



Even 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.

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weather report

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at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:16 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:18 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:15 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil Temperature 75 degrees
- Humidity 43 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southeast 16-23 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.14 inches and falling
- Record High 102° (1947)
- Record Low 34° (1974)

Last 24 Hours*

High 86°
Low 57°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of rain, low mid 60s, winds south 15-35 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny, high lower 90s, low lower 60s, winds south 15-35 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly sunny, high lower 90s, low upper 50s. Friday: partly cloudy and breezy, high lower 90s. Saturday and Sunday: partly cloudy with slight chance of rain.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Students educated for free

Out-of-state students don't pay for school

By The Associated Press

At a time when Kansas taxpayers are scrounging to pay for educating their own students, hundreds of out-of-state students are getting a free education in Kansas schools.

Kansas schools educated about 630 students from the border states of Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado last year, costing Kansas taxpayers an estimated \$2.4 million, The Kansas City Star reported today. The number of out-of-state students this year is not known.

"Our goal is to educate kids, and we don't care where they're from," said Phil Mathews, board president of the Prairie View School District in La Cygne, Kan. His district took in about a dozen Missouri children this year.

The out-of-state students translate into bonus money for the Kansas districts, which get state aid for each student, whether or not they live in Kansas.

"That is ridiculous at a time when we're scraping for every nickel," said state Rep. Ralph Tanner of Baldwin City, chairman of the Kansas House Education Committee.

Students transfer for a variety of reasons. Geography is one — they may live closer to a Kansas school, or parents may work in Kansas and want their children near. Others may believe they'll get a better education in Kansas. And some Kansas border towns are considered the hometown for people who live just across the state line.

"It's not just the money," said Rep. Bill Light of Rolla, Kan., whose local district has accepted Oklahoma students for decades. "We're serving the community."

The ultimate decision to accept transfers rests with the local districts, which typically will say they don't recruit children but will take them if space permits.

Last year one district in northeast Kansas educated 60 Missouri children. Three small districts in the southeast corner of Kansas took in a combined 113 students from Missouri and Oklahoma.

Kansas officials say the districts aren't required to charge tuition for out-of-state students. In northern Kansas, however, one district exchanges students with Nebraska schools through an agreement that includes tuition.

In eastern Kansas, the two Johnson County districts that border Missouri, Shawnee Mission and Blue Valley, have policies against accepting out-of-state students.

The Kansas City, Kan., district occasionally fields requests to enroll Missouri children but normally turns them down.

Neighboring states generally don't accept Kansas students in return. Education officials in Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma and Colorado say districts in those states don't normally accept non-resident students. They would charge tuition if they did, the officials said.

Along the state line south of the Kansas City area, student transfers have sparked a disagreement.

"If Kansas residents knew their tax dollars were being spent to educate out-of-state kids, they wouldn't appreciate it," said Tracy Ewbank, board president of the Miami School District in Amoret, Mo.

Ewbank said his smaller Missouri district constantly loses students to the larger Prairie View School District nearby in Kansas. The transfers cost the Missouri district more than \$100,000 in state aid last year, while the Kansas district took in an estimated \$75,000 from Kansas taxpayers because of the transfers.

"If it was immoral, I wouldn't be doing it," said Prairie View superintendent Ken Stange.



A relaxing Labor Day

Samantha Gutierrez (above), 8, walked down a short hill to a fishing spot Monday at Smoky Gardens Memorial Park. Her uncle, Eugene (left), 12, baited a hook with a worm for her. The Gutierrez family was at the lake enjoying Labor Day, but had no luck catching any fish.

Photos by Doug Stephens
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City trash will affect landfill

If city sells service, revenue will drop

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County Solid Waste Committee met last Tuesday to discuss the city's decision to sell its trash system and what it may mean for the county landfill.

Members agreed that, without the city's trash, which makes up 85 percent of the county's volume, it will be tough to lower the annual trash fee assessed against each county household. They suggested that the county itself might want to take over the city's trash system to keep the volume at the landfill up.

Goodland city commissioners voted 3-1 on Aug. 19 to negotiate with U.S. Waste Industries of Colorado Springs to purchase the city trash equipment and take over citywide trash collection.

The U.S. Waste proposal would not include using the county landfill or transfer station, but rather, the firm would haul city trash to its landfill in Colorado Springs.

County Commissioner Kevin Rasura told the committee that he was interested in hearing what they are thinking about the city decision, and if there is something the county should consider doing.

