

weather report

91°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:01 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:46 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:00 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil Temperature 74 degrees

• Humidity 40 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds southwest 18 mph

• Barometer 29.93 inches

and rising

• Record High 104° (1963)

• Record Low 43° (1925)

Last 24 Hours*

High 96°

Low 66°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, low 65-70,

south wind 10-20 mph. Tomorrow:

Partly cloudy, 30-60 percent chance

of thunderstorms, high middle 80s,

low 60.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: chance of thunder-

storms, high 80s. Friday and Satur-

day: dry, high 90s, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.62 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.51

Corn — \$2.04 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.89

Loan deficiency pmt. — 10¢

Milo — \$3.29 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.74 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.41

Loan deficiency payment — 51¢

Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.50 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$7.30 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.32

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.

House may stop cloning

WASHINGTON — Pushed to action by rapidly advancing science, the House began dealing today with the problem of how to prohibit human cloning without stifling scientists' ability to find cures for Alzheimer's, diabetes and other diseases.

"We are sailing into uncharted waters," Rep. Louise Slaughter, D-N.Y. said as the House began what was expected to be several hours of debate. "Our decision here today could have consequences for years to come."

"If we stifle our nation's research efforts, patients will suffer as well," Slaughter said.

But Rep. Sue Myrick, R-N.C., responded, "It's wrong to create human embryo clones, even for scientific research."

Today's action places Congress in the center of stem cell debates.

Group works to make a difference

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Schylar Goodwin said one reason he decided to move back to his hometown is that Goodland's a place where one person can make a difference. That's exactly what he intends to do.

The 26-year-old moved here from Denver, where he worked for three years after college in Dallas, in late May. He says he wanted to escape the traffic and crowds in the big city.

He said he plans to stay in Goodland for a long time, maybe forever, but it didn't take him long to start working toward ways to make the city better.

The 1993 Goodland High School graduate has big plans for the future of this small town, including building a 110,000 square foot, \$3 million com-

munity center/sports arena behind the Comfort Inn on K-27. He has smaller, cheaper ideas, too, for making the city more attractive and helping young people here.

Goodwin said he's determined to see his plans through and it's no use telling him he can't, because that just fuels his drive.

"One thing that motivates me the most," he said, "is someone coming up to me and saying, 'that's impossible.'"

Goodwin, whose parents own Bankwest, where he is the community development officer and software developer, said he wants to help make Goodland attractive to young families and businesses. While Sherman County's population is slowly growing smaller, Goodwin's thinking is that if

you build it, they will come.

He realizes he can't do it all alone, and that's where the Goodland Development Corp. comes in. The group, which has eight members and is growing, was Goodwin's idea, but now he said he just thinks of himself as another member.

The corporation, which meets every Tuesday night at 6:30 p.m. at Bowladium Lanes on Caldwell, is working with the Regional Prevention Center to start a Big Brothers and Big Sisters program for Sherman County, wants to revive the "Junk Parade" to clean up the town, plans to help the Tree City U.S.A. organization and wants to be affiliated with America's Promise,

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Motto describes purpose

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland Development Corp. says its motto is "Don't worry about the horse being blind, just load the wagon."

It may sound a little strange, but members say it describes their purpose. The recently formed eight-member group wants to make changes in town, some big and some small, and they have faith their plans will come together.

Schylar Goodwin, who formed the group, said members have identified

problems they see in Goodland and have come up with solutions which they will work on. He said they're not interested in having long discussions about the problems or listening to reasons why it's impossible to find a solution.

"It's just taking those extra couple of steps," he said, "to get from a problem to a solution. We are actively pursuing things."

Those include:

• Working with Cris Lovington,

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Board accepts new bid

District decides it will cool school

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board opened a second round of mechanical bids Friday for remodeling of the high school and accepted the lower of the two.

Board members Ron Schilling, Eric Gray, Kathy Russell, Mike Campbell, Ben Duell and President Dick Short gathered at the district office at noon for the fourth special meeting dealing with the mechanical bids so far.

At earlier meetings, the board had accepted a tentative bid from Petersen Mechanical of Great Bend, only to find the actual bid was not what they had approved. Two attempts to meet with the firm failed and the board decided to rebid that part of the job.

Two bids were received Friday morning, one from DEN Mechanical and the second from Don Vaughn, both from Wichita.

The base bid from DEN was \$308,500, which includes all the piping, plumbing, and heating. The base bid from Vaughn was \$284,992.

Both were asked to bid on two alternates which included adding air conditioning to the science classrooms and two additional classrooms on that end of the building.

DEN's bid on the alternates was \$52,377 for all air conditioning and \$15,819 for the heating of the two additional classrooms. Vaughn's was \$26,361 for heating and air conditioning the five rooms, and \$35,850 to add heat and air conditioning to the two classrooms.

