

weather report

58°
at noon

Today
• Sunset, 6:17 p.m.

Tomorrow
• Sunrise, 6:53 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil Temperature 66 degrees
• Humidity 35 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds north 20-27
• Barometer 30.13 inches and rising
• Record High 88° (1962)
• Record Low 25° (1958)

Last 24 Hours*
High 78°
Low 48°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast
Tonight: clear, low upper 30s, wind southwest 5-10. Tomorrow: sunny, high 70s, low 40s, wind southwest 5-10.

Extended Forecast
Friday and Saturday: cloudy, chance of rain, high 50s, low 30s.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
Wheat — \$2.52 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.44
Loan deficiency payment — 1¢
Corn — \$2.01 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.79
Loan deficiency payment — 20¢
Milo — \$1.69 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.79 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.84
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.08
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.30 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.54
Confection current — \$13/\$6 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$20 (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

Americans win for economics

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Three Americans won the Nobel prize for economics today for research into how the control of information influences everything from used car sales to the recent boom and collapse in high-tech stocks.

George A. Akerlof, 61, of the University of California at Berkeley; A. Michael Spence, 58, of Stanford University; and Joseph E. Stiglitz, 58, of Columbia University will share the \$943,000 award.

The laureates laid the foundation in the 1970s for a general theory about how players with differing amounts of information affect a wide range of markets.

Research into “asymmetric information” gave economists a way to measure the risks, for example, faced by a lender who lacked information about a borrower’s creditworthiness.

Rowdy kids run stadium

By Rachel Miscal
The Goodland Daily News

Kids running around the bleachers, playing football and roughhousing during football games at Cowboy Stadium are distracting the home crowd and scaring visitors, Superintendent Marvin Selby told the Goodland School Board on Monday.

Board members, principals and administrators talked about how to control the rowdy youngsters at the regular meeting.

They considered inserting guidelines for parents in football programs and announcing before the game that children must sit down or leave.

Everyone agreed that it is a growing problem, but said they’re not sure what should or can be done about it. The board didn’t decide on a solution, and the superintendent and principals said they would talk more about it this week. The next home football game is at 6:30 p.m. on Friday.

Superintendent Selby said visitors have complained that they are afraid to go to the concession stand behind the bleachers because of the dozens of children throwing footballs, wrestling, yelling and running around the bleachers.

Dick Liess, high school athletic director, said the district can’t hire a person to control the youngsters because no one is willing to do the job. He said it’s hard enough finding people to work the ticket booth.

Selby said the duty falls on the shoulders of school principals, who are harassed by children and parents. Three principals usually try to keep the children in check during home games, he said, but don’t have much luck.

At a recent game, Selby said, one of the principals tried to break up a football game by taking away the ball, but was accosted by a parent, who grabbed him by the shirt and told him to give the ball back. He said most of the youngsters are elementary and junior high students who aren’t interested in watching the high school game.

Selby said the children are the district’s responsibility when they are on school property. Principals said some parents drop their children off at the football game while they go out for the night.

“Up to this point we’ve been lucky no one has been hurt,” said Steve Raymer, North Elementary principal.

Jim Mull, Grant Junior High principal, said the district should set guidelines and enforce them, adding that parents and children need to recognize the problem.

“We need to change the whole mind set,” he said, noting that parents think it’s OK to allow their children to run around during the game. “The kids can be social in a supervised area.”

Selby suggested writing a letter to parents. Mike Campbell, a board member, said parents of rowdy children should be banned from the stadium.

“If they need to bring kids and let them do that, then they don’t need to come,” he said.

Member Ben Duell and Liess said that would reduce profits from the games. Liess said at football games in Phillipsburg and Concordia, they announce before the game that children must sit down or leave.

Member Eric Gray suggested the names of parents with disruptive children be announced and that the district insert rules of etiquette into the football program.

While no solution was reached at the meeting, Mull said they can get a handle on the problem.

“If we work together, we can take care of this problem,” he said.

