

weather report

57°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 6:26 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:47 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:25 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 55 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds north 15 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.08 inches and steady
- Record High 92° (1963)
- Record Low 24° (1953)

Last 24 Hours*

High	58°
Low	40°
Precipitation	.04

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low upper 30s, winds southwest 5-15 m.p.h.
Tomorrow: partly sunny with 20 percent chance of rain in evening, high near 70, low upper 30s, winds southwest 5-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: sunny, high near 60, low lower 30s. Monday: partly cloudy, high mid 60s. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high upper 60s, low upper 30s. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.41 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.42
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Corn — \$2.60 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.34
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.35 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$4.84 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.76
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Millet — \$13.00 bushel
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$10.65 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$18
- (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.

Powell to stall arms search

WASHINGTON — Chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix says only some "loose ends" stand in the way of resuming his hunt for hidden arms depots in Iraq. But Secretary of State Colin Powell intends to slow him down.
At their meeting late today, Powell was willing to talk about inspection arrangements, but he also was determined to get a new U.N. resolution through the Security Council with tough provisions. It includes a threat to use force if President Saddam Hussein refuses to disarm before Blix's team gets going.
The U.S. diplomatic drive is in high gear but gaining little ground, as Russia and France continue to resist threatening Iraq. Russia's deputy foreign minister was quoted as saying "the existing Security Council resolutions on the Iraqi problem are quite sufficient."

Business development director hired

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County Economic Development Council announced Thursday they have hired a director and expect her to be on the job by the start of November.

Royal Reid, council chairman, and David Daniels, vice-chairman, said the recently-formed group reached an agreement to hire Carolyn Applegate, current head of the Norton Chamber of Commerce and economic development.

Reid said the council received 12 applications for the position and picked eight to call for inter-

views. He said four decided not to be interviewed, but they did interview four for the position.

The final interview was Friday, and Applegate was the final person to answer questions from the seven-man board.

Reid said following the interview the board agreed Applegate was the best candidate and decided to offer her a contract once references had been checked.

"Everyone I talked to in Norton had good things to say about her work and enthusiasm for the job," Reid said.

In a phone interview, Applegate said she told her

board of directors on Monday she would be leaving and signed the new contract on Wednesday evening.

"We are happy to have the right person," Reid said.

"She is knowledgeable about Sherman County," Daniels said. "She had done some research with the state people."

Reid and Daniels said Applegate told them she knows how to write grant applications and has submitted several on behalf of Norton.

Reid said she has been wearing five hats in Norton, and will only have one in Sherman

County.

"Economic development is her piece of cake," he said. "That is what she enjoys doing the most, and here she can focus her attention on economic development."

Reid said the council is looking for office space on Main Avenue to have a more visible presence and easier access.

"I was really happy when I did some homework by calling the state offices of commerce and development and the state health and transportation

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Storm drops little here

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The edge of a line of thunderstorms scraped Goodland Thursday, dropping .04 of an inch of rain, and bringing the total for the month to .22.

Most of the rain fell Thursday by 10 a.m., but light sprinkles came down later in the morning and again between 6 and 6:30 p.m.

Randy Coleman, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office here, said a cold front from the southwest created the storm clouds, which dropped the heaviest rain between Colby and Oberlin. Dresden got the most with 1.52 inches.

Colby ended up with .34 of an inch, Hoxie and Hill City .5, Oakley .55 and Oberlin .65. Very little fell in Colorado, Coleman said, but McCook, Neb., got .53 of an inch.

"We only got the edge of it," Coleman said. "West of here got very little measurable precipitation."

The evening rain was formed by a second front, he said, and again Goodland got just the edge of it.

The normal rainfall for the first three days in October is .09 of an inch, and Goodland already has .22, but Coleman said no more rain is expected for awhile. The area is still under drought conditions, he said.

"Precipitation is still about nine inches below normal for the year," he said.

The light rain on Tuesday and Wednesday was caused by winds rushing ahead of a main cold front, Coleman said, and Thursday's came behind the front.

It's almost to that time of year where people stop looking for rain and start looking for snow.

Coleman said on average Goodland gets about three inches of snow in October, but there is none forecast for the next ten days.

"It looks like we usually get some, but I'd look for it toward the latter weeks of the month," he said.

There may be some frost, though. He said cold air could blow in Sunday night, and the temperatures could drop to the low 30s.

"We will be getting a lot of snow eventually," he said. "Chances are some of it will fall later this month."



Members of this year's Leadership Sherman County class helped blindfolded Mitch Hixson cross a makeshift bridge during the classes' first session on Wednesday at North Elementary School. The group spent the day doing team-building exercises.
Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Class provides keys to leadership roles

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

Ten Sherman County residents got a few lessons in leadership on Wednesday.

In a North Elementary School classroom, they worked together to build a bridge, untangle a human knot, cross an acid river and stack invisible objects.

They learned being a leader means knowing how to work with a team, find efficient solutions to problems,

achieve goals without undermining other team members and respect other people's ideas and opinions.

