

weather report

89°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:37 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:09 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil Temperature 76 degrees
• Humidity 46 percent
• Sky partly cloudy
• Winds south 11 mph
• Barometer 29.98 inches and falling
• Record High 109° (1939)
• Record Low 52° (1988)

Last 24 Hours*

High 97°
Low 67°
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 65, west wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high 95-100, low 65, southeast wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: dry, high 95-105. Tuesday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90s, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.68 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.59
Corn — \$1.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.89
Loan deficiency pmt. — 10¢
Milo — \$3.13 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.54 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.52
Loan deficiency payment — 40¢
Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.30 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$7.00
Loan deficiency pmt. — 96¢
Confection current — no bid
Pinto beans — \$16
(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.

World leaders combat AIDS

GENOA, Italy — Leaders of the world's largest industrial countries agreed today to create a new global fund to combat AIDS and said the right policies are in place to avert a worldwide recession.

The opening of the summit was marred by violent protests. Police reported one demonstrator was killed.

As President Bush and the other summit leaders gathered for their talks in an historic palace, police used tear gas, water cannons and batons to battle the demonstrators, who tried to breach a security perimeter.

At a late afternoon news conference, Italian Premier Silvio Berlusconi proudly announced creation of the new global health fund, with initial pledges of support of \$1 billion from the United States and other wealthy donors.

City to raise taxes 7.5 percent

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The cost of operating Steever Water Park, which opened in May, and proposed changes at the Goodland airport have forced city officials to increase property taxes by about 7.5 percent next year.

This means that business owners and individuals who own property in Goodland can expect to spend more money on taxes next year even if the value of their property has not increased.

With expected increases in property values in the city, Goodland taxpayers will pay a total of

about \$127,000 more in taxes to the city next year.

The Goodland City Commission held at least four budget workshops last week and another Monday to project a city budget for next year. The 2002 budget has been finalized by the commissioners and they will talk about approving it at the meeting on Monday, Aug. 6. Residents can ask questions or complain at a public hearing at 5 p.m.

The budget divides money for all areas included in maintaining the city. The general fund is the main account, typically holds the most money and is the account the city levies money for. It pays for such things as police protection, the fire department, expenses of city government, the airport, Steever Water Park and other city-owned parks.

City Clerk Mary Volk said when completing the budget, officials consider the amount of money the city will spend and the amount it will take in. That tells them, she said, how much money the city needs to raise by the mill levy in order to pay for everything in the general fund.

One mill is equal to one tenth of a cent, which means if the mill levy were one mill property owners would pay \$1 for every \$1,000 worth of property. For example, a person with a \$100,000 house would pay \$100 in taxes. As the mill levy

increases, property owners pay more taxes on the property they own.

A house appraised at \$100,000, however, isn't worth \$100,000 in the city's eyes.

An appraiser first determines the value of property, whether it be land, a building or a vehicle. Then, the assessed value of the property is figured depending on how it is used and where it is located.

The same \$100,000 house in a residential area would have an assessed value of \$11,500. If the

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Landfill, prisoners discussed

County holds four special meetings

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County commissioners are trying for a new special meeting record as they had their fourth special meeting of the week Thursday afternoon to discuss additional dirt work at the new landfill.

The commissioners met Monday afternoon in a special session prior to the joint city/county work session held Monday evening, and held a follow up special session meeting Wednesday morning, where they received a letter from the city asking the county to pay for repairs at the fairgrounds.

At Thursday's special meeting, the commissioners discussed bids on additional dirt work to be done at the new county landfill southwest of Goodland.

There were two bids with one from Grasser Const., of Stratton, Colo. for \$4,461 and a bid from Mitch Tiede Terracing for \$4,238.

Commissioner Tiede, owner of Tiede Terracing, declared a conflict of interest and left the room. Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld made a motion to accept the lower bid from Tiede and Commissioner Kevin Rasure seconded it. The motion passed 2-0 with Tiede absent.

