

**weather report**

**85°**  
noon  
Monday



**Today**

- Sunset, 8:17 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:25 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 76 degrees
- Humidity 29 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southeast 12-19 mph
- Barometer 30.22 inches and is steady
- Record High today 106° (1990)
- Record Low today 44° (1959)

**Last 24 Hours\***

- High Sunday 85°
- Low Sunday 51°
- Precipitation none
- This month 1.03
- Year to date 4.28
- Below normal 5.95 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Sunny with chance of isolated thunderstorms after noon, high near 98, winds south 5 to 10 mph and a low around 60. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, a high near 91, winds north 5 to 10 mph and a low around 60.

**Extended Forecast**

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, a high near 81 and a low around 60. Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 86 and a low around 63. Saturday: Sunny, high near 94, low around 62.

(National Weather Service)  
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\*Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$8.17 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.52
- Corn — \$6.75 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.11
- Milo — \$6.33 bushel
- Soybeans — \$14.60 bushel
- Posted county price — \$14.80
- Millet — \$10.75 hundred-weight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$29.40 cwt.
- NuSun — \$29.70 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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**Slammers finish second**

Kate-Lynn King (above, right) tried to steal third base for the Goodland Slammers fast-pitch softball team on Wednesday. Coach Andy Scheopner was at third. King scored when the throw to third went wild. See photos, story on Page 9.

## Waiting for Penney's decision

By Tom Betz

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An incentive package to keep the J.C. Penney store in Goodland open was delivered last week and Monday, City Commissioner John Garcia said Penney's officials told him Friday a decision should be made by next Monday.

"All we can do is wait," Garcia said, "but the Penney's official said they were reviewing the proposal, and should make a decision this week.

"The person said he could not say what the decision might be, but thanked the community for the quick response."

Garcia said the official told him Penney's wasn't really looking for money, but was impressed with the effort the Goodland people are putting forth to keep the store. He said the company will look at all the options they have.

The proposal from Sherman County and the city would reduce the city utility cost for two years, worth about \$10,000.

The Sherman County Economic Development Council pledged \$25,000 for two years and landlord Pete Whalen offered to cut the rent in half.

Garcia said he was pleased with how the discussions had gone.

"We are making a good effort to keep the store," Garcia said.

He said the city and county proposal would be repaid several times over in the continued sales taxes if the store remains open.

People need to know the sales tax income from Penney's is much more than what is being offered, he said.

"No matter what the decision, we will know we have made a good effort," he said. "We will keep going, and it has given us a chance to look at what can be done.

"We have shown that people from the surrounding area shop here and have sent letters to Penney's to help in the effort to keep our store open."

## Freedom Fest Friday fantastic family fun

Goodland's annual Freedom Fest Fourth of July celebration, — featuring two bands, a hamburger feed, carnival rides, a watermelon feed and a grand fireworks display — begins Friday afternoon with carnival rides and lots of food.

Brad Schields, chairman of the Freedom Fest Committee, said the lineup for the evening is set, and the carnival rides are being made ready.

The celebration starts at 5:30 p.m. at the Sherman County fairgrounds with the 4-H Junior Leader's \$5 barbecue. Goodland Rotary Club members will hand out free slices of watermelon as long as they last.

Schields said the local band Pieces of Eight will open the entertainment at 6 p.m. and the Blue Healers, a classic and old-time rock band from Hays, will play from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

The carnival will run from 6 to 9:30 p.m., he said, with a \$10 wristband offering unlimited rides. The carnival has a couple of new rides, he said, including a centrifugal-force ride and a kids' train. He said several rides were rebuilt and repainted over the winter in the new storage and workshop building.

Schields said the Kiwanis Snack Shack will be open after the 4-H barbecue, and some food vendors are expected, including sno cones and funnel cakes.

He said Joe Diaz, who has been putting on the fireworks show for more than 10 years, promises another grand display. He said the show should begin about 9:30 p.m., or after it gets dark.

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Cara Bauman applied a vinyl star to one of the seats on the Tilt-a-Whirl at the Sherman County Fairgrounds on Saturday afternoon. Her helper, husband, Kevin Bauman, said he had painted the seats for the carnival committee. Kevin owns KB Body and Paint and his

wife has Vinyl Designs, both at the corner of old U.S. 24 and County Road 17 west of town. Bauman said he has done quite a bit of painting for the carnival rides, including the carousel and the Lions helicopter ride.

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## KU students find tools at Kanorado

By Tom Betz

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University of Kansas graduate students spent 10 days this month scraping away layers of dirt at historic paleoindian sites south and east of Kanorado, unearthing ancient tools, chert flakes from tool making and bison bones left from their hunts.

This is the fifth year KU students have been at the sites near Kanorado with Dr. Rolfe Mandel, executive director of the Odyssey Archeological Research Program for the Kansas Geological Survey and a professor of anthropology at KU.

He said Thursday he had 13 students working the sites this year. They arrived at Kanorado on Tuesday, June 17, for the 10-day field school, finishing up on Thursday. A smaller group was on site working for about two weeks earlier this summer, and most came back.