It was the first session of the sixth Leadership Sherman County class, which is designed to develop leadership qualities in participants and give them a glance of what it takes to run a county and state.

The seven-month class, based on the Leadership Kansas program, will take participants to a farm, college, hospital, police department and other

sites in Sherman County and the state capital.

There will be one to two sessions each month, with most lasting about eight hours. Each will be dedicated to an area important to the county's economy and residents, including agriculture, education, law enforcement and health care.

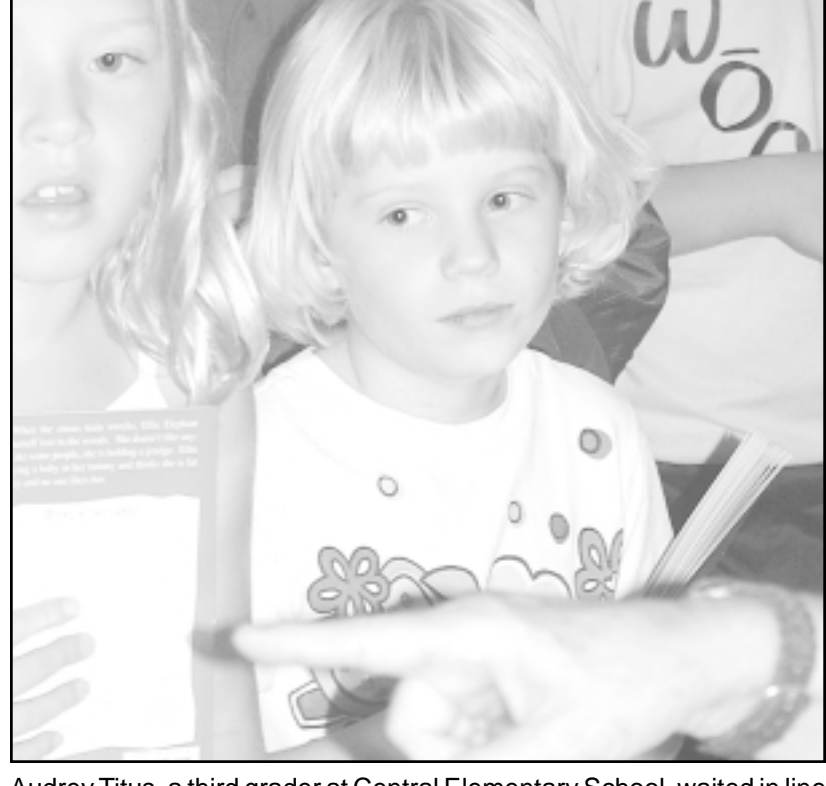
One highlight will be a three-day trip to Topeka in February to see state legislators in action and tour the Capitol building. The class will end in April

with an annual graduation banquet, but members still won't be off the hook.

They have a year from the time the class ends to develop and complete a community project.

Businesses and individuals nominated the participants, who were asked to complete an application. Class members met each other and mingled with city and county leaders during a

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Audrey Titus, a third grader at Central Elementary School, waited in line to buy a book and get it autographed by Dave and Pat Sargent Tuesday after the authors spoke to elementary students.
Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Authors use tales to teach lessons

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

Children from Central and West Elementary Schools were entertained by a made-up story and a true story from authors Dave and Pat Sargent Tuesday at West Elementary School.

Emphasizing the need for everyone to have writing skills, Dave kept the children entertained and focused by telling them to keep their right eyes on him at all times. But they could do whatever they want with their left eyes, he said.

He told the students they could take out their left eyes and hold them behind their heads if they want to see something behind them.

In order to communicate with people all over the world, he said, you must be able to put ideas down in writing.

He kept his lesson on the students' level by using examples they could relate to.

"How many have had a conversation with a teacher and wondered, 'What on earth are you talking about?'" he asked.

When most of the children raised their hands, he said, "That's a failure to communicate."

Dave told them if they can't communicate face to face, they will never be able to send e-mails out all over the world. People need to do that, he said, because we now buy products from all over the world.

He then used the examples of keeping a journal or diary and writing notes to friends to show students they need to know how to write.

Some may say they can't write, Dave said, because they don't know anything. But everyone has a lot in their minds, he said, and he would energize and inspire their minds.

He pointed to a box on the table behind him and said there were two live animals in it, a skunk and a vampire bat.

"The bat's name is Ding," he said, "and we just call him Ding Bat."

He's not very bright, Dave said.

"We have been trying to teach him tricks for two years," he said, "and all he will do is eat and sleep."

Dave told the students the skunk, Sammy, is the smartest animal in the world.

"He has an IQ of 110," Dave said, "and if you ask him for an amount of money, he can pick up the right coins and put them in a cup and bring them to you."

He said after Sammy picks up the right coins, the students should take them to their teachers to have them count the coins. The teachers will need some Kleenex, Dave said, as Sammy slobbers a lot.

He said Sammy is an affectionate skunk that will want to kiss them on the lips and dance with them. Dave went back and forth from the story of the skunk and the story of the bat, weaving

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