Attorney Scott Showalter asked what the change would mean to the current county operation. Rasura said it will not change the transfer station operation, as they need to keep that open for the citizens of Sherman County and there is at least one private trash hauler who uses the facility.

"We have to maintain the landfill and transfer station, but it would mean the pit will last longer before we have to dig another one," Rasura said.

"Why don't you take the money out of the slush fund and put in the liner so the people can put everything in the dumpsters?" Richard Hawks asked. "That is the question I hear the most often."

Rasura said there is no slush fund, and the decision not to put in the liner was because it would cost nearly \$400,000 more to install the liner and the methane dispersing equipment that would also be required.

"The money we have in the fund now is to pay for the closing costs of the old city dump, which has the contamination," Rasura said, "and to put aside money for digging a new cell, plus there is a requirement to put money in a fund for the future closing costs of (the new) landfill."

"We felt the cost was high enough without the liner. We can throw more money at the landfill, but that will not solve the problem."

"The main decision was based on what could be done to keep things out of the new landfill which have the potential to contaminate it in the future."

Committee members agreed that it was a city decision whether to contract out the trash business, but it would have an affect on county revenue. Until this year, the county did not receive any money directly from the city for using

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local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.97 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.93
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.58 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.46
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.17 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.75 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.04
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$15.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$11.40 cwt.
- Oil new crop — \$10.80 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.

Congress gets back to work

WASHINGTON — The Senate opened debate today on legislation creating a new Homeland Security Department as White House officials voiced confidence they and Democrats will settle differences over the bill.

Sen. Joseph Lieberman, the chief Senate sponsor, called the measure "the single most important thing we can do now" in building better defenses against terrorism within U.S. borders.

Tom Ridge, the White House homeland security chief, predicted agreement would be reached but warned anew President Bush will not accept a version of the bill pushed by Senate Democrats.

Transfusions may spread virus

By Barnini Chakraborty

Associated Press Writer

ATLANTA — Health officials have identified a new possible target in their fight against West Nile virus as it spreads across the country.

They say a woman may have gotten the virus through blood transfusions, and four people possibly became infected after receiving her organs following her death.

One of the organ recipients has died, and three were hospitalized with symptoms associated with West Nile, although tests to determine if they were

infected with West Nile through the transplants are still being conducted.

"We've known for some time that there is a theoretical possibility that people can get this through blood or organ transplants," said Tom Skinner, a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. "It's highly unusual but it's certainly possible."

American Red Cross spokeswoman Trudy Sullivan acknowledged that no test exists to screen blood for West Nile, but she said the blood supply is safer than ever and anyone showing symp-

oms of the virus would be turned away.

"Yes, the screening process doesn't cover everything, but if you've even got flu-like symptoms, you will be turned away," Sullivan said. "We have a number of different layers of safety."

West Nile infections can be hard to spot, though. Only about 1 percent of those infected show symptoms, with those with weakened immune systems most susceptible, according to the CDC. So far this year, 638 people in 27 states and the District of Columbia have

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Buyers showing interest in old Edson gym

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Superintendent Marvin Selby told the school board last Tuesday that some people have shown interest in buying the Edson gym after it's been advertised for sale in Kansas and Colorado newspapers.

Selby also said the district spent about \$10,000 less for heat and light in the gym last year than it did the year before.

The superintendent said the district has placed ads in *The Goodland Daily*

News, *the Country Advocate*, *The Salina Journal* and *The Denver Post*. Selby said he put in the ad that an appraiser said the best use of the gym would be as a grain storage facility or a warehouse.

The gym, where some junior high sports practices are held, has been appraised at \$28,700.

There has been some interest in the gym, Selby said, but sealed bids aren't due until noon on Friday, Sept. 30. The board is giving bidders two options: either buy the gym outright or buy it and

rent it back to the district for sports practices.

The board tried to sell the gym earlier this year, saying it needed the money in the face of budget problems caused by declining enrollment, but didn't accept any of the offers. The highest offer of \$15,000 was from Tom Simpson and Tom Harrison, owners of TNT Auction.

Members decided to take bids again after hearing complaints about not selling the gym. Member Mike Campbell has suggested the gym would make a

good grain bin and voted against selling it to TNT.

Members for selling it have said it will be too expensive to keep the gym because the water well pump needs to be fixed and the district paid about \$14,500 to heat and light the facility during the 2000-2001 school year.

Selby said the district paid a lot less last year to keep the gym open for sports practices.

He said the district paid Midwest Energy just \$5,471 last school year for gas and electricity.