

weather report

25°
at noon

Today

•Sunset, 4:48 p.m.

Tomorrow

•Sunrise, 7:05 a.m.

•Sunset, 4:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions

•Soil Temperature 36 degrees

•Humidity 92 percent

•Sky overcast

•Winds southeast 10 m.p.h.

•Barometer 29.96 inches and falling

•Record High 68° (1943)

•Record Low -6° (1930)

Last 24 Hours*

High 44°

Low 18°

Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low near 10, winds north 20-30 m.p.h.

Thursday: mostly sunny, high upper 20s, low near 10, winds north 20-40 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday: cloudy, high 35-40, low upper teens.

Saturday: mostly clear, high lower 40s.

Sunday: mostly clear, high lower 50s, low near 20.

Monday: partly cloudy, high upper 40s, low lower 20s.

Tuesday: mostly cloudy, high upper 30s, low 15-20.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.28 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.27

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.37 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.19

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.14 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.08 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.95

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$10.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.55 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.80 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection — \$17¢/cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets 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.

North Korea rejects offer

PANMUNJOM, Korea—N. Korea today rejected U.S. offers of dialogue and possible aid if it abandons its nuclear ambitions, calling them “pie in the sky” and a “deceptive drama” to appeal to public opinion.

One day after U.S. officials held out the prospect of food and energy supplies, Pyongyang declared it would not accept any offer of dialogue with conditions attached.

Washington’s “loudmouthed supply of energy and food aid are like a pie in the sky, as they are possible only after the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea is totally disarmed,” a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman said, according to the official news agency KCNA.

Spokesman Ari Fleischer said the White House had no official word from Pyongyang.

Palms change learning



Jordan Albers (above) put addresses in his new handheld computer this morning. Jance McKee, Travis Scolland and Lauren Abernathy (above right) listened and followed instructions. Teacher Sue Hagerman (left) helped Raul Fuentes with a question. Photos by Michelle L. Hawkins/The Goodland Daily News

Kids like the new Palm Pilots

By Michelle L. Hawkins

The Goodland Daily News
Seventh grade students from Grant Junior High were training today and Tuesday to learn how to use their new Palm Pilot handheld organizers.

The 110 organizers which cost over \$10,000, were purchased by the district and are going to be used in a variety of ways such as note taking, writing reports, taking quizzes and organizing assignments.

Science teacher Sue Hagerman, who was instructing students today in usage, said the first goal of using the Palm Pilots is organization, and by teaching the students and teachers to use them properly, eventually reduce the paper used by the school.

In the class being instructed this morning, students were quick to say their favorite part of the Palm Pilot was the games, but several students added it was nice to not have to use paper and have programs such as the dictionary.

Students and teachers have the ability to “beam” information from ports to the units which will allow tests and quizzes to be given without the use of paper.

Hagerman was explaining to students this morning that programs on the handhelds are either freeware or shareware. Programs that are freeware can be used without limit. Programs that are shareware have a certain number of times they can be used without purchasing the program. Programs like the games are shareware and allow a “testing period” before committing to purchasing the programs. Hagerman said eventually they will set up a way that will allow parents and students to purchase additional programs for the handhelds, beyond what is needed in the classroom.

Students will be able to use the pocket computers at school or home, said principal Jim Mull, and will keep them until they graduate or move to another school district. If a student loses or breaks a machine, he said, that student will likely either have to replace it or go without.



Chamber manager resigns; new officers elected

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Chamber of Commerce manager Ron Harding, who has been with the organization for 22 years, told the executive board Tuesday morning that he was leaving the office to pursue a retail career.

Newly elected Chairman Tim Rath, manager of Farm Bureau Insurance, said he hates to see Harding leave the Chamber.

“We will miss his experience and leadership,” Rath said.

Harding’s last day is tentatively to be Friday, Jan. 24.

Wayne Aten, owner of Aten Department Store, said Tuesday that Harding would become manager of the store. He said Harding’s experience in business will be a benefit to the operation.

Harding said he is excited about the possibilities at Aten’s. He said he was in retail with the May D&F in Denver before returning to Goodland in 1980 to work with the Chamber.

“I enjoyed working as a buyer for the May Co.,” he said. “I have been away from that, but am excited about the opportunity this new job will give me.”

