

**weather report**

**92°  
at noon**



**Today**

• Sunset, 7:52 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 5:54 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:51 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 82 degrees
- Humidity 31 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southeast 21-24 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.16 inches and falling
- Record High 108° (1934)
- Record Low 46° (1939)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High 95°  
Low 63°  
Precipitation none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: partly cloudy with 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, low mid 60s, winds south 10-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high lower 90s, low near 60, winds north 10-20 m.p.h.

**Extended Forecast**

Saturday: mostly sunny, high upper 80s, low upper 50s. Sunday: mostly clear, high lower 90s. Monday: mostly clear, high lower 90s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$3.55 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.46
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.31 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.24
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$1.98 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.96 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.00
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$7.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil/NuSun — \$12.05 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Confection current — inquire
- Pinto beans — \$25

(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.**

**Attack doesn't affect leader**

VALLEDUPAR, Colombia — Colombia's new president, undaunted by a mortar attack that killed 17 people in the capital during his inauguration, urged Colombians today to put aside fear and work together for peace.

"We must overcome fear," Alvaro Uribe told townspeople in Valledupar as hundreds of soldiers stood guard. "We do that by everybody getting involved."

Uribe has proposed that 1 million Colombians become informants for government security forces, using government-provided radios to report rebel activities.

Asked by a reporter if he felt vulnerable after the attack, Uribe said: "The country is vulnerable. That's why we started this fight."

The death toll from Wednesday's attack rose overnight to 17 after three people died.

## People warned not to water lawns

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

After city commissioners restricted lawn watering on Monday, Goodland police officers gave out about 20 warnings to people illegally watering lawns Wednesday, and they are handing out more this morning.

Many people aren't happy about the restrictions — including one of the city commissioners and the Northwest Kansas Technical College — and neighbors have been turning each other in for violating the new water rules.

The new watering restrictions went into effect Tuesday afternoon, but the city didn't start enforcing them until Wednesday. The first time the rules are broken, the resident gets a warning. After that, fines will be given, first \$100, and \$200 each time after.

After learning the city used 93 million gallons in July, the most in the city's history, watering times were cut to 6 to 9 a.m. and 7 to 10 p.m., and no more than three hours a day and six hours a week. Homes with even-numbered addresses can water on Monday and Thursday, and odd-numbered homes on Tuesday and Friday. Trees, flowers and vegetable gardens can be watered any day during the set watering hours.

Lawns can't be watered on Wednesdays or during the weekend, and officers were on patrol Wednesday, looking for violators.

One woman, who didn't want to give her name, said she received a warning while she was out Wednesday. When she came home, she said, she found her hose turned off and a note attached to

her door telling her she could only water during authorized hours.

Many people called in to report neighbors or others they saw watering, City Manager Ron Pickman said.

"Most of the people who got warnings were called in by people driving by," Pickman said. "A lot of people have been calling in."

Not everyone is happy about the new policy, he said, especially some of the people who were warned.

"Quite a number of them complained," he said, "and some of them weren't very nice about it."

This morning, Grant Junior High School was caught watering between 9 and 10 a.m., and an officer gave a warning to the school district. City Commis-

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## Park fountain could have running water next year

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The Chambers Park fountain could be gushing water by next summer — something most people in Goodland have never seen.

City Manager Ron Pickman said it will cost about \$1,000 to install a new 225-gallon tank and pump that would allow the fountain to use the same 225 gallons of water over and over.

If profits from an annual celebra-

tion held at Chambers Park this month cover the cost, Pickman said, the project could be finished by winter and the fountain could be running next summer.

The city hasn't turned on the fountain in the past, he said, because it wastes too much water and energy.

Pickman said turning the fountain on now is like turning on a huge faucet and letting it run. He estimated the

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## Two vie to haul city trash

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland residents may soon have a new company picking up their garbage.

Two companies submitted bids to contract the city's trash service and buy its equipment at a Goodland City Commission meeting Monday, one for \$380,000 and the other for \$409,370.

The city asked the two firms interested in taking over the city's trash, U.S. Waste Industries of Colorado Springs and C.E.K.K. Co. of Goodland, to submit formal bids.

U.S. Waste Industries offered to pay more for the city's equipment and said rates won't change, but isn't offering the city any money to pay for billing, while the Goodland company offered less up front and would raise rates, but offered to pay the city 3 percent of its revenues for billing.

