

District meets goal; not all OK

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Goodland School Board members heard Monday night from Shelly Angelos the district as a whole made the Annual Yearly Progress, but it did not make the goal in all of the subgroups measured.

The Annual Yearly Progress goal is part of the federal No Child Left Behind legislation.

Subgroups can be the economically disadvantaged, special education, English Language Learners and students from major racial such as African American, American Indian, Asian, Hispanic, white or multi-ethnic. There must be 30 students for a subgroup.

This is the second year for the district to be on improvement, said Superintendent Angelos. The district will now move into a corrective action plan. The district will have to update its corrective action plan, attend state assessment meetings, participate in the Kansas Learning Network and possibly have an audit. The district had an audit last year. The Annual Yearly Progress goal

School enrollment figures up

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Superintendent Shelly Angelos told the Goodland School Board on Monday night she was pleased with the head count numbers of the district this year. She said so far they have 892 students enrolled compared to 862 for last year.

This number seems to indicate the district has picked up about 30 students over last year and does not include head start and the learning center numbers.

This is not the number used for full-time equivalency the state uses for state aid, Angelos said. The official number to be sent in to the state is taken on Monday, Sept. 20. Kindergarten and head start are only counted as a .5 full time equivalency.

The Board adopted a custodial fee of \$100 a day or \$25 for four hours or less for the use of Max Jones Fieldhouse. Superintendent Angelos said the decision to go back and look at custodial fees was caused

by a mountain of trash that had to be cleaned up after an event for Kansas Kids for last year.

Superintendent Angelos said the fee structure had not been changed for a number of years. If an event charges a gate fee and makes money from concessions will pay \$200 for one gym or \$250 for two gyms and the custodial fee. If there is no gate fee it will cost \$100 for one gym or \$125 for two gyms or 50 percent of the full fee and the custodial fee. The Tech College and the Goodland Activities Center will not pay use fees but may have custodial fees.

In other business the board:

- Heard Superintendent Angelos had been appointed to the advisory council for the Kansas Association for School Boards.

- Board member Andrew House said the Northwest Kansas Educational Services Center at Oakley had 14 in Goodland in Head Start and they were going to buy eight or nine vehicles for its fleet.

- Paid \$164,498 in bills.
- Gave Samantha Goalden permission to attend Northwest Tech

her senior year. She only needs two classes to graduate from high school and will do those through the Learning Center. She will enroll in the two-year program for business.

- Gave permission for Bob Harkins to seek bids for new nine-passenger vehicles for the district.

- Accepted the resignation of Eva Carranza and Andrea Eggert, both as paraprofessionals and Cleve Trachsel as head seventh grade basketball coach.

- Hired Karen Colip, Melissa Schritter, Charity McIntyre and Marlene Eddleman as paraprofessionals at Central Elementary School.

- Hired Coleen Rohr and Shelly Bellamy as paraprofessionals at West Elementary.

- Hired Brad Bergsma as the head seventh grade boys basketball coach, Amy Cebula as the assistant eighth grade volleyball coach and Aimee Stoffel as the assistant seventh grade volleyball coach.

- Hired Mary Harkins as a route/shuttle bus driver and David Wynn as a Suburban route driver.

Fair days reportedly great time

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The Northwest Kansas District Free Fair report was given to the Sherman County commissioners and the representatives said it was a good fair.

Aaron Duell, carnival chairman, and Steve Duell, fair board chairman, told the commissioners the fair had gone well.

"We want to thank you for your help," said Steve Duell. "Curt (Way) and Butch (Vandiver) were great help, otherwise we would not have gotten a couple of things pulled off."

He said the tractor pull had probably the biggest crowd the event has seen.

Monday and Tuesday were record nights for the carnival Aaron Duell said. He said Tuesday was the biggest wrist band night the carnival has had. He said Friday's wrist band night was good, but not a record.

