

weather report

75°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 6:54 p.m.
- Sunrise, 6:31 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:52 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 69 degrees
- Humidity 50 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south 9 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.75 inches and falling
- Record High 99° (1947)
- Record Low 32° (1981)

Last 24 Hours*

- High 83°
- Low 46°
- Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low lower 50s, winds west 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny with 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high upper 70s, low mid 40s, winds northwest 15-35 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly sunny, high mid 70s, low near 50. Friday: partly cloudy, high mid 70s. Saturday: mostly clear, high near 70, low 40s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.29 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.28
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Corn — \$2.64 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.52
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.39 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$4.96 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.16
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$10.65 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.

U.N. to check Iraq facilities

UNITED NATIONS — Under the threat of U.S. military action and pressure from Arab states, Iraq has agreed to admit U.N. weapons inspectors without conditions. But the United States expressed skepticism about Baghdad's willingness to allow a real search for weapons of mass destruction. Secretary of State Colin Powell said today Washington would seek a new U.N. Security Council resolution spelling out the steps Iraq needs to take to meet 11-year old U.N. demands. "We will press for a resolution," Powell said. "If they (the Iraqis) are serious, they will want one." Russia said a new resolution is unnecessary now that inspectors were welcomed back. "I don't think so," Russian Ambassador Sergei Lavrov said when asked if there was a need for a new resolution.

Killer up for parole again next year

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

William Schlicher, a Hoxie native sentenced to life in 1980 for murdering a Sherman County gas station attendant in 1970, was denied parole in June, but will have another chance to be set free in February.

Schlicher, who is being held under medium security at the Norton Correctional Facility, went before the Kansas Parole Board in January. If he had been granted parole he would have been released on Feb. 28, the same date his sentence began almost 23 years ago.

The parole board put off making a

decision on whether to release Schlicher for about five months, waiting for a report from the state Department of Corrections on the convicted killer's psychological condition.

Colene Seidel, parole board administrator, said the results of a psychological evaluation arrived in June and the board decided that month to keep Schlicher behind bars for at least another eight months.

Seidel said the board gave four reasons for denying parole. The serious

nature of the crime, the fact it was a violent crime, the fact Schlicher had been locked up before for other crimes and testimony from people who don't want the inmate released.

The board decides whether to grant parole, Seidel said, and when inmates who aren't released will be eligible again. She said the board could have set Schlicher's next parole hearing up to 10 years in the future, but decided to see him again in January.

The fact the board passed Schlicher for only one year doesn't mean he has a better chance of receiving parole, Seidel said.

"Nobody should read anything into the length of the pass," she said. "It means nothing."

Seidel said people will have a chance to talk to the parole board about Schlicher's case during public comment sessions in December. The board will then meet with the prisoner in January and he could be released in February or sometime after that.

If Schlicher is released, she said, he'll likely be under supervision until he

dies. "For all intensive purposes," Seidel said, "when he leaves the facility he will be on parole for the rest of his life."

She said the board could grant Schlicher an early discharge if he shows exemplary behavior on the outside for at least two years.

"He would have to be totally clean," Seidel said, "no problems whatsoever."

Schlicher has a pretty clean record on the inside, though he was punished in December for breaking a prison rule.

Bill Miskell, spokesman for the De-

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Schlicher

Wanted duo held in Colby

By Michelle Hawkins

The Colby Free Press

Two Utah residents are being held in the Thomas County jail for trying to murder and assaulting a law enforcement officer and are being linked to a murder in Grand Junction, Colo., on Saturday.

A third Utah man who was with the duo as they sped through northwest Kansas on Sunday night, shooting at the officers chasing them, is in the morgue after he apparently shot himself during the chase, which ended outside Logan County.

The three, suspected of stealing guns and a truck and murdering a man in Colorado, had apparently driven east on I-70 from Grand Junction and weren't spotted until they drove through Sherman County. Authorities here reportedly called Thomas County officers to say a stolen car was headed their way.

Ryan Schenck, 26, and Melissa Ricketts, 20, are in jail awaiting the formal filing of charges. Robert Poulsen, 30, was taken to the Logan County Hospital in Oakley where he was pronounced dead.

The crime spree began Friday afternoon when Poulsen, Schenck and Ricketts allegedly broke into a home in Orangeville, Utah, and stole three guns, two compound bows and a Ford F250 truck, said Mesa County Sheriff Riecke Claussen in Grand Junction.

The three suspects allegedly drove east on I-70 into Grand Junction, where they apparently met a man who was later found dead, and ditched the stolen car.

Mesa County Deputy Tanya



Schenck



Ricketts

Brechlin said around 9 p.m. Saturday, deputies found the same truck stolen in Orangeville near the Gunnison River boat ramp in Grand Junction.

Brechlin said a man's body was found near the truck and he had been shot several times. The victim's name isn't being released.

The Mesa County Sheriff's Department found that the victim's car was missing and nationwide bulletin was issued for the vehicle.

Claussen said the victim knew at least one of the three suspects, if not all of them, and had some type of relationship with them.

The three drove down I-70 until authorities in Goodland identified the vehicle as stolen and called Thomas County. The three evaded officers and exited on K-25 in Thomas County where they traveled south and then east on Hwy. 40, shooting from the vehicle at officers in pursuit.

