

weather report

67°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:59 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:27 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:00 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 28 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds north 27-35 mph
- Barometer 30.04 inches and rising
- Record High 97° (1939)
- Record Low 30° (1939)

Last 24 Hours*

High 59°
Low 36°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 35-40, northwest wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, high 70-75, low 35-40, northwest wind 20-30 mph and gusty.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: dry, high 65-70. Friday: dry, high 70s, low 40s. Saturday: dry, high 70s, low upper 40s to low 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

- Current wheat — \$2.75 bushel
 - New wheat — \$2.77 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.79
 - Corn — \$1.72 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.66
 - Loan deficiency payment — 33¢
 - Milo — \$2.80 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$3.89 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.85
 - Loan deficiency payment — \$1.05
 - Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$6.85 cwt.
 - Oil new crop — \$5.90 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency prmt. — \$2.96
 - Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$14 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, 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.

New tire recall dwarfs last one

WASHINGTON — Ford Motor Co. plans to replace up to 13 million Firestone tires on its vehicles in a campaign that dwarfs last summer's massive tire recall by Bridgestone/Firestone Inc.

Rep. Billy Tauzin disclosed the number today after meeting with Ford chief executive Jacques Nasser. Tauzin, R-La., chairman of the House Commerce Committee, said the effort would cost Ford up to \$3 billion and take nine months.

Customers will be able to return tires covered by the recall to Ford dealers and get replacements. Further details were to be discussed by Ford at a news conference at 5 p.m. Eastern Time today.

Tauzin said Nasser provided statistics from Ford studies that found Firestone Wilderness AT tires not included in the recall failed at a rate of 15 per million tires — three times the industry rate.

Economic group shares plans

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City commissioners listened to a report from the city's economic development committee at Monday night's meeting, but made no promises on how much money they would give the Chamber-backed effort.

Stephen West, chairman of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce and head of the Economic Development Committee, presented a budget showing how a \$50,000 contribution would be spent and went over a list of projects

the committee has been working on.

West said the committee's efforts include bringing a grocery store to Goodland, helping Barker Farm Services in relocating from Brewster to Goodland, preparing community information for prospective businesses and industries, assisting with transportation for a fertilizer plant to be built on 19th Street by the railroad tracks and working with SkyCo Air Service, owned by Mike Skyler, to supply air service to Goodland.

West, who is president of Western State Bank, said the committee appreciated the \$30,000 that

the city gave them last year for economic development and wondered if they would consider giving them \$50,000 it has budgeted for this year.

Mayor Tom Rohr said he wanted to keep the \$50,000 in a reserve fund and use it if new businesses needed improvements such as in sewer lines or streets.

Commissioner Chuck Lutters said he just wanted to be able to let taxpayers know where the money was spent, since it was their money.

West said he would see that the commissioners got a copy of the committee's quarterly financial

report on what's been spent.

"We're trying to be responsible with our money," he said, "as there's not a lot to go around, as you know."

Commissioner Curtis Hurd said he thought the city had promised the money to the effort.

He said they wouldn't need a reserve if they didn't have any new businesses coming in. He added that the city could support the committee and use bonds for improvements, if it was neces-

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A worker from Lafarge Corp. rolled the first three inches of pavement Thursday south of the new hangars at Renner Field. The project is part of an upgrade which includes two new private hangars and a new taxiway out to the crosswind runway.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Daily News

Airport abuzz with work

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The concrete foundation and floor have been poured for one of the new hangars at Goodland's Renner Field, and Thursday Lafarge Corp., a worldwide construction firm that recently acquired Andrews Sand and Gravel of Burlington, was paving the apron area around the hangars and out to the new taxiway.

Darin Neufeld, of Evans, Bierley and Hutchinson Associates, the engineering firm overseeing the project for the city, said the paving was the first three inches of the six inches to be laid by Lafarge at a cost of \$28,744. He said the hangar owners are paying for

the paving in front of their buildings, but he did not know how much.

He said Lafarge also paved the new street around Steever Water Park. Neufeld said there is more paving at the airport, to be done under another contract with Grasser Construction of Stratton, Colo.

That includes a new taxiway out to the crosswind runway and aprons in front of some existing hangars. This contract was approved earlier for \$63,347.

Grasser also is the contractor working on the new county landfill southwest of the city.

A new hangar being built by Miller Construction is for Dan Barker's fly-

ing service, a spraying operation relocating from the Brewster area.

Neufeld said a hanger to the east is to be built by Mark Bantam, and there is room for another to the west. To accommodate the new hangars, the city installed a sewer line, and Allied Construction did the work at a cost of \$29,000.

Electrical lines are being installed by the city crews, and there was an existing city water line near the buildings.

Mike Miller, owner of Miller Construction, said the concrete would have to cure for a few weeks before they begin erecting the hangars themselves.

Television brings lawmakers here

Rep. Moran to talk about farm bill

U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran and three House Agriculture Committee leaders will appear on the Northwest Kansas Technical College campus Wednesday to hear opinions on the next farm bill.

You won't be able to shake the lawmakers' hands, however, because they'll be holding the 90-minute farm bill forum via interactive television. The technical college has the equipment at its Murray Center, where farmers and anyone else can gather for the meeting, starting at 6:30 a.m. Mountain Time.

