

weather report

74°

noon

Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 6:51 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:31 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:50 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 70 degrees

• Humidity 39 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds south 10 mph

• Barometer 30.18 inches

and falling

• Record High today 99° (1947)

• Record Low today 32° (1981)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday 84°

Low Wednesday 54°

Precipitation trace

This month 0.14

Year to date 17.41

Above normal 0.38 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 86, winds out of north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 56. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 84, winds out of the southwest at 10 mph switching to the east and a low around 54.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 86 and a low around 56. Monday: Sunny and breezy with a high near 87 and a low around 52. Monday: Sunny and breezy with a high near 87 and a low around 52.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$5.85 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.32

Corn — \$4.28 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.28

Milo — \$4.13 bushel

Soybeans — \$9.17 bushel

Posted county price — \$9.71

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$17 cwt.

Confection — \$28/\$15 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta,

Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean.

These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Cowboys try to bounce back

Cowboy Nathan Deeds had the right angle to tackle the Ulysses runner. Deeds leads the team in tackles. The Cowboys try to bounce back tonight at Holcomb. See photos, story on Page 12.



Top two at road and bridge fired

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Sherman County commissioners surprised many people on Monday morning with the firing of the public works manager and the county shop foreman on a 2-1 vote following a closed door session and put another person in charge temporarily while they advertise for a new top person.

The commissioners started the meeting at 7:30 a.m. and Larry Enfield was in the audience to ask about fixing roads and the increase in property taxes he may see because of the increase in the county budget.

The discussion with Enfield lasted about 20 minutes, and when Enfield was done he thanked the commissioners for listening.

Commission Chairman Chuck Thomas said the commissioners had a close door session scheduled at Curt Way's request and asked County Attorney Bonnie Selby how long she needed. Selby said it was for 15 minutes for personnel issues and would have the commissioners her and Way.

The first closed door session lasted about five minutes and when

Changes at county department

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Monday after the Sherman County commissioners had talked to Butch Vandiver about taking over as temporary public works manager he asked what he was expected to do.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad told Vandiver the commissioners are starting a new program on the roads and and are going to try to do spraying rather than as much mowing.

"We want to do shouldering," she said, "not modified and not elevating, but shouldering. We want that done when the weather and conditions are appropriate. We want to do away with the piles by the side of the road. We don't want them any more. We understand the weed situation now and our hands are tied. We have that mess on the roads north of Ruleton up in that area, and we have that bridge that

needs to be done.

"Those are the things you are already set on doing. The guys all know you."

"I hope so," Vandiver said.

"What do you perceive your immediate problems to be?" County Attorney Bonnie Selby said. "I know this is like a bucket of cold water and you have not had time to think."

"There will be some uproar," Vandiver said. "There always is when there is a chance of command. It will calm down."

The commissioners told Vandiver to go ahead with the plan to purchase a 2010 road grader.

Linin said Vandiver needs to get something in place for oil changes, he said it needs to be a policy that a mechanic supervise the driver when servicing a vehicle.

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the meeting reopened Way left the building to handle a personnel situation at his office where a transfer station employee was to be fired for threatening another county employee.

After Way left the commissioner room Commissioner Cynthia Strnad asked for another executive session

for 15 minutes for personnel matters with the commissioners and the county attorney.

When the commissioners reopened the meeting Strnad had a motion

"As a result of discussion in executive session I move that Curt Way and Steve Goodman's positions

with Sherman County be terminated effective today," she said.

Thomas asked for a second.

Max Linin seconded the motion.

Thomas asked for a vote and Strnad and Linin voted in favor and Thomas voted against.

The commissioners asked Sheriff Kevin Butts to ask Way and Good-

man to come to the commissioner meeting.

A bit later Way and Goodman arrived at the meeting and were told by Thomas, "By a 2-1 vote of the commissioners you both were fired effective today."

One of the two men asked if there was any explanation.

Strnad said she did not feel under state law they had to tell them anything.

The two men left the meeting, and later on Monday Goodman's mechanics tool box was loaded onto his pickup, and Way cleaned out his office.

No explanation has been given about the firing, but speculation by some people is that the loss of the engine in the truck about two months ago was an issue because the commissioners expected some changes to be made and to have a mechanic supervise the drivers when they were to service the trucks and change oil.

The problem had been that a road and bridge employee was servicing the truck he drove, and for an unexplained reason he restarted the

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Tornado slides past town

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A tornado was sighted northwest of town about 8 p.m. on Tuesday, and the sirens were sounded because it appeared to be headed southeast, but turned east and then southeast between Edson and Brewster leaving Sherman County without any major damage.

The National Weather Service in Goodland reported they had been notified of a center pivot that had been turned over about 24 miles northwest of town, and that some trees had been damaged by the high winds and some corn fields had received some hail damage.

The action got going about 8 p.m. on Tuesday when an off duty weather service employee spotted a large cone tornado about nine miles north of Ruleton moving east southeast. Shortly after he saw the tornado it became rain wrapped and no longer visible through the rain and wind.

Weather spotters and ham radio operators on the north edge of town reported high winds about 60 mph and heavy rain about 8:20 p.m.

The weather service office on the northeast edge of Goodland reported a gust of 78 mph at 8:36 p.m. and that power had gone out in Goodland.

City Manager Doug Gerber said the city had a short power outage of less than five minutes, and the city had a couple of downed power poles on north Main near the cemetery, and a couple were leaning.

Sherman County had to cut up a tree that fell over north of the Agriculture building at the fair grounds. There were other reports from the north part of town about large limbs down.

Watching the radar and communicating with the weather spotters and the weather service office the tornado appeared to move east and

Getting city streets ready for big weekend

It was foggy on Monday when the city electric crew strung the Flatlanders Festival banner over Main Ave. in front of Central Elementary School. The big weekend will be Friday, Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 24, 25 and 26.

