

weather report

90°  
at noon

Today

• Sunset, 8:00 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:47 a.m.  
• Sunset, 7:59 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 74 degrees  
• Humidity 44 percent  
• Sky mostly sunny  
• Winds north 10 mph  
• Barometer 30.17 inches and steady  
• Record High 107° (1938)  
• Record Low 45° (1995)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 96°  
Low 64°  
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 65-70, southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 95-100, low 65-70, southwest wind 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday: dry, high 90-100, low mid 60s to lower 70s.

(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.62 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.53  
Corn — \$2.00 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.91  
Loan deficiency payment — 8¢  
Milo — \$3.22 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.68 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.50  
Loan deficiency payment — 42¢  
Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$8.65 cwt.  
Oil new crop — \$7.45 cwt.  
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.32  
Confection current — no bid  
Pinto beans — \$16 (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.

Mourners protest deaths

NABLUS, West Bank — Thousands of mourners, some firing guns, poured into the streets of Nablus in a funeral procession today for eight Palestinians killed in an Israeli helicopter raid.

The crowd surrounded the bodies as they were removed from the Nablus hospital and carried through the streets on stretchers, covered with Palestinian flags. Women and children screamed and cried. Many waved green flags of the radical Palestinian group Hamas, whose offices were the target of Tuesday's assault.

"We will not stop our uprising," Anan al-Atiri, spokeswoman for the Fatah movement of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat. "I think the coming days will be worse than before."

Mass Palestinian funerals have been commonplace during the 10 months of Mideast violence.

# Thousands of alumni to invade city

## Association president predicts about 4,000 will be returning to hometown

By Sharon Corcoran  
*The Goodland Daily News*

Heads up, Goodland! With 4,000 to 4,500 alumni planning to come from out of town to the all-school reunion, nearly doubling the size of Goodland for the weekend, the city will be invaded!

Area merchants will likely see a windfall of sales and area alumni can enjoy the fun and festivities with classmates they may not have seen since the last reunion five years ago.

**2001**  
*Reunion Odyssey*

The motels are all full for this weekend, Alumni Association President Barb Whisler said, with only two openings having been made available through cancellations this week. Even those rooms may be full again by now, she said.

The merchants downtown are ready,

Whisler said, and have even painted their windows to welcome the alumni. Many long-time Goodland residents are looking forward to seeing their children's friends return for the reunion.

The activities start at 8 a.m. Thursday with a golf tournament teeing off at the Sugar Hills Country Club.

Friday's activities start at 7:30 a.m. with the Alumni Run starting at the Goodland Activity Center and the golf tournament continuing at 8 a.m.. There

will be an open house at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall at 3 p.m. Friday, which will give alumni the chance to meet with others from their own and other classes.

A square dance will be held from 7:30-10 p.m. that evening at Marie Edwards' hall at 2431 Walnut in Goodland while a dance with a deejay will be held from 8-midnight at the fairgrounds.

A reunion assembly will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Max Jones

Fieldhouse, featuring humor, singing and the Honor Court.

An alumni/teacher mixer will be held from 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, giving all former and present teachers of Goodland High School the opportunity to talk to their former students and catch up on where they've gone and who they've become.

Alumni and the public are welcome at the Northwest Kansas District Free

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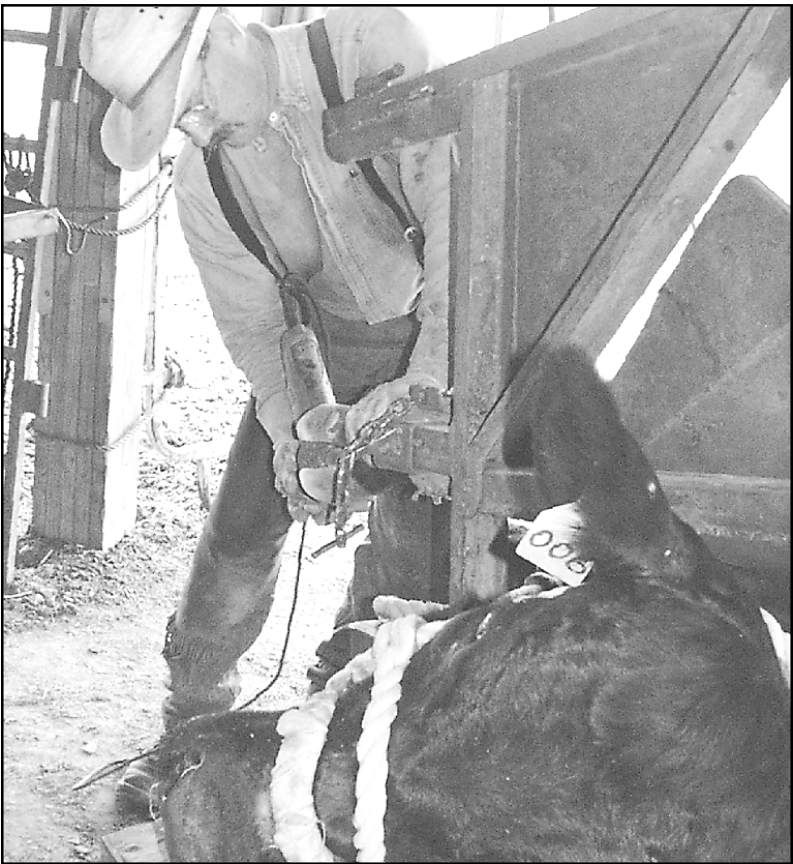


