

weather report

27°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 5:57 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:56 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 47 degrees
- Humidity 92 percent
- Sky cloudy with light freezing rain
- Winds northeast 11 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.35 inches and rising
- Record High 85° (1939)
- Record Low 20° (1938)

Last 24 Hours*

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| High | 42° |
| Low | 28° |
| Precipitation | .10 |

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy with areas of fog, low upper 20s, winds northeast 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: cloudy, high near 40, low lower 30s, winds east 10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday: partly sunny, high upper 50s, low lower 30s. Saturday: cloudy with chance showers, high lower 50s. Sunday: cloudy with chance of showers turning to snow in the morning, high lower 50s, low mid 30s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

- Noon**
- Wheat — \$4.41 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.42
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Corn — \$2.67 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.35
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.34 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.02 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.85
 - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
 - Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$11.50 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.
Sniper linked to 13th victim

ROCKVILLE, Md. — A slain bus driver was the sniper's 13th victim, police said today, as anxious parents took their youngsters back to schools despite the chilling warning that "your children are not safe."

Ballistics connected Tuesday's shooting of bus driver Conrad Johnson, 35, to the fatal shootings of nine other people in the Washington area, said Michael Bouchard of the federal bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Addressing criticism that investigators waited several days to reveal the threat to children found in one of the sniper's notes, Bouchard sought to assure residents that no vital information was being withheld from them.

"We're all parents and are certainly concerned about the safety of our kids and of our co-workers," he said.

Victory bus here Thursday

Tim Shallenburger, a Topeka Republican running for governor, will stop in Goodland on Thursday morning with other Republican candidates seeking statewide offices.

Shallenburger, who is on a four-day statewide bus tour with the other candidates, will be at Crazy R's Restaurant, 1618 Main Avenue, between 11 a.m. and noon to talk with voters.

In a separate visit, Sally Finney, Democrat candidate for state treasurer, and David Haley, Democrat candidate for secretary of state, will be stopping in Goodland at 1:45 p.m. that day and will go around town to meet people.

Other candidates who plan to ride on the "The Sunflower Special" bus with Shallenburger are Phill Kline, candidate for attorney general; Lynn Jenkins, treasurer candidate; Sandy Praeger, insurance commissioner candidate; and Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh.

Shallenburger's running mate, Dave Lindstrom, will be on board, along with U.S. Senators Sam Brownback and Pat Roberts and 3rd congressional district candidate Adam Taff. Congressmen Jim Ryun and Jerry Moran are also expected to participate.

The "Victory 2002 Tour" started today and will cover almost 2,000 miles, with stops in about 30 cities.

Shallenburger said he's keeping his promise to hear from voters across Kansas.

"When I first entered the race for governor," he said, "I pledged that I would travel extensively across the state to listen to the concerns of the citizens. So far my campaign has traveled to all four corners of the state and almost every place in between."

If you can't make it to the Goodland stop, the bus will also be stopping in Colby at 9:30 a.m. Mountain Time at the Thomas County Courthouse and at 12:30 p.m. in St. Francis at the Cheyenne County Courthouse.

First dusting of snow hits area



The first dusting of snow arrived Tuesday and the temperatures brought out the winter coats as the storm caused ice and slippery roads. The National Weather Service said that by noon Goodland had received about one-half inch of snow and .1 of moisture. The

moisture is welcome and will help preserve the pumpkins at the Candy Boyce home at 312 Washington where this scarecrow is part of the Halloween decorations.

Photo by Sheila Smith/The Goodland Daily News

Indoor arena plans presented to development council

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Board members of the Sherman County Economic Development Council listened to a presentation about a proposed indoor arena to be developed by the Bentzinger Memorial during the

Foundation to nominate officers

The Sherman County Community Foundation met Tuesday night at Bankwest. There were 17 present.

The board includes Brenda McCants, Chuck Lutters, Darin Neufeld, David Daniels, Dr. Dan Golden, Hazel Estes, Jane Philbrick, Jay Jolly, John Garcia, Ken Clouse, Kevin Rasure, Linda Knott, Mark Scheopner, Matt Delp, Mitch Hixson, Mitch Tiede, Pat Schiefen, Ray Smece, Rex Smith, Ron Schilling, Rusty Renner, Sandy Rodgers, Schyler Goodwin, Steve Rains and Tom Rohr. Also attending were Becky Petrach and Penny Nemecek. Goodwin lead the meeting until officers could be elected.

A nominating committee was formed including Rains, Estes and Rasure to nominate people for the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer. An overview of what the foundation committees would be doing was given and early organization of those committees began.

The need to have a clear mission statement and the need to educate the board on how endowments work was discussed. The next step was to try to arrange to get Dr. Don Udell, of the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development group to explain how it works.

It was agreed that education and organization were the first things that needed to be done.

monthly meeting Monday evening at Wheat Ridge Acres.

Six of the seven council board members were present and after handling the opening details turned the floor over to Tiffany Shank who presented the plans for the indoor arena.