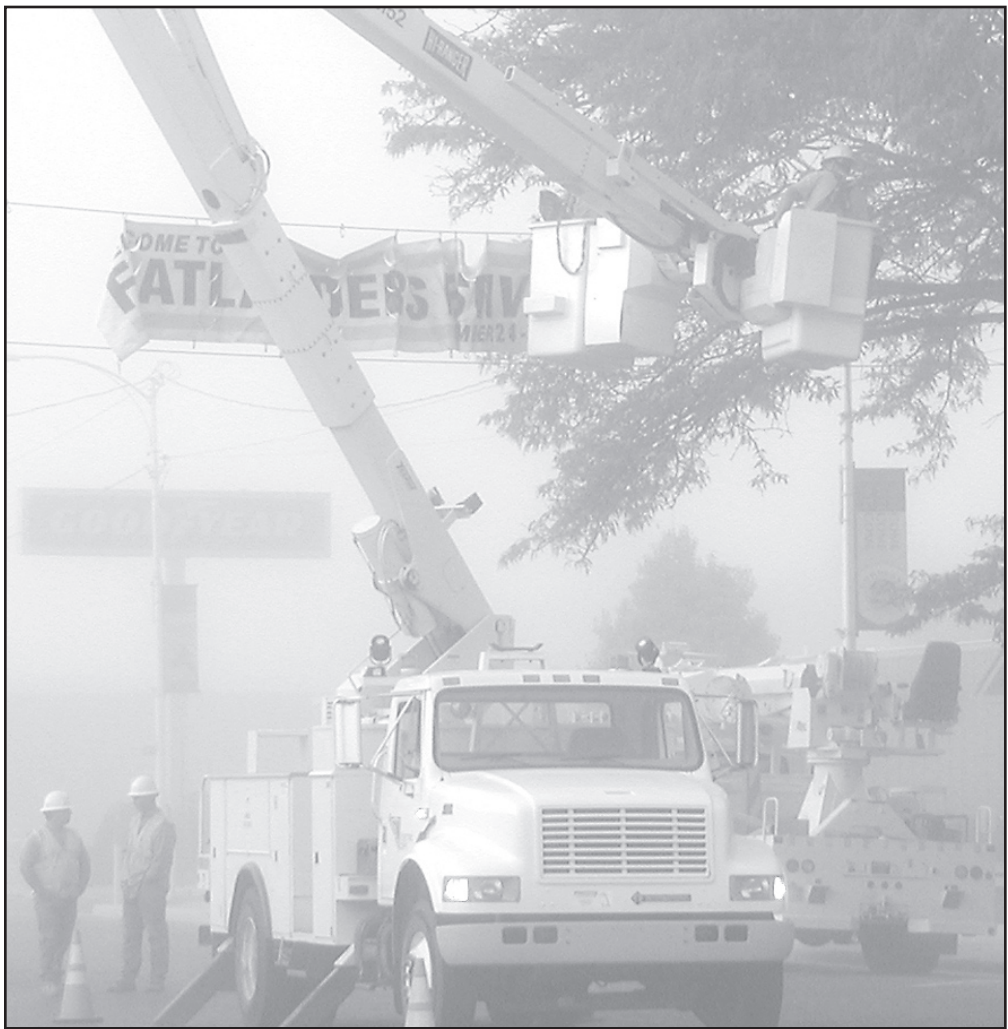
The 24th annual car show will begin on Friday evening and the Northwest Kansas Motorcycle show will be held on Saturday and Sunday.

The Goodland Activity Center is planning a 5K run for 8 a.m. on Saturday morning beginning and ending at the facility at Eighth and Main.

The Sherman County Speedway Flatlander Fall Classic will begin on Friday and run again on Saturday.

Main Ave. will be filled with vendors, games, cars and motorcycles from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and there is the Scruffy Dog contest and Talent shows on Saturday and the Picnic in the Park from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

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Cemetery board raising money for kiosk building

The Goodland Cemetery Board is excited about the installation of a electronic kiosk directory in the next few months at the cemetery and is looking to raise money for the building to be built around the kiosk.

The kiosk will have a new Digital Touch-Screen Directory. For many years the available directory has been a book located in the chapel. Because the information for the book had to be compiled manually, it was quite time consuming and, as a result, was rarely up-to-date.

The new Directory will be updated regularly with information directly from the City records.

Digital Computer Touch-Screen Directories are the most advanced, expandable and dynamic directories on the market. The customized software will allow the city and citizens to completely personalize the directory.

One way the cemetery board plans to do this is through Virtual Memorials, which are a way to celebrate the lives of loved ones by

creating a digital memorial online that can not only be viewed on the kiosk at the cemetery, but can be viewed anywhere, at anytime on the Internet. The memorials will be able to support, pictures, messages and even audio and video.

Before the Kiosk is installed, however, the cemetery board plans to build a structure to provide shelter for the kiosk.

The building has become an Eagle Scout project for Seth Stramel. The board is excited to have Seth

take this on as his Eagle project and enjoy working with him.

The plans call for an 8' by 16' brick building with metal interior and sensor lighting. The roof will be metal, and the front will be open. The goal is to have a relatively maintenance-free structure.

Seth and the board are working to raise money for the structure and is asking for community support. The board is not asking for any set amount, but would be most appreciative of any financial sup-

port people could provide for this worthwhile project.

It is estimated the project will cost about \$3,000, Stramel told the city commissioners.

If you have questions about the project, please fee free to contact Scout, Seth Stramel or Cemetery Board Chairman, Dick Hayden.

Donations can be sent to or left with: Jan Lohr, First National Bank, PO Box 570, Goodland, KS 67735. Make checks payable to the "Cemetery Project."