



Odd addresses can water lawns today.

Odd addresses can water Monday, Thursday, even Tuesday, Friday, for three hours each day. No watering on Wednesdays and weekends.

THURSDAY

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weather report

78°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:24 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:13 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:22 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 71 degrees
• Humidity 49 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds southeast 13 m.p.h.
• Barometer 30.13 inches and falling
• Record High 99° (1954)
• Record Low 48° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

High 81°
Low 62°
Precipitation .22

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: 60 percent chance of thunderstorms, low lower 60s, winds south 10-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny with 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high lower 90s, low lower 60s, winds south 15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: mostly sunny, high mid 90s, low mid 60s. Sunday: partly cloudy, upper 80s. Labor Day: partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms (National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.86 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.81
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.58 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.44
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Milo — \$2.23 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.16 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.07
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Millet — \$15.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$11.35 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$10.75 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
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.

Six terrorists are charged

DETROIT — When federal agents raided a Detroit apartment shortly after Sept. 11, they found three men living in what was essentially a flop house, with no beds and garbage bags full of clothing.

Karim Koubriti, Ahmed Hannan and Farouk Ali-Haimoud were taken into custody and charged with fraud and misuse of visas. At the time, officials said they were really looking for another man whose name appeared on the mailbox. But Wednesday, the three were among six men charged by federal grand juries with conspiring to support Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network.

Candidate won't sweat endorsement

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Republican Tim Shallenburger said Wednesday he's not worried that his gubernatorial campaign doesn't have GOP incumbent Bill Graves' endorsement.

Graves, a moderate, has refused to say whether he'll endorse Shallenburger, a conservative, after he won the Aug. 6 primary.

The two men haven't met face-to-face since the primary. Graves skipped a GOP "unity" breakfast the morning after the election.

"We have our campaign to run. He's got a state to run," Shallenburger told reporters. "I'm sure we'll have an opportunity over the next few days to talk to him."

Meanwhile, Shallenburger and Democratic rival Kathleen Sebelius had different responses about a new State Board of Education member's proposal that the state stop educating the children of illegal immigrants.

Sebelius supports such education, her campaign said.

Shallenburger responded, "Ask me in a week. I have to think about it."

Graves' slowness in announcing whether he will endorse Shallenburger is notable because other moderate Republicans have declared their support, including U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts and U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran.

Roberts called again Wednesday for party unity and said he will try to campaign for the entire GOP ticket.

"There's an overall, overarching goal that Republicans must think if we are to be the party of governance, and that is that we have to be united," Roberts said. Still, Roberts refused to chastise Graves.

Debate dates set

TOPEKA (AP) — The two major gubernatorial candidates, Republican Tim Shallenburger and Democrat Kathleen Sebelius, have agreed to five debates.

The schedule is:
— Sept. 7: Kansas State Fair, Hutchinson.
— Sept. 16: Wichita Rotary Club.

— Oct. 6: Colby Community College.

— Oct. 8: Several suburban Kansas City chambers of commerce.

— Oct. 22: WIBW television, Topeka.

The two campaigns expect to announce Friday the specific times and locations.

Towering flower



Shelby Coons stood next to the tallest sunflower he has ever grown Wednesday in his backyard at 520 E. 16th in Goodland. He said the sunflower is 15 feet tall. Since he is 5 feet, 11 inches, tall, and the sunflower is more than twice his height, it must be close. The flower itself is at least one foot wide.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Enrollment takes slide

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Early enrollment numbers show the Goodland School District has about 50 fewer students this year than it did at the start of last school year, which means less money from the state.

Superintendent Marvin Selby told the school board at a meeting Tuesday that the district has about 10 fewer students this year than anticipated. He said later that 982 students are enrolled — which is actually lower than the real figure because kindergartners are counted as half of a student.

Enrollment has been on a steady decline in Goodland for several years.

School started Monday, and Selby said enrollment numbers will fluctuate as students move in and out of the district. He said an official count for the state will be taken on Tuesday, Sept. 20.

Currently, the superintendent said, the district has 50 fewer students than were counted on Sept. 20 last year, and that figure is not likely to change much. He said the district had estimated it would have about 40 fewer students this year.

Since state aid is tied to enrollment, districts with declining enrollments will get less money from the state each year. But, Selby said, legislators have added components to the school finance law to give low enrollment schools a break.

Schools with declining enrollments, he said, can use enrollment numbers

School meeting

At its meeting Tuesday, the Goodland School Board:

• Learned early enrollment in the Goodland School District is down about 50 students from the start of last year. Story at left.

• Heard fall enrollment at the Northwest Kansas Technical College is down. Story Page 7.

• Heard some people have shown interest in buying the Edson gym. Story to come.

• Decided to let Peoples State Bank use part of the parking lot behind the district administration building for a drive-through window. Story Page 7.