## A Steer Pedicure?

Getting ready for the Sherman County Fair, coming next week, includes getting the hoofs of the show steers clipped and sanded. Howard Feldman of Junction City went to Schilling's Ranch south of Edson and spent the day clipping and sanding hoofs on about 60 head of cattle from Thomas and Sherman counties. Chance Schilling handled the scheduling and assisted Feldman in strapping each animal into the special harness, which lays the animal down so the hoofs can be easily

trimmed and sanded. Once the hoofs have been finished, Clay Schilling painted each with turpentine to help with healing. Chance said they have Feldman come to the ranch three to four times a year to keep their bulls and steers ready for shows they travel to. He arrived about sun-up on a Saturday, and worked until 7:30 p.m. The pedicures took less than 15 minutes per animal from the time they were led into the chute until they were released.

Photos by Tom Betz  
The Goodland Daily News



## Budget changes tighten schools' financial belt

By Tom Betz  
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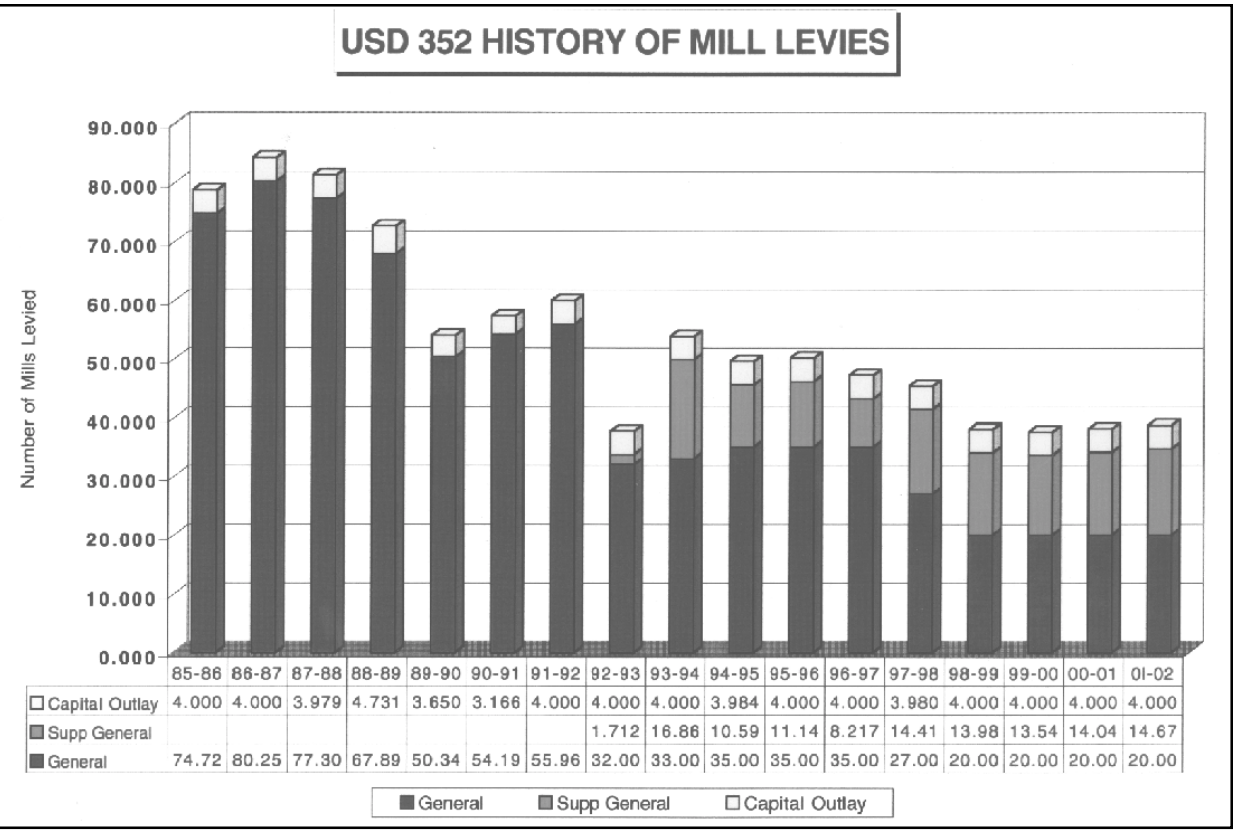
The Goodland School District's financial belt got a bit tighter Friday after the board accepted a mechanical bid for the remodeling at the high school and reviewed the details of next year's budget.

