

weather report

58°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:54 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:32 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:54 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 60 degrees
- Humidity 77 percent
- Sky overcast
- Winds east 20 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.89 inches and falling
- Record High 94° (1996)
- Record Low 27° (1945)

Last 24 Hours*

High 81°
Low 46°
Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: 100 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms, high upper 60s, low upper 40s, winds northeast 10-15 m.p.h. Saturday: mostly sunny, high upper 70s, low upper 40s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon, high lower 80s. Monday: mostly cloudy with chance of rain and thunderstorms during the day, high 65-70, low lower 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

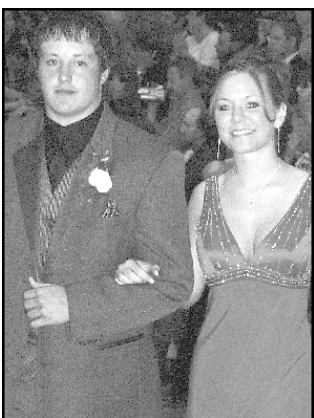
local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.40 bushel
New crop — \$3.08 bushel
Corn — \$2.57 bushel
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$2.27 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.96 bushel
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$6 hundredweight
New crop — \$5
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.65 cwt.
New crop — \$10.20 cwt.
NuSun — \$10 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.60 cwt.
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.
New crop — \$17/\$10 cwt.
Pinto beans — withdrawn
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Promenade big highlight

Dan Bagnell and Jenna Deines walked arm-in-arm at the Goodland High School promenade Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse before the prom which was held at the Goodland Elks Lodge and Safari Steakhouse. See photos on Page 3.

Band performs at Gulick Park



Band awards presented

The high school band held their picnic and performed at Gulick Park on Monday. Michael Mangus (top) played the tuba, Amanda Jolly (top right) on the flute was named the outstanding musician, Amanda Hoffman (right) on the bassoon was named the John Philip Sousa award winner and Josh Topliff on the trombone was the Lewis Armstrong jazz award winner.

Photos by Liz West / The Goodland Star-News



County receives four proposals for trash collection

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners received four proposals from companies interested in handling the trash collection in the City of Goodland.

The commissioners took a quick look at the proposals and set a meeting for 8 a.m. this morning to review them and see what questions they may need to have answered. The commissioners said their plan is to make a decision Tuesday, and they

may have one or more of the companies come to present answers to their questions in person.

The commissioners have scheduled approval of the contract with the city on the agenda for Tuesday.

The four proposals are from Justin Comer of Haysville, Waste Management of Colorado Springs, ECS Trash Removal, operated by Kevin and Cynthia Butts of Goodland, and Chuck Redlin of Goodland.

At the meeting Tuesday, the commissioners approved a bid from

Sherman County Abstract of \$38.50 per parcel to handle title work on the tax sale this year. The other bid received was \$95 per parcel from Tee-ter Abstract.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede made the motion to accept the lower bid and it was seconded by Commissioner Kevin Rasure. The motion was approved unanimously with Commissioner Chuck Thomas in favor.

The commissioners held a closed session on personnel with Mary

Messamore, head of the county dispatch and emergency management office.

When the meeting reopened, Tiede made a motion to approve a raise for Jason Peterson of 5 percent based on his six-month evaluation. Rasure seconded the motion which passed unanimously. The raise will be an increase of 45 cents to \$9.45 per hour.

Messamore said she has received a letter from the Kansas Bureau of Investigation saying that as of July,

the county will be charged \$200 per month for the Internet connection to the state computer system.

Messamore said she is looking at alternatives, and that with a local system they may be able to cut the cost to \$49 per month.

She said this is a cost the KBI is sharing with all the counties and that some will see much higher bills than the \$200 for Sherman County. She said the state Highway Patrol will not change the amount they are paying for the county dispatch help.

Principal to sleep on roof

North Elementary Principal Steve Raymer gets to spend a night on the roof because students exceeded the goal of collecting 5,000 special boxtops to raise \$500 for the school.

Yvonne Koehler, North secretary, said Thursday morning that the school has collected over 5,000 General Mills Boxtops for Education, adding that there might be more because they had not picked up the collection box at the city library.

"We will have more than the 5,000, but will not know the exact numbers until today," she said.

On Tuesday, the school was 1,250 short of the goal, but

Koehler said she had received a big response in the last two days, and that early Thursday they had reached the goal.

Raymer had agreed to spend a night on the school roof if the goal of collecting 5,000 was reached and to shave his head if they collected 10,000. Koehler said she did not see any way to reach the 10,000, so Raymer will be able to keep his hair.

She said the current plan is to have Raymer climb a ladder to the roof the afternoon of Thursday, May 22. He will be on the roof overnight and will come back down the ladder after school opens on Friday morning.

Patrol ready for 'Buckle up' effort

The Kansas Highway Patrol will working with parents and drivers in the national "Buckle Up America" and "America Buckles Up Children" campaign next week.

State troopers, along with the Goodland Police and Sherman County sheriff's deputies, will concentrate on enforcing seatbelt and child passenger safety laws from Monday through May 26, which includes the Memorial Day holiday weekend.

Troopers say one of the most important points is to be sure that a child or infant seat is properly installed. Because there are so many types, most are not properly attached and could be dangerous to the child.

Officers will check seats and attachment during a child passenger



safety seat check from 5-7 p.m. on Friday, May 23, in the Wal-Mart parking lot. Specially trained troopers will help reinstall them if necessary.

If you are unable to attend the clinic, call Trooper Joe Greene at 785-899-6697 or 785-827-4437 to make an appointment to have your car seat installed.

Kansas law requires all children under age 4 to travel in an approved child safety seat, and all children under 14 to wear safety belts. Law

enforcement officers may stop and tickets drivers whenever they see children unrestrained. Unbuckled adults in the front seat may be ticketed and fined when they are stopped for other traffic violations.

The Memorial Day holiday weekend traditionally begins the busy summer travel season. Drivers should expect heavy traffic, congestion and the beginning of summer road construction. Last year, two people died and 228 were injured in Kansas highway crashes over the Memorial Day weekend.

Thanks to money for overtime from the state Department of Transportation, the highway patrol will have extra troopers out to focus on seat-belt laws from Monday through Memorial Day.