Harding was a buyer for men’s shoes and then men’s furnishings with the department store, which is now Foley’s.

Rath said the other officers for the new year are Cesar Miller, vice-chair, owner of Medical Arts Pharmacy; Dane Scherling, second vice-chairman, of Koons Mortuary;

Steve Riebel, economic development vice-chair, of the First National Bank; and Rich Hoffman, activity chairman, of the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Rath said the treasurer position remains open, and the board will hope to fill that and five open board positions.

Board members Deb Lucas, Goodland Greenline, and Joni Guyer, owner of Cobblestone Floral and Nursery, submitted resignations Tuesday, and Eric Yonkey re-

signed during the meeting.

Rath said the full board will meet at 7 a.m. on Tuesday to plan the coming year, and to discuss the direction the Chamber should take.

He said staffing would be part of that discussion, and he would know more about the direction after the meeting.

“I expect the Chamber to do many of the things as we have done in the past,” Rath said, “like festivals, promotions and business support programs.”

Board extends superintendent’s contract for another year

By Michelle L. Hawkins

The Goodland Daily News

After a 40-minute closed-door session to discuss personnel issues Monday, the Goodland School Board accepted two resignations, hired a coach and extended the superintendent’s contract for a year.

Resignations were accepted from Denise Bahe, the junior high secretary, and Candy Boyce, an aide at Grant Junior High. The board approved hiring Tammi Bean as assistant basketball coach for the seventh-grade girls.

Superintendent Marvin Selby’s contract was extended for next year. No financial terms were discussed; the board will determine them at a later date.

In other business, the board:

- Approved the financial reports.
- Heard Jim Mull, principal for

Swager thanks staff, faculty for support

By Michelle L. Hawkins

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland High School principal, Harvey Swager told board members on Monday evening how much he appreciated the staff and faculty and how they have fill in for him in his absence over the

past couple of months. Principals from all of the school gave reports on happenings within their buildings.

Central Elementary School - Sharon Gregory:

- The Readasaurus Reading program has begun at the school. Gre-

Grant Junior High, give reports for the Professional Development Council for November and December. Mull talk about a training session Monday and some of the events teachers are planning to attend.

- Gave permission bids to repair the roof on the high school. Bids will be accepted for the entire project,

broken down into phases. Selby told the board the first phase is expected to cost \$130,000.

- Told Selby to seek a \$50,000 Energy Conservation Grant. The district will have to pay up to \$50,000 to match the grant.

A firm will be hired to assess what is needed in the district and then they

will write the proposal. Selby said if the grant is not successful, the district would be out the money used to pay the firm.

“I hate to spend \$50,000, but we will get that back in the savings on heat and electricity,” Selby said.

Projects would make the buildings more energy efficient, such as re-

placing windows.

- Decided to sell an Epson DFX-8500 printer. Since the purchase of new Dell computers and a laser printer, this printer is not being used. Selby said they hope to get at least \$1,000 out of it.

- Approved the check register and transfers of \$240,025, including \$119,362 from the general fund to the special education department, \$20,663 from the local option budget to the technology fund, \$50,000 from local option to the transportation fund, and \$50,000 from local option to the vocational education fund.

- Agreed to participate in the bowling fund raiser which will be held by Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Sherman County. It will be Saturday, April 5, and the board will compete against the city and county commissioners.

Public asks questions at trash forum on county plans

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

About 70 people came to the high school auditorium Monday night to hear about the proposed transfer of city trash collection to the county.

At the end of the night, about three-fourths of those voting in a straw poll backed the plan, but a

majority avoided voting either way.

Members of the Sherman County Economic Development Council arranged the public forum to give people an opportunity to ask questions about the county proposal.

Royal Reid, council chairman, read the 17 points the city and county have been discussing over

the past three months.

John Garcia, a council member, said the group had gotten involved in the question as an economic development issue when the city was moving toward selling the business to a Colorado firm.

“We felt this was a way to educate all of us,” Garcia said. “We have

been working with the city and county and have learned a lot about the issue that we felt the citizens should have a chance to hear and become more knowledgeable.”

The audience submitted written questions which were read by Reid, Garcia and Dave Daniels, council vice-chairman. They answered the

questions or referred them to city and county commissioners seated at a table on the stage.

Questions ranged from whether this proposal included the Colorado company and whether it might be better for the city to keep the collec-

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