

weather report

90°
at noon



Today
• Sunset, 7:34 p.m.
Tomorrow
• Sunrise, 6:07 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:33 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil Temperature 82 degrees
• Humidity 33 percent
• Sky mostly clear
• Winds northeast 12 m.p.h.
• Barometer 30.16 inches and rising
• Record High 102° (1938)
• Record Low 45° (1945)

Last 24 Hours*
High 100°
Low 67°
Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast
Today: mostly sunny, high mid 90s, low mid 60s, winds southeast 10-15 m.p.h. Saturday: partly sunny, high lower 90s, low mid 60s.

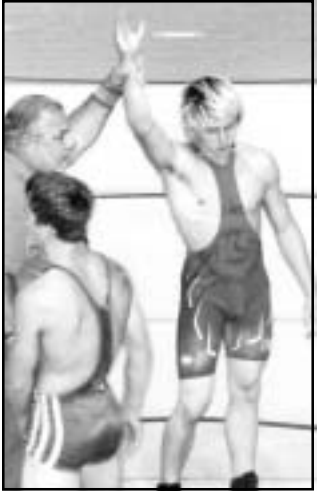
Extended Forecast
Sunday: partly cloudy, high mid 90s. Monday: mostly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the afternoon and evening, high mid 80s, low upper 50s. Tuesday: cloudy with a slight chance of shower and thunderstorms, high lower 80s, low mid 50s.
(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
Wheat — \$3.27 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.33
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.25 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.96
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
New crop — \$2.15 bushel
Milo — \$1.95 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.64 bushel
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$4.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.67 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.39
NuSun — \$9.00 cwt.
Confection — \$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Pinto beans — Withdrawn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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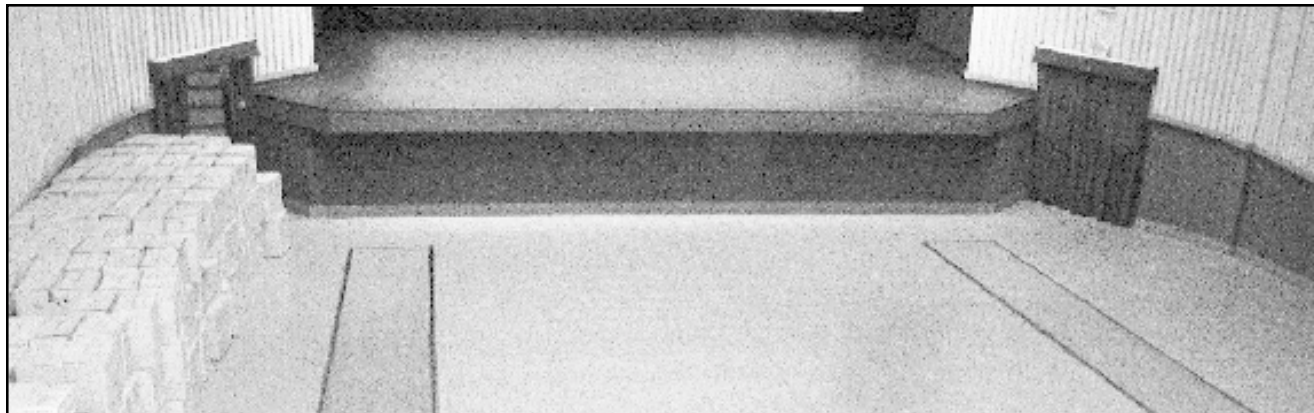


Wrestler is All-American

Goodland wrestler Blayze Bahe wrestled against three-time state champion Jake Kreigbaum from Abilene at the Junior National Championships in Fargo, N.D., in July. Story and photo on Page 12.



Transformed!



Theater's new seats now ready

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

The Sherman Theatre showed off a new look Wednesday, but customers could just look at the newly installed seats while sitting in the balcony and had to wait for Thursday to try them out.

A family company installed the new seats Tuesday and Wednesday, and then the epoxy had to have time to set. Darrell Talbert of Downing, Mo., and their uncle, Ted Geery make up Technical Cinema Service. David Branda, owner of the Sherman, said he was glad the family was able to come install his seats.