Some students camped out at the Briggs Park on the south side of old U.S. 24 at Kanorado while others stayed in a dorm at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

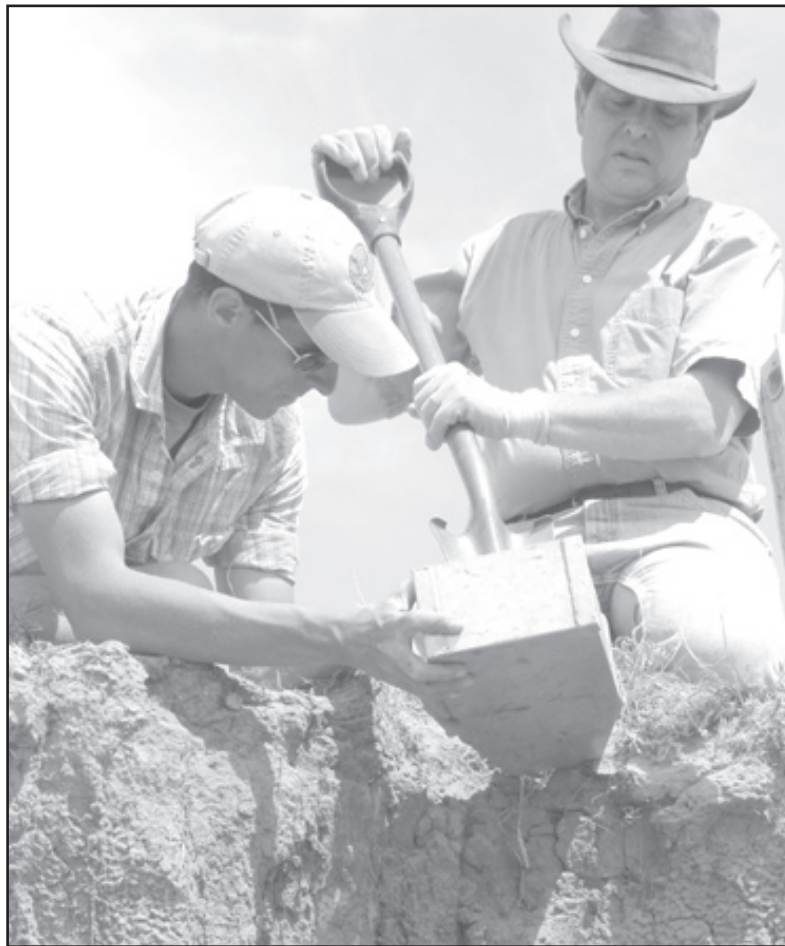
Mandel said two students tried an experiment with ground-penetrating radar, but it did not appear to be as useful as the students had hoped. Mandel said it does appear the students were able to map the area south of the dig site south of I-70 and east of County Road 3, and had found what appears to be the south side of the old bed of Middle Beaver Creek.

He said the radar did not find any specific archeological formations, however.

"It is hard to pick up specific points," Mandel said, "because the land is so homogeneous and there are not large bones or areas like hearths to find."

Most of the students worked at the dig site where the radar experiment was going on over the hill, digging up some ancient tools.

One nice scraper was found Thursday afternoon, the last day of the dig for this



Nick Kessler, a University of Kansas graduate student (left), held a pan as Dr. Rolfe Mandel dug out a soil sample at one of the Kanorado paleoindian sites. The soil samples will be checked for land snails to help read changing climate conditions over the life of the site. This stone hide scraper (right) was found Thursday at a site southeast of Kanorado. Based on where it was found, Dr. Mandel said he thinks it is possibly 10,000 to 12,000 years old.

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## School board hires Topeka firm to evaluate high school

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board hired a Topeka architectural firm last Monday to evaluate the Goodland High School building and help the board decide whether it should move the junior high students to the larger school.

Board member Jane Philbrick said the firm, Horst Terrill and Karst Architects, had worked with the district before and had done the renovation to Scott City High School.

Superintendent Shelly Angelos said the board needs to know if the high school building is sound enough to move the seventh and eighth grades there, and whether renovations or additions are needed.

"The timing is important to the faculty and the community," Angelos said.

If the building is all right the district would like to move the students next fall, she said, in time for the 2009 school year.

Angelos said she looked at what Scott City had done because the town and school are about the same size as Goodland. The school board there had tried to pass a bond issue to build a new high school, but the community did not want to give up the old structure. Voters said no.

Next, the board proposed borrowing \$11.5 million to strip the existing high school, rewire and replumb it, install new heating and air conditioning and turn the old gym into a media center, or library.

The voters passed that proposal, which took the district two years to complete it.

Angelos said she wanted to give the board the information to review as part of the decision-making process. She said she felt the average voter would not go for a bond issue for a new building because a lot of them are on a fixed income.

Angelos said possible improvements to the high school that should be made are window replacement, complete air conditioning and removing an old modular classroom.

She said improvements such as air conditioning, dressing rooms, a control room, lighting system, sound system and bathrooms for the auditorium might be done through the capital outlay fund.

"We need information to make an intelligent decision," said board member Chuck Wilkens said.

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