

**weather
report****70°**

at noon

**Today**

• Sunset, 6:39 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:39 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:38 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 69 degrees
- Humidity 24 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds southwest 25-32 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.04 inches and falling

- Record High 90° (1938)
- Record Low 22° (1942)

Last 24 Hours*

High	72°
Low	41°
Precipitation	none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: mostly sunny becoming partly cloudy, high mid 80s, low lower 40s, winds northwest 5-30 m.p.h. Saturday: partly cloudy and breezy, high lower 70s, low lower 40s, winds north 15-25 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy, high mid 60s, low upper 30s. Monday: partly cloudy, high upper 60s. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high lower 70s, low lower 40s. Wednesday: partly cloudy, high lower 70s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Ed Wolak (left), director of public works and utilities, Dennis Malsom (center) of Malsom Welding and Repair Service and Kenny Studer, also of public works, watched as an air conditioning was being lowered Wednesday afternoon into a truck for transport to the landfill.

Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

Flatlander Festival schedule of events

6 a.m. to 1 p.m. — Benefit pancake feed at Goodland High School cafeteria.

9 a.m. — Punt, Pass and Kick at Cowboy Stadium for boys and girls 8-15, sponsored by Goodland Activity Center.

10 a.m. — 18th Early Iron of Western Kansas Rod Run, Main Ave. from 12th to 16th. Show and Shine 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on Sunday. DJ Dance at Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday, Poker Run 10 a.m. to 11 a.m. Awards ceremony Noon.

10 a.m. to 4 p.m. — Street Festival — booths for food, games, entertainment, souvenirs 10th to 12th. Includes 13 booths from the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. — Northwest Kansas Bike Show on Main from 9th to 10th. Display of bikes 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Motorcycle games 3:30 p.m. on the Bankwest parking lot. Awards ceremony at 6 p.m. Motorcycle parade on Main 8 p.m. Sunday there will be a worship service and breakfast at 8 a.m. A poker run will be held at 9 a.m.

10 a.m. — Sunflower Spin-

ners antique tractor show in the 1600 block of Main.

10 a.m. — Military exhibit at Main and 16th.**10 a.m.** — 3 on 3 basketball tournament at Goodland Activities Center, 808 Main.**10 a.m.** — Old School House Day program “experience a one-room school setting” at the building north of the High Plains Museum on 17th and Cherry.**11 a.m.** — Scruffy Dog Contest at 11th and Main (west side). Sponsored by Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter and KLOE/KKCI/KWGB. Sign up at the site of contest or at Animal Shelter booth on west side of Main about 100 feet north of 11th intersection.**1-4 p.m.** — Saturday, Sunday and Monday — The Flatlander Photo Contest show at Carnegie Art Center.**6:30 p.m.** — Stock car races at Sherman County Speedway on **Friday and Saturday**. These are the final races of the season.**2 p.m. — Sunday** — Dedication of silhouettes at the Kidder Massacre site northeast of town. The site is north of Edson on County Road 28, where a memorial marker flags drivers at the corner of County Road 77.

Work begins on building for new company

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Getting the old Mosbarger IGA building ready for a new life as a manufacturing plant moved into high gear Wednesday as city crews began removing old air conditioning units off the roof, and the city commission approved a prime contractor to oversee the remodeling.

Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp. is moving to Goodland, and the city is moving with as much speed as possible to get the building ready to handle the new company which needs to be in production by the middle of November.

Wednesday the commission held a special meeting at noon to appoint a prime contractor for the project and to arrange to pay for the project.

City Commissioners Dave Daniels, John Garcia and Chuck Lutters were the members available for the special meeting as Mayor Rick Billinger and Commissioner Dean Blume were out of town.

Lutters opened the meeting as the mayor pro tem.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the city would borrow the money for the remodeling project from the Utility Capital Reserve fund, and that the loan would be paid back beginning in 2006.

“Because of the time line and need to get going we will not be doing the traditional design and bid routine,” Pickman said. “We are recommending the appointment of a prime contractor which would be Rhoads Construction, and going on

a cost plus percent basis.”