With confusion on the alternates, engineer Dave Alstead, who was representing Glenn Strait, district architect, and Superintendent Marvin Selby called both bidders for clarification.

While Alstead was making his calls, the board looked at the start dates and completion dates of the two bidders. DEN said they would start within 20 calendar days and be able to complete the work in 140 calendar days. Vaughn's bid said they would be able to start within 30 days and be able to complete the work within 60-90 days.

Board members figured the project would be done by Christmas with the one contractor and maybe Thanksgiving with the other.

Board members totaled all the bids and alternates, which brought DEN to \$376,000 and Vaughn to \$374,203.

"We need to get this done as quickly as possible," said Kathy Russell, board member. "They will be teaching science without a lab, and that is tough for the teachers and the students."

Mike Miller, general contractor for the remodeling project, said he felt all the other subcontractors were doing well, and that they would be able to complete the remodeling about the same time as the mechanical work.

Selby and Alstead returned and ex-

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Participants in the annual Yarden Tour visited Dennis and Dorothy Bentzinger's back yard on Sunday, getting ideas and tips for their own gardens. The Bentzinger yard features a pond, bridge and flower and vegetable gardens, which they built and grew.

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Gardeners flock to Yarden

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

They talked about the benefits of peat moss, sheep manure and shredded newspaper; examined marigolds, dragon begonias and a patch of snow-storm; and discussed hail, rain and wind.

They were captivated.

Sixty-five gardeners paid \$5 Sunday afternoon to tour six exceptional yards and gardens in and near Goodland. Participants met at Rasure Lumber Do-It Center, which organizes the annual Yarden Tour, broke up into small groups and drove to stops on the tour.

Hosts led the groups around their gardens and yards, sharing secrets, giving advice and answering questions. It was greek to a novice, but everyone appreciated the scenery.

"This is undoubtedly the best tour I've ever been on," said Threse Armstrong, an eighth-grade math teacher who gardens in her spare time. "It's just awesome. The gardens are awesome."

Armstrong, who said she's been on the tour three times, was standing behind Dennis and Dorothy Bentzinger's home a mile west of town. The Bentzingers have worked hard to build a piece of heaven in their back yard.

The couple's yard, which they built and grew themselves, features a pond filled with fish and covered with lily



A dahlia grew up the side of Dennis and Dorothy Bentzinger's home, one of six stops on the annual Yarden Tour on Sunday.

pads. A bridge spans the pond, connecting gazebos that Dennis Bentzinger, a welder, built. Nozzles attached to the gazebos sprayed a light mist to cool the hot air.

Paths led tour participants past yellow, red and white flowers; metal

porch swings that Dennis built; statues and other yard decorations; and vegetables growing in the back.

Dorothy Bentzinger said they started digging the pond two summers

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Road projects on time

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

Despite a two-day delay due to rain, Venture Corp. expects to complete paving Cherry Ave. by late August.

The construction on Cherry will provide a more direct route to downtown Goodland and a more beautiful entrance to the city, but has vexed business owners and managers whose operations are nearly inaccessible.

Businesses south of the tracks which have been hurt include Pizza Hut, Dollar General, Grass Roots, Custom Paint Works and Ag Marketing Concepts. The work will not be finished before the all-school reunion this weekend, said City Manager Ron Pickman, but should still be done by the end of the month.

The manager said he would be working with the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors' Bureau to provide maps to help the returning alumni to find their way around Goodland with the street closed.

He said he had hoped to avoid having construction on Cherry at the same time as the railroad viaduct on K-27 is closed, but a communication error with the state resulted in poor timing.

"We are stuck with the situation now," he said, "and can only try to make the best of it."

The work on the viaduct, concrete pads at either end tied into the bridge itself, will provide a smoother transition from the road to the bridge.

Donna Binning, construction engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation, said the work on the viaduct is progressing well. They will be pouring concrete this week, she said, and will need about two to three weeks to complete the job.

Pickman said he had talked to Darin Neufeld, engineer with EBH and Associates of Goodland, and was told that the work on Cherry is still on schedule. The contractor is expecting to pour concrete this week, Pickman said.

They were delayed for two days putting in the fly ash for the subgrade because of rain, he said, but crews made up for the delay by working Saturday. Once the fly ash is down, Pickman said, rain will help the project because the ash needs to be wet to harden.

Pickman said motorists have been driving on the new section of road connecting Cherry and Business U.S. 24, which is closed and has not been paved yet. There was a detour west to Caldwell south of the tracks, but that has been closed. He said those drivers are breaking the law by ignoring the barricades and are delaying the project by damaging the new road bed. Anyone caught driving on the new road will be ticketed, he said.

The manager said motorists are ignoring barrels at the Cherry railroad crossing and driving over the controllers for the railroad crossing arms. If the controllers break, he said, the crossing will have to be closed again for repairs, which could further delay the project.

Workers poured more curbs on Friday, he said.

"They know how important it is to get the road done," said Pickman.