

weather
report

62°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:01 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:44 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:02 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 50 degrees
• Humidity 53 percent
• Sky partly cloudy
• Winds north 24 mph
• Barometer 30.04 inches
and rising
• Record High 81° (1967)
• Record Low 4° (1965)

Last 24 Hours*

High 68°
Low 35°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy with areas of fog, 30 percent chance of showers turning to snow late, low 25-30, north-east wind 20-30 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy with areas of fog, 20 percent chance of showers, high mid 30s, low 25-30, southeast wind 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: dry, high 40-50. Monday: chance of rain, high 50s, low 25-35. Tuesday: chance of rain, high 55-65, low 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.70 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.56
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.86 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.76
Loan deficiency payment — 23¢
Milo — \$2.97 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.80 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.72
Loan deficiency payment — 1.18¢
Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.40 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.14
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.

Space station
falls to earth

NADI, Fiji — The Mir space station finished its 15-year voyage Friday in a shower of fireballs, its wreckage streaking through the atmosphere and plunging into a watery grave in the South Pacific. Russian controllers shook hands and congratulated each other on the successful demise of the space station that had been the glory of their space program. Russian and Australian officials said the downing of the aging Mir went perfectly, hitting within an ocean target area hundreds of miles from any land. “The event is over and no one is crying,” said Yuri Koptev at Russian Mission Control outside Moscow.

Four fragments from the disintegrating station flashed above the palm trees and beaches of Fiji like white balls of fire, with a swarm of smaller debris in their wake. The debris illuminated the evening sky.

In the still of the night



Linda Pfau was serenaded by the young men of the X-Pressos, singing “In The Still of the Night,” at Thursday’s Farm-City banquet. Over 400 people attended the banquet, where Ralph Duell, a Sherman

County farmer, was named Ag Person of the Year. A story and more pictures will run next week.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

School board:

Board president says district needs to find quality teachers

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Dick Short, president of the Goodland School Board, said he filed for reelection because the board needs members with experience.

Short, 55, said there are so many things the board is trying to do and needs to do and education changes so fast that it’s important to have people on the board that are knowledgeable.

“I think we have a really good board and need to try to get better at what we

do,” he said. “I think we need to continue to be on top of changes that are going to come.”

One challenge Short said he has as a school board member is finding quality teachers to take jobs in Goodland.

“We have to aggressively pursue quality teachers to replace those who are getting close to retirement age,” he said.



Dick Short

Short said he has lived in Goodland all his life, except for when he went to college at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina. After he graduated, he said, he taught at Goodland High School for awhile in the early 1970s.

Short and his wife, Sarah, who teaches family and consumer science at Goodland High School, have three

grown children, Amy, Angie and Andy.

He is the president of Short and Son Trucking and Century Feeders.

Short said he wants to improve education and school facilities.

“I’ve always tried to do what’s best for kids,” he said, adding that his present goal for the school board is the remodeling of the science rooms at the high school.

“I would like to see that through,” he said.

But, he added, the school district needs to continue updating its facilities.

In the Goodland School Board election to take place April 3, there are three candidates who have filed for the three open positions.

They are Dick Short and Mike Campbell, both of Goodland, and Ron Schilling of Edson.

Short and Campbell are currently serving on the board. Schilling has served previously and is running again.

Short has served on the school board since 1982, after he was appointed to fill the seat of Charlie Bray, a former Goodland resident who was elected but couldn’t serve because he had taken another job out of town.

Short is vice president of the board of directors for Region Nine of the Kansas Association of School Boards.

“I think we have a good school system,” Short said. “I’m proud of our teachers and I think we have some tremendous kids here in Goodland.”

Incumbent says he will help
keep school district on top

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Mike Campbell, running for a third term on the Goodland School Board, said he believes Goodland has one of the best school districts in western Kansas.

“I think the public is happy,” he said, “and I think the public wants to see this continue.”

But, he said, it wasn’t always that way.

In the past eight years, Campbell said, the board has improved education and student achievement by assigning different grade levels to the city’s three elementary schools to reduce competition, lowering class size, emphasizing reading in first and second grade, increasing teachers’ salaries, buying high-tech computers and equipment and by doing strategic planning and curriculum alignment.

Campbell said when he was first elected, the district had \$25,000 saved for building improvements, but now, thanks to the board’s efforts, has over \$1 million.

The board saved up for five years, he said, to make a down payment on the Max Jones Fieldhouse Addition—a \$1 million project the district paid off this year.

Campbell said if he is elected to another term he wants to keep the district’s financial reserves in place so it can pay for school improvements with cash on hand. Of course, he’s almost guaranteed another term.

