

**weather
report****98°**

at noon

**Today**

• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 83 degrees

• Humidity 21 percent

• Sky mostly clear

• Winds south 14 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.14 inches

and steady

• Record High 109° (1936)

• Record Low 42° (1945)

Last 24 Hours*

High 103°

Low 68°

Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: partly sunny with 20 percent chance of thunderstorms late, high near 100, low lower 60s, winds light out of the southwest. Saturday: partly sunny with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening, high 100-105, low mid 60s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening. High upper 90s. Monday: partly cloudy, high lower 90s, low mid 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

State's roads in good shape

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Kansas' new secretary of transportation, Deb Miller, made a visit to northwest Kansas on Tuesday, and told the Colby Rotary Club that the department thinks it has the money to complete all the projects that have been scheduled.

"The budget is OK," Miller said, even with state cutbacks, "but we can't take more hits without having to look at delaying projects."

Following her talk, Miller met with editors from Nor' West Newspapers, including *The Goodland Star-News*, at Colby Community College.

"We have lost revenue over the past two years, but the increased gas tax is helping to keep us in balance," Miller said. "We are paying the Kansas Highway Patrol expenses this year and for next year, which costs \$200 million."

"We can cope with that. We are looking at all the revenue assumptions we made when the current transportation plan was passed in 1999. Some of those assumptions have been affected by the economy, such as interest on deposits."

Miller said the department isn't paying near as much interest on bonds as it planned, saving millions. Over the years, she added, the department had developed sort of a bad reputation for getting projects it promised done.

"Indeed, in the 1980s, projects weren't getting done," she said. "We changed the policy about how this was done. Today, the department has a better reputation of doing what we say we will do."

"Today, we announce a project and it will get done."

Speaking about her trip, Miller said, "I am surprised that other cabinet officers have not come out to see first hand what is happening. I am going to visit all of the districts this year to specifically see what we are doing."

Besides the construction projects, Miller said the department has made



Deb Miller, Kansas secretary of transportation

cuts in the maintenance where possible.

"We can't stop maintaining the roads," she said. "That is short-sighted and costs more in the long run. Inadequate maintenance will lose the investment we have made in the system."

Miller said her department was working to help shortline railroads across the state, and will be meeting with the MidStates Port Authority in August about issuing new bonds to upgrade tracks of the Kyle Railroad. She said the railroads have a positive impact in Kansas by helping to move grain across the state, saving wear and tear on the highways.

Accompanying Miller was Division Engineer Chriss McDiffett of Norton, James M. McLean, of Topeka, public affairs assistant to the secretary, and Tom Hein of Norton, public involvement liaison for the northwest district.

McDiffett said the bridge replacement and rerouting of K-27 south of Goodland to the Wallace County line is on schedule to start next year. The bridge south of Goodland will be replaced with a new one to the east, and the highway will be redesigned to reduce the curves to the north of the current bridge.

He said temporary repairs of the bridge made last year to allow heavier trucks to use the route are holding up.

Old roof coming off



Crewmen are having to endure searing heat while refinishing the roof on the west wing of Goodland High School. The crew from Interstate Structures of Kearney, Neb., hopes to finish the entire roof by the end of the summer.

Photo by Shannon Davidson/The Goodland Star-News

**local
markets****Noon**

Wheat — \$2.82 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.61

Loan deficiency pmt. — 10¢

Corn — \$2.14 bushel

New crop — \$1.94 bushel

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.78 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.33 bushel

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$4.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.95 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 62¢

NuSun — \$9.20 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.)

**inside
today**

More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News



Kin Huang shows her personal collection of Asian clothing at the Carnegie Arts Center. Huang's collection of art furniture and pieces of history will be on display for the month of July.

Photo by Shannon Davidson/The Goodland Star-News

'Looking East' on display at Carnegie

By Shannon Davidson

The Goodland Star-News

As you step through the door of the Carnegie Arts Center, you are engulfed by the folklore, longevity, luck and culture of Asian life.

Goodland resident Kin Huang opened the show "Looking East," a personal collection of history, to her neighbors of 48 years.

She tells the tales of her life and traditions of her culture with pride and passion.

From the vibrant gold and red colors to the luck of bamboo and plum blossoms, her eyes are lit with enthusiasm.

Each piece of art, furniture, each game and clothing item tell a different story of Kin's history.

From her wedding dress in Cheong Sam style (high collar and slit sides,) intricately decorated with a sequined peacock, to the books from which her children learned to write the Chinese and English language, everything takes you a step deeper into a lifestyle that embraces prosperity and good fortune.

A painting of one Chinese man tells an important story of happiness in life without worldly possessions.

"He has no worries and a strong piece of mind; all he has is always with him," Kin said.

"It is a nice change for us," said center Director Tina Goodwin. "This display is so much more than art; it is also about culture."

Kin took over a month to get the display ready and says she enjoyed the process. "This is the one time I wanted to share my history and life with the people of this town that I have been a part of for so long," she said.

She prepared by laying out parts of her collection on her children's beds in order to decide which pieces tell a story.

Kin was born in Swatow, China, was raised and educated in Hong Kong. She was a high school teacher and a lieutenant of a company in the Hong Kong Girl Guides Association, and through the organization was able to represent Hong Kong at a world camp in the Philippines. The

organization is similar to the Girl Scouts here in the States.

Kin married Ying Huang here in Goodland and they have three children and four grandchildren. Kin was a charter member of the Goodland Arts Council in 1983 and now is a board member.

Other memberships include the Chapter Z, P.E.O. Sisterhood, and the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church. She is a former member of the Goodland School Board.

Kin says her hobbies include music, arts and certain sports. Her love of travel has taken her to Canada, China, the Philippines, Japan, Malaysia, Thailand and Macao, along with much of the United States.

She says of her collection has come from her travels, along with some gifts from relatives and friends.

"Looking East" will be on display at the Carnegie Arts Center in July Tuesdays-Friday from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Saturday, Sunday and Mondays from 1-4 p.m.

Changes made in economic development, Chamber

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

There have been a lot of changes over the past year in the groups which represent Sherman County and work to bring new businesses, conventions and visitors to the community as well as support the existing businesses.

Today there are three offices which handle the separate efforts of Economic Development Council, the Chamber of Commerce and the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

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But while they have separate offices and separate managers, the offices coordinate efforts to boost the business community and economic health of Sherman County.

A year ago, the new Sherman County Economic Development Council was created by a resolution of the Sherman County commissioners and had begun looking for an executive director.

The director was selected in September after interviews, and Carolyn Applegate, then Chamber manager in Norton, opened the new Economic Development office at 1208 Main Ave. on Nov. 1.

Applegate had been doing economic development as part of her job in Norton. She has been in this job for eight months.

In December, the Sherman

County Convention and Visitors Bureau board voted to cancel a long-standing management contract with the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, and decided to open its own office. The bureau moved to an office adjoining the economic development council at 1206 Main.

About the same time, longtime Chamber manager Ron Harding decided to go to work for Aten Department Stores after 22 years. He had managed the visitors bureau since it was opened, and headed the eco-

economic development efforts as part of his duties.

The visitors bureau is supported by the county "bed tax" on motel rooms and campground spaces, while the economic development effort received major contributions from the city and county. The Chamber is supported mostly by dues from business and private members.

With the breakup of the offices came new directions, with Harding's

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New surface for Max Jones

Jeff Vahling of Von Lintels Refinishing Co. out of Hays sanded down the floor of the Max Jones Field House. The main floor is being completely refinished over the summer. See photo on Page 3.