• Evaluated Superintendent Marvin Selby in private and hired new coaches and employees. Story to come.

from the previous year or an average of the current year's numbers and the previous two year's when figuring state aid. Selby said the Goodland district will use the average this year, which will bring in some more state money.

He added that the state gives extra money to districts with low enrollments, which includes many Kansas districts. So, Selby said, even though

the district is down 50 students, its budget won't reflect the big drop.

The district will get less money from the state than it expected, however.

Legislators promised \$20 more per student this year, but Gov. Bill Graves erased that, taking an additional \$7, after hearing that the state will bring in about \$108 million below what it needs to cover its budget. Gov. Graves also cut money for special education.

The district was expecting a base of \$3,890 per student when it figured its budget, which was approved earlier this month, but will now receive only \$3,863. Board members weren't counting on the \$20, however, and set aside extra money in case the increase never came through.

The superintendent did have some good news for the board.

He said schools haven't had to switch to a heat schedule so far this year because the weather has been cooler than it usually is when school starts.

Classrooms without air conditioning can become unbearably hot when temperatures are high, and in the past the district has changed class schedules so students go home before the hottest part of the day.

Air conditioning was installed in some parts of the high school last year, but Selby said the system wasn't working in the new second floor science classrooms on Monday. He said the problem was fixed quickly and the system is working now.

New vote rules to cost county

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

New federal voting regulations are likely to affect the voting process in every county in the country, including Sherman County, County Clerk Janet Rumpel told the county commissioners on Tuesday.

The new rules are being set to avoid another voting debacle like the one during the 2000 election, when no one was sure for awhile whether George

Bush or Al Gore was president. The changes will probably cost Sherman County about \$52,000 and cause election workers to hold the general election in one place.

Rumpel said there will be expenses for new voting equipment in the next two years, and she is planning to have all county voting done at the Veterans of Foreign Wars building, 824 Main, on Nov. 5.

She said state election officials have

said they expect new "fail-safe" voting rules to be sent out by the federal election commission, which would mean a change in the election system and cost Sherman County about \$52,000 for electronic equipment.

"The idea, as they explained it to me, is to have the voter put his ballot into a counter at the polling place, and if there is a problem it can be fixed before the

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Bowlers raise over \$2,000 for kids

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County Big Brothers/Big Sisters Bowl for Kids fund raiser Wednesday night at Bowladium Lanes brought in more than \$2,000.

Michelle Hayden, chapter president and a speech teacher at West Elementary School, said 12 teams showed up

for the event, each with three to five members. Once all the "per-pin" pledges are added up, she said, the total might come up to \$2,500.

Subway provided sandwiches for the bowlers during the night, and 18 Goodland businesses donated door prizes. There were close to 200 items given out, said Bill Hawks, the

chapter's treasurer, and every bowler got something during the night.

The night started off by representatives from Bowladium Lanes, Wal-Mart and The Goodland Daily News rolling out the first balls at 7 p.m. Ten teams started bowling soon after, and

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Rough terrain stops Mississippians from seeing homestead

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

A Mississippi woman made her third trip in 25 years to see the old family homestead near Goodland on Friday, but Norma Williams couldn't get there this time.

The trail is too badly worn, she was told, and the heat from her car could have ignited a grass fire. Even with that disappointment, though, she said she was happy just to learn that the old sod house south of Ruleton was still standing.

Williams said she made her first trip with her husband Archie in 1977 to see the two sod houses. In 1992, she made the journey with her mother, Mildred Chellew Foster.

"It was in pretty bad shape," Williams said, "but there it was, a piece of history standing there looking at us."

This year, Williams was on her way to Denver with her daughter, Melody Scott, and granddaughter, Savannah Scott, of Moss Point, Miss. They knew they would pass through Goodland and Williams said it would be nice if they could look at the old homestead.

"My mother just passed away," Williams said, "and the three of us — three generations of women — would have liked to see it, and honor the spirit of the pioneer women who lived such hard lives on the plains. Especially my grandmother."

In 1992, she said, she got lost looking for the

site, and a nearby property owner, Arthur Johnson, happened to be driving by and showed her how to get there. This time she didn't want to take any chances.

She went to The Goodland Daily News office and asked for help. A reporter tagged along with the family on her last trip, she said, and ended up writing a story. She couldn't remember exactly what year it happened, just sometime between 1985 and 1992, but she was pretty sure it was in November.

The newspaper staff dug through the vault and came up with newspapers from that period. Once they found the story, though, the family realized the article didn't explain exactly where the prop-

erty is.

Reporters called property owners and long-time residents to find out the exact location. Arthur Johnson told them that Gene Davis of Burlington owned the land, but Davis could not be reached.

Long-time Sherman County residents said the sod houses were just south of Ruleton, and a map of the county listing property owners pointed the Williamses in the right direction.

The Davis land starts south of I-70 on County Road 6. Williams and her daughter drove her to the area, and she figured that her memory would

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