Congressman Moran, who represents the 1st District, will be joined by Texas Republican Larry Combest, the House Agriculture Committee chairman; Texas Democrat Charles Stenholm, ranking minority member on the panel; and Rep. Frank Lucas, an Oklahoma Republican.

Kansans can participate at one of eight sites across the western and central part of the state.

The Murray Center is on Eustis Ave. between 13th and 15th, directly east of the student union.

Hospital board OKs clinic review

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

An outside review of the operations of the Rural Health Ventures clinic was approved by the Goodland Regional Medical Center board at a special meeting Monday evening.

In his first meeting with the hospital board as administrator Jay Jolly recommended the board approve a proposal from Via Christi Medical Management of Wichita to do the assessment.

Jolly said he had reviewed proposals submitted at the April 23 board meeting, and told the board that he and Andy Laue, financial officer, and Mary Ann Elliott, clinic department head, felt they needed to ask Via Christi to submit a third proposal.

Jolly said the review will include patient accounting operation, staffing assignments, analysis of the fee schedule, productivity based on comparison with other clinics, and a review of the physician pay formula.

Elliott said the company expects to

spend three days at the clinic, hopefully in the middle of June.

She said the Rural Health Ventures board had reviewed the proposal and voted to recommend its approval to the hospital board.

Jolly said the \$17,250 price tag was lower than the first proposal, but felt this was something worth doing and as soon as possible.

The Via Christi proposal says that once the visit is completed it will take three to four weeks to complete the project, and they would then present the results to the hospital board.

Board member Pete Whalen made the motion to approve, saying it was something that needs to be done. Artie Showalter seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

The board went into closed session to discuss personnel matters. No further action was taken.

The regular board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Monday, June 4, in the new conference room at the hospital.

Grad story continues today

A story titled "Successful alumnus gives grads tips," on the front page of Monday's edition of *The Goodland Daily News* did not continue on Page 7 as it was supposed to.

The remainder of the article is on

Page 7 of today's paper, under the headline, "Speaker tells grads to believe in self."

The information was inadvertently omitted from Monday's newspaper.

School counselor calls class fun and unique

By Eric Yonkey

The Goodland Daily News

Fourteen students graduated from Brewster High School on Sunday.

In the absence of the invited speaker, professional football player Tinker Keck, who grew up in Goodland, school counselor Ward Cassidy told several jokes before saying that the Brewster Class of 2001 is "a fun, fun, unique group."

Cassidy, who has been an educator for 31 years and is a former principal of St. Francis Community High School, said it's tough being a kid, especially in a world of few good role models.

"Where do you get morals and beliefs?," he asked. "It all begins at home, but is also a responsibility of educators,

the church and community. In one survey, parents were asked if they wanted 'a good kid, a good student or a good athlete'."

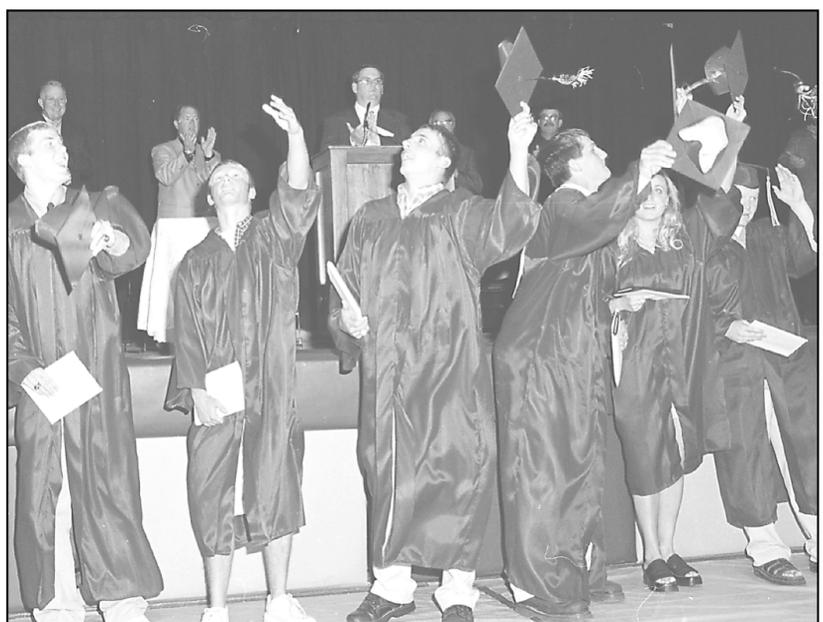
Cassidy said he was shocked how many placed either sports or academic performance ahead of a child's character.

"If you have a good kid," he said, "then you have a good chance for a good student or a good athlete."

He encouraged all parents to love their kids, and teach them values at home as early and as frequent as possible.

Superintendent James Garner, who will be leaving the district after seven

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Brewster High Class of 2001 graduates tossed their hats in celebration, having just received their diplomas. Shown (from left) are P.J. Crumbaker, Travis Dixon, Clint Horinek, Justin Jamison, Nicole Johnston and Shalon Miller.

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