He said he had met with three local contractors on Tuesday, and they had agreed to the arrangement. In addition to Rhoads he met with Mike Miller of Miller Construction and Leo Townsend of Townsend Construction.

Darwin McClung of Rhoads said the company would expect to add 5 percent for their margin, and that all the bills would be presented to the city for payment.

“Our normal rate is cost plus five percent,” McClung said. “We will be working with all the local contractors and will have a construction foreman on site.”

Pickman said he felt it will take the help of all the local contractors to get it done in the short time frame.

“I have been encouraged by the way this is bringing a lot of people together to help,” Lutters said. “The main thing is ‘let’s get them here.’”

Pickman said the city would be using their work crews and some temporary help to do the demolition work, and that the work was already being started.

Garcia asked if the people from the new company were satisfied that the building would work and if they had seen the building.

Pickman said they were working with the company, and that the city would be providing the building in shape to begin operations as soon as possible. He said the city would provide the basic building and the restrooms with infrared heating and air conditioning in the restrooms

and break area.

Daniels asked if the building would be usable for the city if the aircraft company had to move to a larger building in the future.

Pickman said since they were doing the building remodeling the basic work will make it a usable building for any future use.

“While we are doing this we are going to do it right,” Pickman said. “We do not know how much it will cost, but it could be as high as \$500,000 when the total project is completed. We expect the roof to cost \$120,000 to \$180,000.”

He said the structural engineer who had looked at the building was working on a plan to replace the one dam-

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Students educate members about ‘hand-helds’

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

It was the members of the Goodland Board of Education who got some learning at Monday’s meeting in the library at Grant Junior High School.

The board received an orientation on the uses and operation of the “hand-helds” issued to 7th grade students last year as part of the Palm Pilot Project.

Jim Mull, Grant’s principal, started the orientation by giving a brief history of the project and commented on how well the project was received by the students involved.

He introduced Sue Hagerman, 8th grade science teacher, and Tonya Gray, 7th grade math teacher, who had volunteered to see that the students were trained on the hand-helds. Mull said these two were most responsible for the project’s success at Grant.

The teachers brought out some students who received the hand-helds last year, had them introduce themselves then break off to give some one-on-one instruction to the board members for about 25 minutes.

“The project has been a success with the students,” Hagerman said. “The hand-helds help them with their organization skills and for some students it has helped them with their writing.”

As an example for the success of the project, Mull told the board that of the more than 80 hand-helds issued last year only one was lost.

Hagerman said the hand-helds can do 80 percent of what a desktop computer can do. The software in the ones issued to Grant’s students includes Address Book, Memopad, Notepad, a calculator, calendar and clock.

“The user can install just about any application they want if there is software and memory available,” said Hagerman. “It even has Internet capabilities. The newer models can take pictures also.”

The board gave approval to proceed with the project again this year. Mull said the hand-helds have been ordered and should be in the students’ hands by the first of October.

“The kids are excited,” Mull said, “and are asking me about them daily.”

Board gets clean audit

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

The board met Monday evening, in the library on the second floor of Grant Junior High to hear the audit report.

Brian Staats of the Colby branch of Adams, Brown, Beran and Ball

Chartered, certified public accountants, presented the annual CPA audit report for the 2002-2003 school year. He reported that there were no reportable conditions found and that the board was in compliance with

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Sammie Raymer (center) and eighth grader at Grant Junior High School showed Board Clerk Pat Juhl and Board President Dick Short how to operate her “hand-held” during Monday night’s meeting at Grant’s library. The hand-held was issued to Raymer and her classmates last year as part of the Palm Pilot Project.

Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

**local
markets****Noon**

Wheat — \$3.08 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.05
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.22 bushel
New crop — \$2.16 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.00
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$1.92 bushel
Soybeans — \$6.39 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.96
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.50
Loan deficiency pmt. — 51¢
Confection — \$17/\$10 cwt.
Pinto beans — Withdrawn
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigo Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls face Scott City

Freshman Sandy Johnson waited for her partner sophomore Megan Stefan to serve the ball during their match against their opponents from Scott City Wednesday. See photo on Page 8.