Schenck and Ricketts are being held on suspicion of attempted murder of a law enforcement officer, aggravated assault of a law enforcement officer and possession of stolen property. Mesa County sheriff's investigators flew in Monday to assist in the investigation.

Focus of city session is improving town

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Much of the Goodland City Commission meeting Monday focused on ways to improve Goodland, including helping start a community foundation, installing a driveway at the Carnegie Arts Center and accepting land for a possible historical museum.

Schlyer Goodwin asked the city for about \$692 to help get the Sherman County Community Foundation off the ground. He said he is asking the town's four banks, the county commissioners and the school district for the same amount. Goodwin said he needs \$4,845 to get the organization formed, including putting together bylaws, getting non-profit status and buying a computer and software.

The foundation will eventually give money to help hospitals, economic development, scholarships and help other non-profit groups, he said.

Goodwin also asked that donations from other groups go through the city. The foundation does not yet have non-profit status, he said, so groups which donate won't be able to claim a tax deduction. If the companies donate the money to the city, public organization, they can deduct from their taxes. City Manager Ron Pickman said he didn't see a problem with that, but would have to check with the city attorney.

Commissioner Dean Blume wanted

to know how the group will get money after its startup. Goodwin told him they plan to get grants and will accept donations from businesses and individuals.

"So you won't have to come back so we'll give you more funds?" Blume asked.

"Not unless you want me to," Goodwin said.

Goodwin said once the foundation reaches its goal of \$50 million, the group's services will take a financial burden off of local governments so taxes could be lowered, or money could be spent on other projects.

"That's our goal," Goodwin said. "This initial \$692 will be paid back greatly over the long term."

The commission said they would check with the attorney and talk to Goodwin in two weeks.

The commission continued talking about improving the town when Pickman brought up installing a driveway at the Carnegie Arts Center. The proposed addition would be on the west side of the building, he said, and would connect with a north parking lot now accessible only by an alley.

Five members of the Goodland Arts Council were at the meeting and urged the commission to approve the project.

Pickman said it would cost about \$600 in materials and 30 hours of city

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Curtis Baldwin of Rhodes Construction used a backhoe to smooth out dirt Friday in front of the new S&T Communications office. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

New office building on track

S&T plans to start service in less than two months

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Downtown Goodland's newest building, S&T Communication's new office, should be up and running in less than two months.

The construction is on schedule, said Gary Slough, marketing and sales manager for the company. He isn't willing to set a definite date yet, but said it should be done in a month or two.

The inside sheet-rock was finished Friday, he said, and the texturing should start this week. Crews from Rhodes Construction are almost ready to start on the parking lot, he said.

Work started on the building at the northwest corner of 14th Street and Main at the end of April. 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.

Workers from MasTec of Shelvin, Minn., started install-

ing connections to houses and businesses in April, and there are now about five crews working all over Goodland, Slough said.

The crews are a little ahead of schedule on installing the connections, Slough said, although recent bad weather has slowed them down a little.

"The rains we got in August and this month made the crews stop working for awhile," he said, "but at this point, we don't mind. We can use the rain."

Slough said people who are hooked up will be able to get service in six to eight weeks, when service switches are installed at the office. Not everyone will have connections this year, he said, because the work is done in sections, but the company should be done next year.

The crews will keep connecting buildings until winter weather forces them to stop, Slough said.

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

When it is finished, the sales room will display telephones, computers and whatever else the company de-

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Newspaper wins national awards

The Goodland Daily news has won two awards in national competition, including first place for the best breaking news story in a small daily in the country last year.

The story, by Managing Editor Rachel Miscall, detailed a two-state police chase which ended with the fatal shooting of a 19-year-old Indiana man, Mark Christopher Palmer, by a Kansas state trooper.

The bizarre chase started when Palmer wrecked his car in Burlington, running from the scene and law officers. Before he was shot on I-70 in Sherman County, the young man stole two trucks and a highway patrol cruiser, wrecked six vehicles and a boat, injured a deputy and allegedly tried to steal a trooper's gun.

Miscall also won two state awards for coverage of the chase. She won second place in news writing and investigative writing in the Kansas Press

Association's annual statewide contest. "Excellent well-written story and photos of an extremely dangerous chase," was the national judge's comment.

Steve Haynes, president and co-owner of Nor'West, said no one could remember the last time the newspaper had won a national award. The firm operates two daily newspapers, a twice-weekly and three weeklies in northwest Kansas.

Along with the first-place award, The Daily News received second place in the best sports feature story category and The St. Francis Herald took second for best sports photo. The winners were announced at the National Newspaper Association's annual convention in Portland, Ore., last week.

The judges reviewed more than 2,800 entries from newspapers across the nation and 402 awards were presented to 166 newspapers. The Daily News was judged with daily newspa-

pers under 10,000 circulation and The Herald with weeklies under 3,000 circulation.

The sports award was for a story Miscall wrote on former Goodland High School player Jayci Stone, called "Trials of a Girl Quarterback."

The judge said about the quarterback story, "A girl on the boys' varsity team football team. What a great subject! And you present the information well."

That story earned Miscall a first place award in sports feature writing in the state contest.

The St. Francis paper received second for Dale Rose's photo of a boy trying to hold on to a sheep during a Mutton Bustin' contest at the Cheyenne County Fair. On the photo, the judge simply put, "Ready for the ride of his life."

The photo and first-place story were featured in a special section of Publishers' Auxiliary, a nationwide publica-