The board went over the budget, which includes a proposed increase in the local property tax levy .63 of a mill, from 14.04 mills to 14.67 mills, or about 4.5 percent.

Some board members questioned whether they could vote for the increase, but the budget hearing won't be until 7 p.m. Monday, Aug. 13, at the district office.

The members accepted a bid of \$311,353 from Don Vaughn of Wichita for the mechanical portion of the remodeling at the high school. With extras for air conditioning and heating, that will come to about \$70,000 more than the district had expected.

When asked where the money would come from, Superintendent Marvin Selby said it would have to come out of the capital outlay fund,



State support (General) for the Goodland District has been dropping over the past 17 years, and the district began using the Local Option Budget (Supp.-General) in 1992. It has grown over the past 10 years. The Capital Outlay Fund levy has changed by small amounts, but has remained at 4 mills or just below.

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## Ranch, nature united

### Group encourages land management

By Heather Clark  
*Associated Press Writer*

QUEMADO, N.M. — Jim Williams, who works the same New Mexico ranch where he was born 57 years ago, admits he doesn't like change.

But like many other ranchers in the West, Williams is rethinking how he runs his ranch in order to preserve his livelihood while minimizing damage to the environment.

"I can't sit here and ranch like I did or like my dad did in 1945," he said.

Facing lagging beef prices and strict limits on grazing on U.S. Forest Service land, ranchers are finding nontraditional ways — new land management techniques, production of organic foods and tourism — to preserve their cowboy way of life.

And since 1997, the Santa Fe-based Quivira Coalition has brought environmentalists and ranchers together to show that economically and ecologically sustainable ranches are possible. Quivira has four projects in New Mexico and plans several more in New Mexico and Arizona.

On a recent afternoon at Williams' ranch, bird watchers counted species along a creek, a specialist worked on structures that would help return a stream to its natural flow and a logger cleared juniper and pinon trees that crowd out native grasses.

Williams began making changes on his ranch after ranchers and local government officials lost a lawsuit against the Forest Service. For Williams, that meant no more year-round grazing on about 14,000 acres of public land.

With the land off-limits for 2 1/2 months each year, Williams worried he'd be forced to reduce his herd or maybe even sell his ranch.

The price of beef has translated into tough times for ranchers. Beef is selling for 85 to 90 cents per pound, about the same price it brought in 1978.

Williams was initially skeptical about the Quivira Coalition, but in 1998 he agreed to let experts come to his ranch and teach him new land management methods.

Quivira calls its style of land management the New Ranch: a place with a variety of tall grasses, abundant wildlife and healthy streams. The land can better withstand droughts and has fewer problems with runoff or erosion.

Jim Winder, a Quivira co-founder and rancher, said the group also advocates managing the time when cattle feed to give grasses time to recover from grazing.

"What we try to do is fit the grazing in with nature," Winder said.

Williams was persuaded to try a complex grazing system that mimics bison migration patterns. His 275 cattle, kept together in a single group, were moved to a new section of the ranch every few weeks. Within a year, the land had improved, Williams said.

Winder said some ranchers using Quivira's methods have doubled the amount of beef produced per acre. Most ranchers can expect at least a 25 percent increase in production, he said.

Despite some ranchers' success with the new techniques, many are wary of Quivira.