Curt Way, road and bridge supervisor, said this additional work was not figured in the original contract, and needs to be done as soon as possible. He said the liner construction done by Grasser has gone faster than expected.

The dirt will act as a cover to protect the liner and prepare the pit for use. Way said fencing is the next step, and the landfill could be opened earlier than first thought, in late August or early September.

At Wednesday's special meeting, the commissioners looked at the list of items from the Monday joint work session. The county commissioners were willing to increase funding for the city/county recreation program, but felt they would stay with the \$14,000 amount being requested by the Goodland Library.

At the joint work session, the city had asked if a charge could be added to ambulance bills when the city fire department has to respond to calls outside the city. City Manager Ron Pickman said such calls cost the city about \$100, and that last year there were 58 calls outside the city.

City Commissioner Chuck Lutters had suggested there could be some cross training of rural firemen so they could handle these calls.

The county commissioners said they would look at it, and agreed the training may be part of the answer.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said state officials found no way for the county to charge people through the ambulance service.

"They said they did not know of anyone doing this," Rumpel said. "They said it was considered just part of the cost of providing the protection."

On the question of the city/county recreation program, the county commissioners seemed in agreement to in-

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Animal passion



Garrett Taylor, 6, used a bottle to feed his bucket calf breakfast at the Taylor family farm about 3 1/2 miles east of Goodland. While the family loves their cows and steers, they have a passion for pigs and spend summers traveling to livestock shows around the state. Ryan Taylor,

10, a member of the Prairie Dale 4-H club, will enter four pigs into the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair this year. His brother Garrett will show his bucket calf in pre-4-H.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

They visit pigpen instead of beach

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Ryan Taylor, a member of the Prairie Dale 4-H club, says he and his family have a passion for pigs.

Instead of going camping or taking a trip to the beach, the 10-year-old, his parents Terry and Shari, and his younger brother Garrett spend their summers traveling to livestock shows around the state. Shari Taylor said the family has been to six shows so far this year.

"Forget camping out. We camp in the pig pen," Ryan Taylor told his 4-H group earlier this year in a speech he called, "Passion for Pigs."

"Forget the beaches. We get wet on the wash racks. Forget seeing the sights; traveling with our pigs, we have seen parts of several states that we probably wouldn't have otherwise."

Ryan has been a member of 4-H for four years and has participated in the annual Northwest Kansas District Free Fair each year. This year, the fair will run from Monday, Aug. 6, to Saturday, Aug. 11 at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

The youngster said he plans to make entries in the wood working, market swine, market steer, breeding heifer and boys' buymanship classes.

While Ryan said he works hard at his other projects, his favorite is his pigs. He spends lots of time each day feeding, washing, watering and play-

ing with them.

He names each one, too. Foxy, Puddles, Lover, Midnight and Goofy are Ryan's gilts. He said he can only enter four in the fair, and Goofy is the best showmanship pig, while Midnight is his best pig in the conformation class. Showmanship refers to how well a pig is trained and responds to its owner, and conformation refers to how well the animal conforms to aesthetic standards.

Goofy is well-behaved, Ryan said, while Midnight is his best-looking pig. He said the ideal pig is 5 1/2 to 7 months old at show time and has eye appeal, which means the animal is long-bodied, heavily-muscled and lean.

Ryan, who lives on his family's farm about 3 1/2 miles east of Goodland, said his day begins about 7 a.m., when he goes out to the pig pen to rub sunscreen and conditioner on the animals.

Ryan said he puts sunscreen on the white pigs so they won't get sunburned and uses conditioner to keep all of the oinkers' hair and skin soft.

He said he wets the pigs down every hour using sprinklers attached to the metal fences surrounding the pens, adding that he has to turn the sprinklers on more often when summer temperatures climb high.

"A couple of days ago, I had to do it

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Ryan Taylor, whose gilt "Jag" won the Reserve Champion overall ribbon at the fair last year, stood in front of the pigpen at his family's farm. He spends lots of time caring for his pigs.