She said the proposed indoor arena would be built along Eighth Street one-half mile west of K-27. The cost of the land, owned by Justin Bentzinger, would be donated to the Bentzinger Memorial for two years, and after that would be at a reduced rental rate.

The total project would be to have an enclosed competition area of 300'x135' and an enclosed spectator area so rodeos and gymkhana's could be held year round. There would also be a staging area for the contestants so the whole building would be about 500'x185' and it is estimated to cost

\$600,000.

Included in the spectator area would be places for concessions, a cowboy lounge and office space for the operation.

Shank said there would be separate parking lots for the contestants and the spectators.

North of the main arena she said there would be a boarding facility with 26 stalls, a tack room, a vets room and an overnight sleeping room for horse owners who have to stay close to their animal. The veterinary room is to be equipped so that the horse can be treated without being hauled across town.

She said the plans also include extra security to insure the safety of the arena for both the spectator and the horses.

A marketing plan has been developed, and a survey taken at the most recent gymkhana to see if there is a

market for doing monthly competitions. Shank said the majority indicated support for the events. She said to encourage participation the arena would be giving away a horse trailer to the top points winner over the year.

In addition to the monthly rodeos and gymkhanas the arena would be available for roping competitions and for other events such as auctions.

They plan to hold an annual Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association rodeo and one or two Little Britches rodeos.

She said they have applied for a tourism grant for \$120,000, and are working on a couple of others which are for \$25,000 to \$75,000.

Council chairman Royal Reid asked if the ownership of the land would eventually transfer to the Bentzinger Memorial, and Shank said it would after a certain number of years, but she

could not remember the details of that contract.

She asked that the council work closely with them to help get this started so it can be of economic benefit to the area.

In other business the council:

- Introduced Sam Lane of the Western Kansas Enterprise Facilitation Consortium who is working with the six counties to help those in business and those who are looking to start a business. He said he is available to anyone who would like some help and he can be reached by phone at 620-874-0771 or at the main office in Leoti 620-375-4879.

- Roxie Yonkey presented a preliminary design for a logo which had a triangle with Goodland at the top and the works Building for the future on the two

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Buffalo Inn plans to appeal state health fines

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

The state has fined the Best Western Buffalo Inn Restaurant, 830 W. Hwy. 24, \$4,000 for eight food code violations found during two inspections this summer.

The mistakes include employees handling raw meat or eggs and then touching other food without washing their hands, raw meat being stored where its juices could fall onto cooked meat, raw eggs not kept at the required temperature and food being held beyond its expiration date.

The hotel's assistant general manager, who is helping to run the hotel restaurant, said the owners plan to appeal the fine, which they feel is unwarranted.

An order from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment sent early last week to Goodland Lodging, the corporation that runs Buffalo Inn, shows that inspectors found violations during checks on July 15 and Aug. 20.

On July 15, an inspector reportedly saw an employee break raw eggs and then put on gloves and touch bread before washing his or her hands, found raw beef patties stored above cooked ham slices in the preparation refrigerator, found two raw eggs on top of the refrigerated prep table with temperatures of 80 degrees and found cooked roast beef that expired on June 29 and cooked sausage dated July 8 had not been thrown away.

Sharon Watson, the department's spokesperson, said the July 15 inspection was a routine annual check. The violations were corrected during the inspection, she said, but inspectors went back on Aug. 20 to make sure the restaurant wasn't making the same mistakes.

Because four more similar violations were found during the second check, Watson said, Buffalo Inn was fined \$500 for each mistake. She said the restaurant received the maximum fine because the violations posed a direct

threat to customers.

"In that case," Watson said, "customers could have been in direct contact with these foods that were potentially contaminated."

On Aug. 20, an inspector reportedly saw the cook handle raw beef patties with gloved hands and then touch grilled toast and cooked bacon without changing gloves and washing his or her hands, found raw beef patties stored above cooked ham slices in the refrigerator, found 63 raw eggs next to the grill with temperatures of 74 to 80 degrees and found sliced turkey dated Aug. 12, ground cooked sausage dated Aug. 9 and cooked corn dated Aug. 11 had not been thrown away.

Watson said the restaurant has 20 days from Monday, Oct. 14 — the day it was supposed to receive the order — to appeal the fine. If the restaurant appeals, she said, the department will set up a pre-hearing conference and then arrange a hearing before an administrative appeal officer if necessary.

The whole process can take several weeks, she said, noting that if the restaurant owners aren't satisfied with the appeal officer's ruling, they can take their case to Clyde Graeber, department secretary, and then to district court.

The Buffalo Inn manager, who wouldn't give his name, said they are working on an appeal and don't feel they were fined fairly. He said there was a conflict between the inspector and another manager at the restaurant, but he wouldn't give details.

The manager said despite the violations, Buffalo Inn is a safe place to eat. "The fines were for pretty petty stuff," he said. "Just minor violations that have been corrected."

Watson said she couldn't find evidence that the restaurant had been fined before for violations.

The manager said Buffalo Inn is owned by Comstock, a property management firm in Kansas City. Comstock bought the hotel and restaurant about six months ago.