C.E.K.K. offered \$380,000 for the city's equipment and asked for a five-year exclusive contract. Randy Toppliff, the company's representative, said they would charge customers \$14.90 per month for collection, plus a \$4 tipping fee. The tipping fee would be adjusted monthly, the proposal said, to take into account transportation costs and whatever fee the landfill is charging.

The trash would be taken to either the Sherman County landfill or to Waste Connections in Garden City. Any non-hazardous trash could be put into dumpsters, Toppliff said, and yard waste be handled the same way the city does now. There would be a minimum charge of \$20 for special pickups.

The company hopes to build a transfer station within city limits, and service could start 90 days after a contract is signed and they have building permits.

The city would handle the billing through its existing system, and Toppliff said his company would pay the city 3 percent of any money collected.

U.S. Waste Industries offered \$409,370 over 10 years at eight percent interest, and wants a 10-year contract. They said prices would stay the same as they are now, \$10 per month plus a \$3.25 tipping fee. All non-hazardous trash, including lawn waste, could be put in the dumpsters, said Dave Sanders, the company's financial officer, and special pickups would not change.

The trash would be hauled to a landfill the firm owns in Colorado Springs, and they will build a transfer station in Goodland. The city would handle billing, and the Colorado company wants to be paid \$576,299 per year to pick up trash, what the city spends now to do it. Service can start in October if a transfer station is built by then, Sanders said.

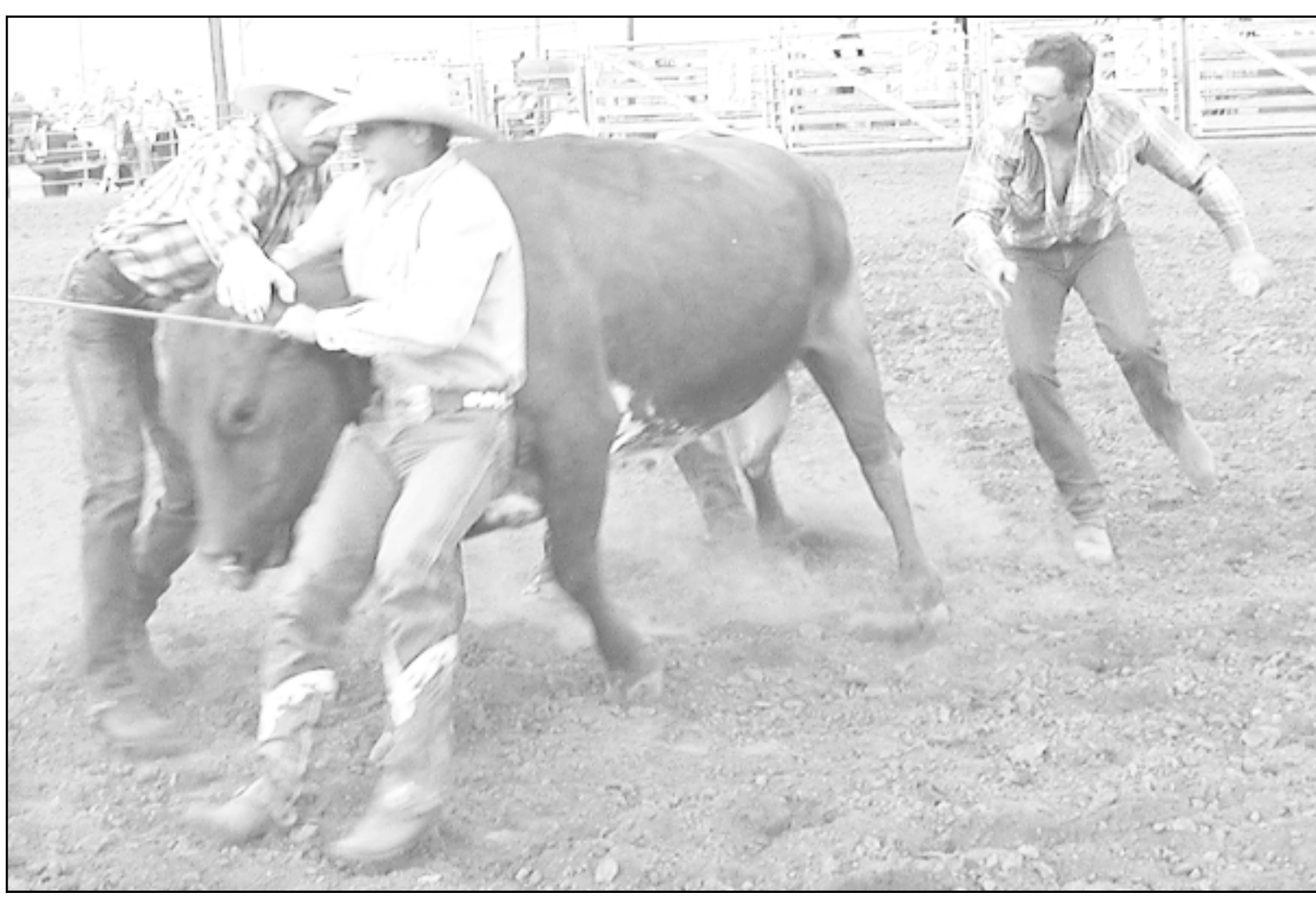
Commissioner Rick Billinger asked why the city should contract out its service.