Elevated fire



Smoke billowed out of the headhouse of the Sigco Sun elevator in Edson about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday. A stuck bearing in the main elevator leg inside caused the fire, which kept firefighters busy until about 4:30 p.m.

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Blazing sunflowers char plant

By Sharon Corcoran
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Smoldering sunflowers in the Sigco Sun grain elevator in Edson kept firefighters from three departments busy for over four hours Tuesday before the last of the fire was finally put out about 4:30 p.m.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson and Deputy Robert Lamb arrived at 12:42 p.m., with the rural fire department minutes later. Lamb said the fire, reported as smoldering seeds, had used the housing around the conveyor leg as a chimney. He said it was roaring and shaking by the time he arrived.

Fireman Roger Studer climbed the outside ladder on the elevator to get to the top of the headhouse, where the fire had spread. Studer said he couldn’t use the man lift because the power had to be shut off.

Later, firemen were able to use the lift to haul equipment and men to the top, however.

When he arrived, said firefighter Chris Bauman, the blaze was getting hotter and hotter by the minute. He went into the headhouse first, Bauman said, but was forced out and the men had to work from the bottom of the fire first.

The smoke was so bad, he said, that they couldn’t see what they were doing and had trouble moving around with their breathing equipment.

Whitson said the fire began when a bearing got stuck in the pulley on the main lift shaft inside the elevator. The lift shaft picks grain up, he said, lifts it to the headhouse and puts it into



Brandon Sparks, a senior at Goodland High School, served water Tuesday to some of the firemen who spent the afternoon putting out smoldering sunflowers at the Sigco Sun elevator in Edson.

chutes which lead to the storage tubes in the elevator. When the bearing caught fire, the sheriff said, the pulley lifted it to the top of the elevator, taking the fire with it.

Rural Fire Chief Ken Griffith said there were many hot spots that were hard to get to.

Water doesn’t penetrate grain well, so is not effective alone in putting out a fire in grain. Firefighters used foam, City Fire Chief Jensen said, that penetrated the sunflowers and sealed the

fire so it couldn’t get any oxygen.

Firefighters had to pull a hose to the top of the elevator on the outside to fight the fire from the top.

As firefighters sprayed foam in the main leg of the elevator, small pieces of foam floated through the air like dozens of plastic bags tossed out of a window. Water hit the ventilator in the top of the elevator, causing mud and pieces of sunflowers to rain from the sky.

At about 2:45 p.m., firefighters no-

ticed smoke coming from the top of the far west silo and worried that the fire had transferred there. The silo is ordinarily used to store tilling, or waste, but was empty.

The rural fire department called the Brewster Fire Department for backup at about 1:25 p.m. and the Goodland City Fire Department at 1:42 p.m. The Kanorado Fire Department was called at 1:55 p.m. for standby, then was sent

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Idea to double districts scrapped; playoff proposal on table

By Rachel Miscal
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The Goodland School Board supported a proposal last year to double the number of teams in high school football districts because it would make scheduling games easier, but the idea has been pushed aside by the state.

A new proposal is on the table to have two teams from each of the current four-team football districts advance to the playoffs every sea-

son instead of one, and board members said Monday that they would support that, too.

Dick Liess, high school athletic director, told board members at the meeting that after taking comments from school boards and superintendents, the Kansas State High School Activities Association has decided against switching from four-team to eight-team districts.

The change would have meant seven of each team’s nine regular season games would count

toward qualifying for the playoffs, since teams would have to play each district member. Currently, teams play only three district games each season, leaving athletic directors to schedule the other six games.

A year ago, Liess told the board he liked the idea because it would help him find opponents and allow the Goodland Cowboys to play more teams from schools their size.

It’s hard to schedule games because smaller

schools around Goodland don’t want to face the Cowboys, he said, plus Sherman County is in the Mountain Time Zone, which means Goodland is an hour behind most districts in Kansas.

Football games are scheduled two years in advance, and Liess said without the switch, he didn’t know if he’d be able to fill the Cowboy’s game schedule this year. However, he told the school

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