Aaron Duell said the food vendors were all happy, and they had good crowds for things and there were no accidents.

Steve Duell said getting things ready has gotten to be a big process, especially when it rains.

County Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked if the Professional Bull Riders event on Wednesday went well.

"I think it went well," Steve Duell said. "The bulls were good and the cowboys were good. We sold a lot of tickets to people who were from a long way away. Lots from Colorado. A couple nights I followed Colorado cars home."

Thomas asked if the parking area on the south was getting used.

Steve Duell said he feels it is getting more use each year. He said it is safer than the parking on the west, and better lighted.

Thomas said Ed Carlton had cornered him about planting more trees. He said Carlton wants to do another row.

is to be 100 percent proficient by 2014, said Superintendent Angelos. There were 24 districts in the state on improvement this year up from

16 last year. Twelve of those districts will be on corrective action. A letter will be sent out to parents to let them know.



Mavericks' signboard up, running

A worker from Commercial Sign of Colby installed and wired the new electronic signboard for Northwest Tech on Tuesday. Chuck Lutters, college maintenance man, was helping from the ground. The sign is located at the corner of K-27 and Business U.S. 24, and Lutters said it was formerly a billboard for the Buffalo Inn. The new sign is in operation and will show upcoming events at the college and some community events as well. Lutters said a big wad of birds nests in one of the main poles caused a bit of a fire when a hole was drilled for the electronic wiring.

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City applies for grant to work on 17 homes

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For the third year the City of Goodland is applying for a Community Development Block Grant to work on homes in a target area between Grand Ave. to Center Ave., and between 15th and 16th.

The grant application is for \$400,000 with a target area covering 45 homes in the target area. Danielle Knoll of the Northwest Kansas Regional Planning Commission presented the information to the city commission for their approval.

She said the deadline for the grant is Aug. 31, but the grants will not be awarded until January. She said the plan is to ask for money to rehab 14 homes in the target area and to demolish three homes.

She said the cost to the city will be \$500 for an environmental review, and the available money from the grant will be \$386,300 with the remaining \$13,700 going to Northwest Planning for administration of the grant.

The maximum that can be spent to rehab a home is \$20,000, she said, and Helen Dobbs

had been working to get pre-applications to focus on the target area.

Commissioner Rick Billinger asked about the lead-based paint inspection requirement.

Knoll said the grant has to assume there is lead-based paint in these homes because of their age of construction.

Commissioner Dave Daniels said all houses built after a certain date the lead-based paint has to be figured in.

Dobbs said the housing log includes the date when the house was built.

"It doesn't mean you will find lead-based paint," Billinger said.

The commissioners approved the motion to submit the application for the grant and to pay the \$500 for the environmental review.

The next city commission meeting will be at 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7, in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th. The meeting date has been changed because the city offices will be closed on Monday, Sept. 6, for the Labor Day holiday.

weather report

77°

noon
Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 7:24 p.m.
- Sunrise, 6:12 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:23 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 74 degrees
- Humidity 29 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south 17-24 mph
- Barometer 30.23 inches and falling

- Record High today 102° (1960)
- Record Low today 44° (1911)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 73°
- Low Wednesday 55°
- Precipitation none
- This month 2.66
- Year to date 17.27
- Above Normal 1.26 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 90, winds breezy out of the south at 10 to 25 mph and a low around 56. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 92, winds breezy out of the south at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 60.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 91 and a low around 61. Monday: Sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 92 and a low around 61.

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

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$5.52 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.68
- Corn — \$3.58 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.66
- Milo — \$3.29 bushel
- Soybeans — \$9.15 bushel
- Posted county price — \$9.59
- Millet — \$5 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$15.80 cwt.
- Confection — \$28/\$15 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)

(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys invite fans

The Cowboys will show off this year's team at the 'soap' scrimmage at 6:15 p.m. tonight. People are asked to bring a sports drink for admission. See photo, story on Page 12.