Campbell is one of three candidates, includ-

ing incumbent Dick Short, board president, looking to fill three open seats on the board. With incumbent Gerald Franklin deciding not to run, all three are likely to be elected.

Campbell, 50, lives in Goodland with his wife Nancy and son Stuart, a high school senior. The couple has three other children, Kyle, 24, Katie, 21, and Casey, 19.

When Campbell began his first term he had four children in the Goodland School District, but next year he won’t have any. He said he doesn’t think it will affect his performance.

“Not having a child in school has no impact,” he said, “on my ability to analyze school operations, my knowledge of financial management or my good judgment as a member of the board.”

As district director of the Farm Service Agency, Campbell said, he is responsible for supervising and evaluating all county executive directors and farm loan managers in northwest Kansas.

He said his day job, which requires him to be trained in financial management and analysis, public administration and personnel management, helps him when he’s making a decision that concerns the school board.

Campbell, also a member of the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center board of directors in Oakley, said he’s not afraid to ask questions, because that’s his job.

“I think I am responsible for knowing the operations of the school district,” he said, “and asking questions about the operation.”



M. Campbell

Farmer says school should
teach reading, math early

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Ron Schilling, a farmer and rancher near Edson, said he decided to run again for a seat on the Goodland School Board because there are issues he wants to follow up.

Schilling, 41, served on the school board from 1995 to 1999, before losing his position to Eric Grey in 1999.

Schilling said he has lived in the Goodland area for 31 years, serving on the Sherman County Extension Board for 10 years and the Kansas Extension Advisory Board for four years.

His wife, Marsha, works part-time for Mr. Jim’s His Shop and Mann’s Jewelry, while helping with the farming and ranching.

The Schillings have three sons, Cash, 20; Chance 16; and Clay, 10.

School issues Schilling said he feels need to be addressed are stressing reading and math scores in the grade schools, increasing the required number of math units from two to four in order for high school students to graduate, offering agriculture classes at the high school and doing a better job of helping students and parents find scholarships and financial aid for higher education.

One policy Schilling said he would like to see changed is the board’s involvement in hiring.

He said the policy now is that the building principal and a group of teachers interview new teachers, with the board approving their decision without ever meeting the new teacher.

“I think at least one board member ought to sit

in on the interview process and then report back to the board if they agree or not on this decision,” he said.

Schilling also talked about extracurricular activities and athletes at the high school.

He said he believes school activities need to be expanded, such as the Science Olympiad, math relays, scholars’ bowl, music and art.

“Every student ought to have an opportunity to excel in something,” he said.

Schilling said student athletes need to maintain a high grade point average and be good citizens.

“I feel if they can’t keep their grades up or behave whether in or outside of school,” he said, “then they don’t need to represent our school or our community.”

Schilling said he feels the board needs to hear from students, teachers and parents on all issues, so the board members can make informed decisions.

“I feel we have a good school system and I’m proud to be from Goodland,” he said,” but we can always strive to do better.”

Schilling said people should vote for him because he doesn’t beat around the bush. “I tell people exactly what I think whether they like it or not,” he said. “I try to stay consistent in my decision making and I try to listen to both sides of every issue.”

“I believe students come first,” he added. “That’s what schools are there for. We should strive to make education better for students.”

Trunk
reveals
treasure

Troopers found about \$100,000 vacuum-sealed in a plastic bag and wrapped in newspapers from Jamaica in the trunk of a Washington, D.C. man’s car Thursday night, after pulling him over a mile east of Goodland for swerving on the road.

At 8:10 p.m., Lt. Kevin Winston reportedly pulled over Robert Barnes on Interstate 70 for failure to maintain a single lane. The trooper reported that the man seemed nervous and said he was driving to Las Vegas to gamble.

The report says Lt. Winston found the money in the trunk’s wheel well compartment after Barnes agreed to have his car searched. A trained dog from Colby, the report says, helped sniff out the money.

The report said the money had not been counted. No more information was available Friday morning.

A traffic stop earlier in the day about 10 miles east of Colby yielded about \$270,000 when troopers pulled over an Arizona man for a registration violation and confiscated the money after he and his friend acted suspiciously.

Hector Campas, 59, of Douglas, Ariz., was stopped at 5:35 p.m. on Interstate 70. He and his passenger, Debra Urquijo, 43, also of Arizona, began to act suspiciously and refused consent for the trooper to search their vehicle.

Scott Sitton, a Colby police officer, and a drug-sniffing dog found a black duffle bag with an estimated \$270,000 in the trunk. Neither Campas nor his passenger were willing to claim the money and were released.