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Goodland, Kansas 67735



Today Sunset, 8:08 p.m. Tomorrow • Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.

- Sunset, 8:09 p.m.
- Midday Conditions
- Soil Temperature 64 degrees Humidity 43 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds northwest 17 m.p.h. Barometer 29.96 inches and steady
- Record High 99° (1933) Record Low 34° (1954)

### Last 24 Hours\* High 79°

Low	54°
Precipitation	1.48
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N.W. Kansas Forecast Today: partly sunny with 40 per-

cent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high 75-80, low lower 50s, winds east 10-20 m.p.h. Wednesday: mostly cloudy with 30 percent chance of showers, high mid 70s, low near 50.

### **Extended Forecast**

Thursday: mostly cloudy with chance of showers and thunderstorms, high mid 70s. Friday: partly cloudy, high upper 70s, low upper 40s. Friday: partly cloudy, high upper 70s, low upper 40s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Wheat — \$3.13 bushel Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢ Corn — \$2.43 bushel Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢

# **Tornadoes spotted south of city**

### By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News Thursday, the mercury set a record at 104, and by Sunday, weather spotters were chasing tornadoes through Sherman County. The storm didn't do much damage, but it did drop 1-4 inches of rain on parts of the county.

A line of large thunderstorms roared through the county on Sunday, and two or three tornadoes were sighted south of Ruleton. As much as 4 inches of rain was reported by the time the clouds had passed.

The rain came on the heels of a record temperature of 104 on Thursday. That broke the record of 103 for May 29 set in 2000 and tied last year, did not see it touch the ground or when there was a string of about five cause any damage. days of over 100 temperatures.

The National Weather Service land because the funnels were not

reported about 2 p.m. Sunday that a moving toward the city. trained weather spotter had seen a tornado about eight miles south of Ruleton moving southeast.

Meteorologist Scott Mentzer said there were independent sightings of three funnel clouds south of Goodland. One was just five miles southwest of Goodland about 2:08 p.m. and at the same time, two were spotted about eight miles south of Ruleton.

The sheriff's office and Kansas Highway Patrol had people out watching the storms, and they reported seeing the funnel clouds dropping out of the storm as it moved southeast of Goodland, but and some pea-sized hail, with winds

Sirens weren't sounded in Good-

About an hour later, the weather service issued another tornado warning for Sherman County because of a line of powerful thunderstorms running from 14 miles north of Goodland to 14 miles south of the city.

Mentzer said there was a wind shift line that ran from central Cheyenne County southwest to Wildhorse, Colo., and it appeared the downdrafts from the storm spun up brief tornadoes. He said there were several small tornadoes spotted in western Cheyenne County, Colo., near Arapahoe.

The storm produced heavy rain reaching gust of 46 miles per hour. In a three-hour period, Goodland received 1.48 inches of rain. To the

Golf Course, Mentzer said.

The tornado warning was canceled about 3:30 p.m. when the storm weakened. Rain continued for a couple of hours, but there were no more funnel clouds.

Winds from the storm downed a tree on the parking lot of the First National Bank at Broadway and 10th.

The storm collection pond behind West Elementary was filled by the rain, which was coming down at a rate is 7.59 inches. This is .44 above norof more than an inch per hour. The rain then tapered off to a gentle shower which lasted until about 6 p.m.

There were reports of cars stalled out in the water at 12th and Colorado, and the street was running full at Caldwell and Second.

west, there were reports of between next few days is for scattered thun- inch of rain.

three and four inches at Sugar Hills derstorms in the afternoon and evening, with the temperatures in the 80s

> Mentzer said the week will be active for rain and possible severe weather, with the best chance tonight. The service expects thunderstorms to develop late in the afternoon through midnight. The chance for rain is listed at 40 percent.

> Mentzer said Goodland moisture for the first five months plus Sunday mal, and 4.77 inches ahead of the same time last year, when the total was 2.82 inches..

May had a total of 2.34 inches, but Mentzer said this was 1.12 below normal. The last moisture of the month came on Saturday, when the The forecast for today and the weather service recorded .05 of an

## Heavy rain fills city water collection ponds









### **Promoting** motorcycles

Rod Cooper shined up his Harley-Davison motorcycle and rode it to several locations in the city so Donna Price of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau could shoot digital photos to submit to the Kansas Film Commission. See Photos on Page 3.



There was a lake near West Elementary (above) after the rain Sunday. City Manager Ron Pickman said the storm collection system in the city worked well, but there were a few places where streets were covered by water for a short time. Runoff detention ponds quickly began to drain. The only tree reported down (below) was one on the First National Bank parking lot near the corner of Broadway and 10th. As the storm began, workers from the Roofmaster crew of Colby (left) were on the roof of the Carnegie Art Center replacing ceramic tiles. Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News



### Bids lower than expected for re-roofing high school

### By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News The Goodland School Board was surprised to find that the bids for reroofing the high school were \$80,000 under the estimate, and the board approved doing the whole roof in one project.

Superintendent Marvin Selby asked the board members to hold a special meeting at 7 a.m. Friday to review the bids, which had been opened at 2 p.m. on Thursday.

The plan had been to do the reroof project in three phases, but

recommended that they do the with a 20-year warranty. whole roof.

The low bid was from Interstate Structures of Kearney, Neb., at a price of \$279,488 for the entire roof with a 20-year warranty.

Chuck Lutters, district maintenance supervisor, said the company had done the roof on Max Jones Fieldhouse.

"The fieldhouse leaked almost from the time it was finished,"Lutters said. "When they put the Duralast roof on, it stopped all the leaks."

High Plains Roofing of Hays had when the bids were opened, Selby's a bid of \$352,800 for the whole roof

Roofmasters Roofing and Sheet Metal of Colby had a price of \$424,500, and Roofworks of Herrington bid \$319,835.

Interstate Structures' bid says they will be able to complete the roof project 69 days after the contract is signed.

"I like the Duralast," Lutters said. "It has worked on Central (Elementary) for 12 years."

Selby said he had looked at the bids, and while the district may lose a little interest by doing the project in one piece, the savings would be

more than the interest.

The total cost of the project will increase by 11 percent, the fee for architect Dick Tillman, who is handling the project for the district.

Board President Dick Short and board member Jane Philbrick were present for the bid opening, and Short said they were surprised to see how low the bids were. Short made the motion to approve the bid from Interstate Structures. Ben Duell, seconded the motion, saying he was glad they were going to be able to do it all in one project.

Board member Mike Campbell was adjourned at 7:30 a.m.

said doing the whole project was possible because with the incoming money this would give them enough flexibility in the capital outlay fund to handle an emergency and pay the \$113,000 a year projected for school improvements over the next three vears.

Board members voted unanimously in favor of the motion with Eric Gray, Duell, Campbell, Philbrick and Short voting to approve.

As this was the only item on the agenda for the special meeting, it