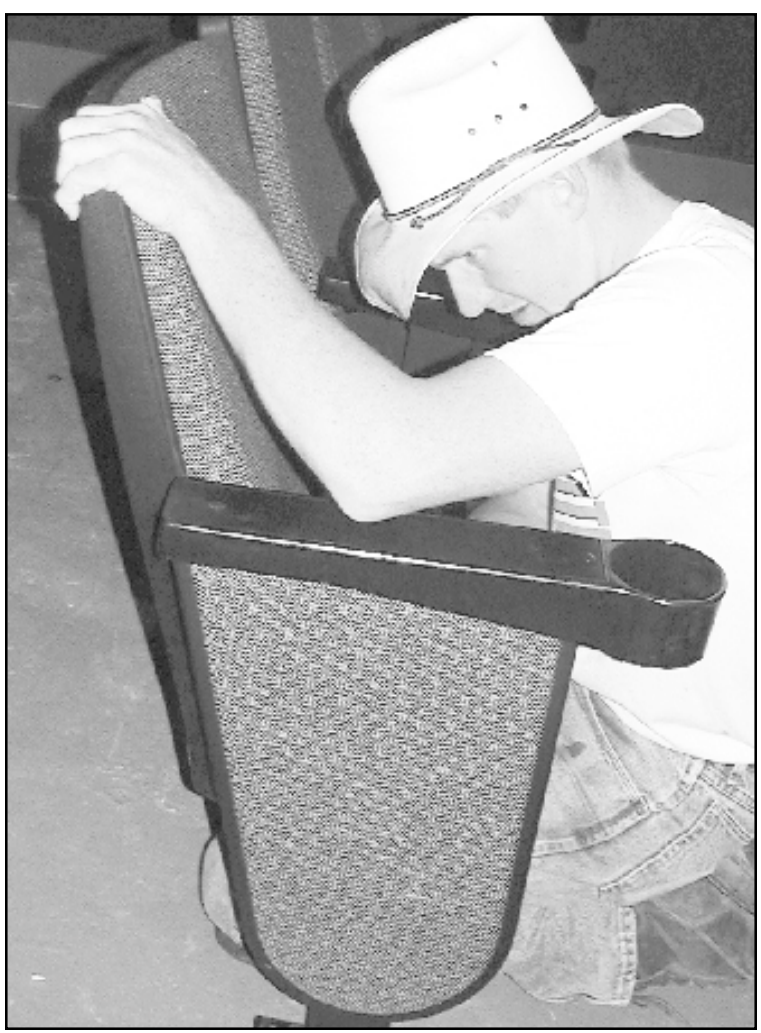
"I was pleased," he said. "It was short notice."

Branda said he had planned the project for the fall, but when a Texas theater needed the Sherman's old seat to replace theirs that were burned, he moved the project up.

Branda said Seating Concepts, the company he purchased the new seats from, gave him two names of people to call for installation. Darrell was in Kansas, Branda said, and the other was in Texas. So he called the Kansas number first and found an installer.

Darrell has a long history in the theater business and has taken his brother and uncle along with him.

Darrell said he started working as a ticket taker in 1967 and worked his



Dave Branda (top left), Sherman Theatre owner, showed off his new seats Tuesday morning. The project put the theater through several stages, including an empty seating area (top right) with boxes piled next to the wall. Darrell Talbert (right) and his brother Chris (above) installed the new seats Wednesday.
Photos by Sharon Corcoran and Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

way up in the theater business. He has a wife and three kids and, despite traveling all over the country for work, doesn't usually have to be away from them for long periods of time.

"I'm not normally on the road for

more than a few days at a time," he said.

Chris is also married with three kids and, besides working with his brother, raises cattle. And that

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Woman outlives Hope, Burns at 103

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

Hazel Webster has lived longer than Bob Hope or George Burns and has traveled the United States and part of Canada, but how much she remembers of it depends on what kind of day she's having.

Born Aug. 24, 1900, Webster will turn 103 on Sunday, but she doesn't believe she's really that old.

"I'm not 103," says the Goodland Good Samaritan Center resident.

Webster said a bad stroke that put her in the hospital and then the center, and her memory is often fleeting.

