

weather report

60°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:19 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:51 a.m.
 • Sunset, 6:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 59 degrees
- Humidity 86 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds southeast 12 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.12 inches and rising
- Record High 88° (1934)
- Record Low 23° (2000)

Last 24 Hours*

High 75°
 Low 52°
 Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low mid 40s, winds south 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny, high upper 70s, low mid 40s, winds south 10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday: mostly sunny, high upper 70s, low near 40. Saturday: partly cloudy, high upper 40s. Sunday: mostly clear, high near 50, low upper 20s. Monday: mostly clear, high upper 50s, low lower 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.44 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.41
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.63 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.38
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.33 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.74 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.70
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$10.60 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.

Unloading cargo big task

SAN FRANCISCO — Faced with a judge's order to reopen West Coast ports, longshoremen and shipping companies now confront the mammoth task of heaving billions of dollars worth of idle cargo — from auto parts to bananas — back into the nation's economy.

Signs suggest the transition back to work won't be smooth. Workers may need as long as two and a half months to clear the backlog of goods caused by the 10-day lockout at 29 major Pacific ports. The labor dispute prompted President Bush to intervene Tuesday and may have cost the fragile U.S. economy up to \$2 billion a day.

The Pacific Maritime Association, which represents shipping companies and terminal operators, said it would order workers to report to shifts that start at 6 p.m. today in most ports.

Homecoming parade goal is victory

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

"Red Devil Roundup" is the theme of Thursday's homecoming parade to spur the Cowboys to victory over the Oberlin Red Devils on Friday.

The parade starts at 6:30 p.m. at Eighth Street and Main Avenue, winding its way down Main to 13th Street, then turning east towards Cowboy Stadium at Goodland High School for a pep rally and bonfire.

Many of the parade floats and skits at the rally

will follow the theme of defeating the Red Devils at the homecoming football game starting at 6 p.m. Friday.

The big feature of the parade will be the school's sports teams on flatbed trailers. Other participants will include the marching band, cheerleaders, drill team, senior parents and the homecoming king and queen candidates. The "jumping juniors" will perform a skit.

Classic cars and motorcycles will be in the show, many of them carrying the dignitaries of the parade — members of the Class of 1952. Gradu-

ates from Goodland, Edson and Kanorado, celebrating 50 years out of high school, are this year's honored alumni.

At the pep rally, the cheerleaders, dance team, senior parents and senior football players will perform skits.

The Sherman County High School Alumni Association, which sponsors the parade, is offering \$50 to each high school class and group which enters a float.

The association asks that booster club members get involved, especially if they have black or gold

vehicles — Goodland's colors.

Classic cars and motorcycles will gather in front of the Sherman County courthouse on Broadway at 6 p.m., and the floats and other entries along Eighth Street by Gulick Park.

Dale Schields, president of the alumni association, and other members encourage all Goodland residents to come to the homecoming events and support the school.

"It's going to be a fun time for everybody," Schields said. "There's going to be a lot of interesting things to see."



Teen rolls truck

Shelly Williams (above), an emergency medical technician, adjusted a neck brace on Heath Chatfield, 15, Tuesday after a roll-over accident. Chatfield was riding in a 1978 Ford driven by Wyatt Dautel, 15, who lost control on 19th Street near Wyoming. The truck (left) left over 250 feet of skid marks and landed on its top. Dautel and the other passenger, Chris Baumfalk, 14, were not injured, but Chatfield had a stiff neck and was treated at the emergency room at the Goodland Regional Medical center and released. Dautel was cited with driving too fast for the conditions and failure to pay full attention to his driving.

Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Lights went out in town

Malfunction cut off power to half of city

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

An engine malfunction at the city's power plant shut off electricity to about half of Goodland for a few minutes just before 9 a.m. this morning, flooding the city offices and plant with calls from people wanting an explanation.

Ed Wolak, public works director, said the power cut out when one of the diesel engines the city uses to produce electricity transferred its load for a few seconds to the lead engine, which couldn't handle the extra work.

When that happened, Wolak said, an automatic shut off device started cutting power to parts of Goodland because there was less electricity available.

He said the device is designed to avoid engine damage by turning off power at the first sign of problems.

Lights and all other electrical devices in Main Avenue businesses and homes around town turned off around 8:55 a.m.

