

**weather report**

95°

at noon



**Today**

• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 5:29 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 79 degrees
- Humidity 26 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds variable 3 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.19 inches and falling
- Record High 105° (1938)
- Record Low 45° (1959)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High 97°  
Low 58°  
Precipitation none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low mid 60s, winds northeast 5 - 15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high lower 90s, low upper 50s, winds northeast 10-20 m.p.h.

**Extended Forecast**

Thursday: mostly sunny, high lower 90s, low upper 50s. Friday - Monday, mostly clear, highs 95-100, lows 65-70.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**



**Noon**

- Wheat — \$3.20 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.03
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.14 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.08
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$1.80 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.86 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.97
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$4.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$10.95 cwt.
- NuSun — \$11.10 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Confection current — inquire
- Pinto beans — \$27

(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.

**Bush calls for crackdown**

NEW YORK — President Bush called for stiff new penalties for corporate criminals and a crackdown on boardroom scandals today, promising in a speech on Wall Street that his administration would "end the days of cooking the books, shading the truth and breaking our laws."

Confronting a wave of corporate wrongdoing that has undermined investor confidence and threatened political damage to the White House, Bush said, "We will use the full weight of the law to expose and root out corruption." He proposed doubling the maximum prison term for mail fraud and wire fraud to 10 years and strengthening laws criminalizing document shredding and other forms of obstruction of justice.

The president announced a new task force for the pursuit and prosecution of corporate criminals.

## S&T office building on schedule

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The newest addition to downtown Goodland, S&T Communication's new office building, is right on schedule.

Rhodes Construction is doing the work, said Gary Slough, marketing and sales manager for the company, and they are right where they should be or maybe a little ahead.

Work started on the building at the northwest corner of 14th Street and Main at the end of April, and the floors and basement are poured and the interior frame is mostly finished. The building should be finished by early fall, Slough said.

The first floor will have 6,000 square feet, Slough said, and the building has 6,000 feet of basement. When it is done, he said, the office will have a sales floor, a commercial production room, and cabling for the firm's services.

The company, based in Brewster, is a subsidiary of S & T Telephone, a cooperative owned by its customers. It will offer local and long distance telephone service, Internet and digital subscriber line connections and cable television.

The sales room will display telephones, computers, and whatever else the company decides to sell, Slough said. In the production room, the company will put together television ads to put on its cable system.

The basement doesn't have a specific use right now, Slough said, but it will probably be used for storage and as a storm shelter.

"We're pretty flexible with the basement right now," he said. "It will give us room to expand."

The switches for the telephone system will be kept in a room with brick walls, Slough said, which the company calls the vault.

"We want to keep them in a heavily-built room," Slough said, "to protect them from storms, so service doesn't go out."

The company can't start service until the switches are installed, Slough said, but the building doesn't have to be completely finished to put them in.

Workers from MasTec of Shelvin, Minn., started installing connections to Goodland houses in April, and there are now about five crews working all over Goodland, Slough said.

To put in a connection at a house, workers use a boring rig in an alley at the edge of the property line. They tunnel a hole for cable, which is pushed through the ground, until it comes out at a hole crews have dug by the house. Workers say they use this method so they don't have to dig up



Joe Ginn (top picture, left) and his brother Ed added bricks to a wall of the vault at S&T Communication's new office building Monday at 14th and Main. Jerrod Phillips (left picture) cut pieces of plywood at the site. A sign in front of the future building (above) promises that the company is "coming soon."

Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

the entire yard.

Some people will start to get service in the fall, Slough said, but because the work is done in sections, others may not

get any until next year.

"It is still a long-term project," he said.

Up to 10 people will work at the of-

ice, Slough said, and several technicians will be based there. The company is also building an office in Colby.

"We are very excited to be doing

this," Slough said. "People in the community have really been receptive to us. We are going to be a local provider for these services."

## City working to keep expenses down in slim budget

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The theme at this year's city budget workshop seems to be, "don't spend any money unless it's absolutely necessary."

City Manager Ron Pickman chanted the phrase like a mantra throughout the meeting Monday night. He told the city commissioners that revenues in almost every department have dropped this year, while expenses keep going up. All the commissioners were at the meeting

except for Rick Billinger.

Pickman and the city staff put together a draft budget for the commissioners to review, based on reports from department heads. Pickman said he told the departments to keep requests for next year the same as this year or even lower.

"Most of them were pretty good about it," Pickman said. "I'll help out the others, and we'll get them down a little."

In the proposed budget, money has

been set aside to buy new equipment and supplies, but just because it is there, Pickman said, doesn't mean it has to be spent.

"We'll hold off on buying anything as long as we possible can," he said. "We have money set aside in case we have to use it, but if we don't have to, we won't."

Interest rates on the city's investments dropped this year, Pickman said, to under 2 percent, down from 5 percent a few years ago. Still, he said, any in-

terest is better than none.

"We can't earn anything on it if we've already spent it," Pickman said.

Even though money is tight, there are a few projects which need to be worked on, Pickman said. Many city buildings need maintenance, he said, including the City Administration Building on 11th Street.

The commissioners agreed that it is important to maintain buildings before the damage gets too bad.

"Once you get behind," Commis-

sioner Chuck Lutters said, "it really hurts you. You need to keep up on things like that."

City buildings also need some extra security, Pickman said, especially the administration building, which also houses the police department.

"People walk through here all the time," Pickman said. "Some of them have no business being where they are. It's too open."

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## Rollover near Brewster kills one, injures three

An Illinois man was thrown out and killed, and his wife and two children with them were hurt when their van rolled near Brewster Monday.

The Kansas Highway Patrol said the victim, Bernard W. Nelson, 53, Lemont, Ill., was not wearing his seat belt.

Troopers said his wife, Carrole L. Nelson, 52, was driving a 2000 Ford van east on I-70 two miles east of Brewster and lost control of the vehicle, which was towing a trailer. The van rolled over and stopped in the ditch on the south side of the interstate.

Bernard Nelson was dead at the scene, the patrol reported. Two other passengers, 9-year-olds Rebecca Nelson and Christy Birch, were treated and later released at Citizens Medical Center in Colby.

Carrole Nelson was admitted for observation.

All passengers survivors were wearing seatbelts, the patrol said.



Troopers viewed the wreckage and interviewed witnesses Monday at the scene of a one-vehicle rollover near Brewster that left one man dead and three people injured.

Photo by Darrel Patillo/Colby Free Press

## Burn ban extended

Sherman County commissioners this morning extended the countywide burn ban for another seven days because there has not been any rain.

"I think this will be a weekly motion until we get some real rain," said Commissioner Mitch Tiede, "and that does not look to be anytime soon."

The ban, which covers all open burning, was put into effect on June 28 at the request of Rural Fire Chief Kenneth Griffith.

"It looks like we came through the Fourth without any major problems," Tiede said. "So far the people seem to be cooperating with the ban, and we appreciate that."