"There's so many things in my life that I remember," she said, "and then they go away."

"I think I'm getting better."

Webster said her husband Bill

served in the military, and later, the two traveled extensively in a trailer.

"After he got out of the service," Hazel said, "he said, 'I want to see the world.'"

"We started out from the coast, spent the winter, got rid of everything we had and bought a travel trailer and a good car."

"I did most of the driving. Bill didn't care for that."

Webster said she has been to nearly every state, from coast to coast and from border to border, and she has crossed over into Canada.

She said the trailer was really nice

and roomy, the size of a lot of small houses.

She recalls moving frequently with her parents when she was young. She said her father was a carpenter and moved to wherever he was offered a good contract.

He built and fixed boats, she said, in Portland, Ore., and California. Webster said she remembers living on the coast during "the war" and the day her St. Bernard was drafted.

Hazel said she and her father were walking the dog by the main highway and stopped on a bridge to watch as the troops were being moved. She said the captain came over to her dad and said he wanted the dog.

The troops were going to Alaska for training, she said, and needed large dogs to carry packs through the snow.

"Dad said, 'If the boys can go, we can let our dog go,'" she said.

How Webster ended up in Goodland is a bit of a mystery to her. She said she and Bill lived in the travel trailer in a little park in a town near here. She said she went out to pick up the morning paper, and the whole world went black.

"I went out head first," she said. "When they found me, my body was in the door, and my head was on the step."

"I don't know how long I had been there."

She said she didn't know anything until she woke up at the center, except that she did spend some time in the hospital.

The center's records say that Bill died in 1984, and Hazel's last address was in Greeley, Colo., where

her nephew lives. She has been in the center since March and does not have any children.

One thing Webster said she is sure of is that her life is not going to be the same as it was before the stroke.

"I know this has ended my life is all," she said.

Though she doesn't like fighting with her brain for every memory, she knows things could be worse.

"I'm thankful I'm as well as I am," she said.

She is able to get around with the help of a walker and is in good health. She enjoys reading and is determined to keep her mind as sharp as she can.

"I can read everything," she said. "I'm not gonna let myself get any worse than I am. If I can learn something, I will."

Schools open Monday morning

Goodland students will start school Monday on the heat schedule, with classes starting at the regular time and all schools letting out by 1 p.m.

Kindergarten classes have moved from North School to West, putting them with the younger students.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the district will hold a picnic at 6 p.m. tonight in Gulick Park for all employees to let them get to know each other as a kick off to the year.

Principal Harvey Swager said he is on the job for the start of the school year and is in better health.

"It is great to be back and get to be a part of the start-of-school assembly and be able to visit all of the

classes," said Swager. "We are going to have a great year, and it will be one of the best yet."

Other principals from all schools gave their reports to the board during a meeting last week, on Aug. 11.

West Principal Gerald Burkett reported the building is in excellent condition and thanked the janitorial staff for their work. He said moving the kindergarten to the building had generated positive comments.

Burkett also thanked the library technicians from all schools for coming on their own time to prepare and decorate West's library to be ready for the start of school. Enrollment came to 67 students, he said,

with 14 new students.

Central Principal Sharon Gregory reported 40 students for first-day enrollment with three new students. Training sessions for teachers were still underway and they are looking forward to the start of a new year.

Grant Junior High Principal Jim Mull has taken over as principal at North, splitting his time between the two buildings. He said this year will have a strong focus on getting the students' math scores up.

Mull will be reporting every day to North in the mornings to prepare students and staff for the day's events. He will be at the junior high in the afternoon.

Fairgrounds to light up tonight for Relay for Life

The Sherman County Fairgrounds will light up tonight with the memories of cancer victims and survivors, as people from the area walk through the night to raise money for cancer research.

The Sherman County Relay for Life begins with a survivors' lap at 7 p.m. and will continue until 7 a.m. Saturday.

A luminaria ceremony will be at 9 p.m.

Teams of eight to 15 members will gather with tents and sleeping bags for a giant slumber party. Friends, families, businesses, church groups and others put teams together, and all will gather for camaraderie and exercise.

The walkers raised money from sponsors, and the sale of luminaries in memory of survivors, cancer victims and others will also raise money.