tuesday the televised training system. He said the new staff lounge would be in the same area.

Rainbolt said installation of the elevator will allow better access to the center’s basement, and allow its use to be expanded. Currently the basement area is used for staff continuing education and as a storage area for supplies.
He said with the elevator, the very small staff lounge next to the laundry can be moved to a larger area in the basement, and the laundry would be expanded to have a place for storage of clean linens.
The other major improvement project, Rainbolt explained, is to expand the dining room to the north into what is now the storage garage. He said it would give a little privacy to those residents who need special help during meal times. He said there are quite a few in this category, and this would also make the general dining room less crowded.

To move the maintenance equipment, Rainbolt said, they are planning to erect a 30 x 20 steel building to the west of the main building with access from the nearby hospital driveway.

This would be in an area where there are some large trees, and Rainbolt said he is hoping that they will not have to take

out more than two of the trees.
Nearby is the outdoor gazebo which was built for the residents, but Rainbolt

said in his years at the center he has not seen any use of the area.
“We usually get a couple of the older

men to come out and watch us fry hamburgers in the summer, but they head right back in after a short time,” he said.
Rainbolt asked the commissioners to approved \$4,500 for a portion of the steel building with the other \$12,500 being paid by the Good Sam center.
The commissioners also toured the special care Alzheimers wing and were shown the emergency generator which operates on diesel.
Ken Bennetts, maintenance man for the center, said the generator is run every week for an hour and that once a month the entire electrical load of the center is run through the generator for 90 minutes.
Bennetts and Rainbolt said the 150,000 kilovolts generator has enough power to handle both the center and the Goodland Regional Medical Center, but that it is not located where it could easily be connected to the hospital.
The first step is installation of the elevator and bids are to be opened on Monday, April 2, and Rainbolt will meet with the commissioners to review the bids on Friday, April 6.

Goodland trio caught with tickets

Most people aren’t very lucky when it comes to playing the lottery, but the chances of winning get even slimmer when you’re looking to cash in with stolen scratch tickets.
Three people from Goodland were arrested Tuesday afternoon in Colby while trying to redeem 86 winning lottery tickets — worth about \$200 — that were apparently stolen from a gas station in Goodland early that morning.
Colby police arrested Jennifer Ann Rager, 19, Jamie Linn Cullens, 19 and Gordon Donald Parish, 22, at the Dollar General store in Colby after the trio tried to cash in the tickets at the Stop 2 Shop on Fourth Street. The tickets were no longer valid after Goodland police reported they had been stolen.
The three had allegedly broken into

the Coastal Mart on 17th and Caldwell in Goodland around 3:45 a.m., using a brick to smash the front window and stealing about \$700 in cigarettes and lottery tickets.
Police Chief Ray Smee said deputies with the Sherman County Sheriff’s Department brought the three back to

Goodland on Tuesday and charges of burglary and theft will be filed today.
Colby police said one of the young women who had worked for the Coastal Mart on Eighth and Caldwell in Goodland said she thought if they hurried they could cash in the tickets before the state lottery commission was informed.

Hepatitis shots free for children

Children ages 10 through 17 can get free hepatitis B shots at a walk-in clinic to be held from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 20, at the Sherman County Health Department office.
Hepatitis B affects the liver and is one of the most serious infectious diseases in the world. In some cases, it can even be life-threatening. The virus is spread

by sharing needles during drug use, having unprotected sex or using unsterilized equipment for tattooing or body piercing.
The vaccine is provided by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment and will protect children for life.
For information, call the health department at 899-4888.

Hospital board interviews for administrator position

The Goodland Regional Medical Center board plans to interview the first of five candidates for the hospital administrator job today, with other interviews this and next week.
Board President Doug Irvin said the full board will interview each of the five candidates with the first beginning at 11:45 a.m. today, lasting until 3 p.m. The interviews will be in closed session, Irvin said.
Interviews are also scheduled for 5 p.m. on Thursday; 11:45 a.m. on Friday; 11:45 a.m. Tuesday and 11:45 a.m. Thursday, March 15.

Irvin said that after the interviews the board hopes to further narrow the field to the top two before making a final decision. Irvin said they would not reveal the names of the candidates because at least one has asked that his name remain confidential until the final selection.
“We hope to have the final selection completed as soon as possible after the interviews,” Irvin said.
The hospital has been operating with an acting management team of three since they fired the former administrator in November.