Wolak said about half of Goodland lost power. The lights were back on by 9 a.m.

Wolak said he's not sure what caused the engine to dump its load, and he added there was no real mechanical failure because the engine is now working properly.

The city usually doesn't generate its own power, he said, but is having to this week because a company is doing maintenance work on the sub station, including checking breakers and replacing oil.

While the maintenance is going on, Wolak said, the city isn't able to accept power from an outside source.

Goodland usually gets most of its power through Sunflower Electric because it's cheaper to buy it than produce it.

Maintenance is done to avoid system failures, he said, and the work should be finished by Friday.

Until then, Wolak said, he doesn't expect to have any more power outages in the city, but he can't promise anything.

"When you're dealing with mechanical equipment, you never know," he said. "Hopefully, we'll keep the lights on for you."

New director officially hired by county

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County commissioners officially hired Carol Applegate Tuesday to be the director for the Sherman County Economic Development Council.

Council Chairman Royal Reid, Vice Chairman Dave Daniels and board member John Garcia came to the meet-

ing to discuss Applegate's contract with the commissioners.

Following a 10-minute closed door session, Commissioner Kevin Rasure made a motion to accept the contract as presented and it was seconded by Commissioner Mitch Tiede. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld voting in favor.

The contract with Applegate is for an annual salary of \$45,000, Rasure said.

Reid said the council was pleased to have Applegate coming, and that office space has been arranged. The council will share office space with JMS Financial at 1208 Main, he said.

Applegate is supposed to be in Goodland on Friday, Reid said, to meet with a member of the council board to

look at the office space and see what furniture is needed.

Rasure asked if the board members had looked at desks in the courthouse as possible desks for the director.

Reid said they were very nice, but he thinks the council director needs a desk that is more suitable for handling a computer. Applegate is expected to be on the job by Nov. 1, Reid said.

County to pay \$100,000 for hospital computer upgrade

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland Regional Medical Center is upgrading its computer system at a cost of \$902,416, and Sherman County commissioners on Tuesday approved taking \$100,000 from the county health services sales tax fund to help.

Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly and Andy Laue, chief financial officer, met with the commissioners to update them on the project and officially request the county money. Jolly had asked the commissioners earlier in the year if they would help with the money from the sales tax fund.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said the money had been set aside and County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the \$100,000 had been earmarked for the hospital computer project.

Jolly said the new computer system will be done in three phases over the

County roundup

At their meeting Tuesday, the Sherman County commissioners:

- Approved the contract for the new director of the Sherman County Economic Development Council. Story above.
- Approved paying \$100,000 to help

the Goodland Regional Medical Center upgrade its computer system. Story to left.

• Discussed changes in the operation of the Sherman County Speedway and the race dates for next year. Story to come.

next 13 months. The first part is the new hardware, which will cost \$115,246 to install, a new IBM computer and all of the necessary work stations and network.

The second phase will be the installation of the financial and administrative software and the third will be converting the clinical records.

The software is expected to cost

\$388,300 and the installation and training \$398,870.

Jolly said the benefits to the hospital will more than pay for the cost of the system in saved man hours and reduced paperwork. To help pay for the project, the hospital applied for tax credits and received \$350,000. The hospital will cover the remaining \$337,170 of the project cost.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked if the doctor's clinic and specialty clinics would be included in the new system.

Jolly said Rural Health Ventures is looking at a compatible system that would allow them to work with the hospital system, but it would be a separate system.

Rasure made the motion to approve the \$100,000. Frankenfeld seconded the motion and it passed unanimously with Commissioner Mitch Tiede voting in favor.

Jolly said the computer upgrade would help the hospital with implementation of the new federal requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act. The law was signed in August 1996, but it has not been until August of this year that the regulations have been finalized. He said the regulations affect all levels of

health care, and will require the hospital to meet the new privacy standards that are part of the regulations.

Jeff Krall and Bruce Gleason with the hospital ambulance service and emergency medical services met with the commissioners to ask for county assistance for several class members of the current emergency medical technician training program.

Gleason said the class is in its second week and is being provided in Goodland by Colby Community College. He said there was some miscommunication because several of the students were under the impression the county would pay all of the tuition, book and supply fees.

Rasure said the only one who had approached the county was David Griffith, and the county had revised an