"I don't think these companies would make proposals unless they could make money," he said.

Mayor Tom Rohr told him that costs were getting higher every year, and the city was going to have a hard time breaking even.

"If it's going to cost more for us, and

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## Cows, pigs spotlight of fair

Members of the Partners team (above) tried to steady a wild cow during the milking competition at the fair Ranch Rodeo Wednesday. The team finished second overall with members Lester Cress of Brewster, Greg Comfort and Alan Jones of Colby, Jay Todd of Rexford and Blake Nichols. In the Catch-It-Pig contest held Wednesday, Jace Mossberger (left) tackled his pig, and was able to wriggle it into a burlap sack to be one of five winners.

Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

## Fair schedule

The Northwest Kansas District Free Fair ends Saturday at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. Today's events include the beef show and Family Fun Night starting at 5 p.m. Here's the schedule:

TODAY		SATURDAY	
8 a.m. Beef show	1 p.m. Round robin showmanship	8:30 a.m. Projects released	9 a.m. Registration for Tri-State Royal livestock show and antique tractor pull
3 p.m. Cookie jar judging	5 p.m. Hot dog feed	1 p.m. Tri-State Royal and Antique tractor pull	7 p.m. Modified tractor pull
6 p.m. Family Fun night	8 a.m. Registration for livestock judging		

## Rain comes, but not enough to end burn ban

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

For the sixth time in as many weeks, the Sherman County commissioners voted unanimously Tuesday to extend the countywide burn ban for another seven days.

Showers over the weekend were not enough to dampen the dry conditions, and with few chances for rain in the forecast this week, the commissioners felt it was necessary to extend the burn ban. State law requires the ban to be reviewed every seven days.

The commissioners approved allowing county employees to take off Friday afternoon to attend the fair, and all county offices will close at noon on Friday.

Dorendo Harrel, head of the county Health Department, talked to the commissioners about staffing changes she was planning to make. Harrel said she

is going to ask the state to take back four of the nine counties the department has been handling for the Women, Infant and Children program. Rhea Daise, who has handled the program, is taking a leave of absence. The four they will be giving up are Cheyenne, Rawlins, Decatur and Trego.

Another staff member, Irma Benavides, is transferring to the sheriff's department and Ramona Kashka is taking a medical leave of absence, Harrel said. She is planning to add a day for Carol Guyer, a part-time nurse, to cover the office.

The commissioners agreed to the changes.

Following a closed door session which lasted over an hour, the commissioners approved a 3.37 percent raise for Crystal Linsner, who is handling the Household Hazardous Waste program for the county.

During the session, County Clerk Janet Rumpel was called in by the commissioners along with Linsner.

When they returned to open session, Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld made a motion to raise Linsner to \$12.25 per hour and to do away with the computer manager job as a separate position. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kevin Rasure and the vote was unanimous with Commissioner Mitch Tiede voting in favor.

Frankenfeld said that Linsner will handle the Household Hazardous Waste along with her duties as a payroll clerk and computer manager.

Commissioner Tiede made a motion to pay weed control manager Daryl West \$100 a month out of the sewer district fund for handling the inspection duties of the sewer ponds at Northern Sun. Frankenfeld seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Both actions are to be effective Aug. 1.

County Treasurer Shelby Miller talked to the commissioners about her staffing and asked to hire a part-time person to help with sales tax distributions. The commissioners agreed.

Miller said she is contacting the people who purchased property in the recent tax sale to let them know that the 2001 property taxes were not included in the sale. She said this may cause some confusion, and could cause some people's names to be published in the delinquent tax list.

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Friday to canvass the election ballots, and to review the preliminary figures on the budget for next year. They will consider a lease with Kendall Cooper for a building to temporarily house the Household Hazardous Waste program.