


weather report

67°  
noon  
Monday



Today

Sunset, 6:22 p.m.  
Saturday  
Sunrise, 6:48 a.m.  
Sunset, 6:21 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 58 degrees  
• Humidity 50 percent  
• Sky clean and sunny  
• Winds southeast 25 mph  
• Barometer 30.12 inches and falling  
• Record High today 95° (1947)  
• Record Low today 23° (1932)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 70°  
Low Sunday 40°  
Precipitation none  
This month none  
Year to date 18.91  
Above normal 1.33 inches


The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 83, winds out of the south at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 47. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 78, winds out of the northeast at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 46.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 81 and a low around 50. Friday: Sunny with a high near 82 and a low around 47. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 79 and a low around 46.  
(National Weather Service)  
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local markets




Noon

Wheat — \$5.45 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.55  
Corn — \$4.04 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.34  
Milo — \$3.89 bushel  
Soybeans — \$9.35 bushel  
Posted county price — \$9.82  
Millet — \$5 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$18.05 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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Cowgirls finish fourth

Jazz Weis putts at the Lakin high school golf tournament on Saturday. The Cowgirls finished fourth, and Weis finished fifth with the best round she has had for the season. See photo, story on Page 8.



# City plans appreciation week

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Citizens who come to the city administration building the week of Oct. 10 to 15 will be able to participate in a customer appreciation celebration the city has planned.

City Manager Doug Gerber said it is not a big deal, but the city will have drinks and snacks that week for those who come to the building to pay their bills or for other reasons.

“We will have some daily prizes,” he said, “and for all those who paid their utility bill on time by Friday, Oct. 15, will be eligible for one free month of utilities to be given away.”

The free utilities will be for a December bill, he said.

“We thought we would try it,” he said, “and a lot of the effort is being done by Mary’s staff.”

In other project news Gerber reported the K-27 concrete paving is on track for completion by the end of October with a contract end date of Nov. 9.

He said he believes Sam Mancini is trying to get the grocery store project moving, and was glad to know Mancini was giving information to *The Goodland Star-News*.

Commissioner John Garcia said it was great to hear from Mancini, and felt that would somewhat pacify the people who are calling him to ask what is happening.

“I feel Mancini is honest about what he is doing,” Gerber said, “and feel he is going to

move ahead with the project.

“His plan is to do the outside work this fall, and the inside over the winter with a plan to open in late March or early April.”

Garcia said he was impressed with the Northwest Tech electronic sign near the corner of Business U.S. 24 and K-27.

“Wish we had more of these,” he said. “Thinking about the signs out by the Interstate at the west and east exists, we need to move forward on that project.”

Gerber said he would look into the sign project and that it got lost with the other projects going on.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she was glad Garcia brought up the signs, and agrees the city needs to move that forward.

Commissioner Dave Daniels said he did not have anything because all the things he had questions about have been taken care of.

“Every issue I have had has been discussed or already fixed,” he said. “I appreciate the staff and the job they are doing.”

Commissioner Rick Billinger said he did not have anything to add.

The commissioners held a 5 minute closed door session to discuss personnel and adjourned when they returned at 6:29 p.m.


The city commissioners will meet at 5 p.m. on Monday in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

Citywide cleanup all this week!

Put things you want to be hauled off on the curb in front of your house or in the alley. Separate into three piles. One for all steel or metal items. A second pile for construction and debris items such as concrete or painted wood with or without nails. A third pile would be furniture items. City crews will be going door to door to pick up things put out on the curbs as an effort to help clean up the city.

K-27 work moves ahead

Smoky Hill crews were busy on Tuesday laying the concrete on the west lane of K-27 from the intersection to the Walmart intersection. The crews will be out today pouring the second half of the west portion of K-27. After the concrete sets for a week the project will switch to the east lanes and the Walmart intersection will reopen, but the one on the east side will be closed.  
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# Board selects architect for school renovation

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Members of the Goodland School Board conducted the interviews to pick an architectural firm to oversee new windows, heating and air conditioning at the high school and the renovation of North Elementary School into a kindergarten through sixth grade facility.

The board voted five to one to go with ARCHI+ETC at their regular meeting on Monday. Board member John Hendrich voted no as he has stated that he does not want to renovate North Elementary.

The aim of the district is that with declining enrollment the district can no longer afford to run five schools and a more economic way is needed while keeping the class sizes around 15 and maximizing the learning environment for the students, said Superintendent Shelly Angelos.

Board President Chuck Wilkens told each of the firms of the death of school board member Andrew House in a pickup accident. Wilkens said House was passionate about education. A moment of silence was held in his honor.

The firm of ARCHI+ETC, LLC of Lincoln, Neb. had their interview from 8 to 10 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 22. The firm PBA Architects, P.A., out of Wichita had their interview from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the same day.

The firm of Hutton Architecture Studio of Denver had their interview from 4 to 6 p.m. before the regular school board meeting on Monday.

Board President Wilkens commented that any of the firms would do a great job. ARCHI+ETC focused on renovation and offered the most help with the effort for a

bond election. PBA was an expert in FEMA structures as a tornado shelter is something the board wants in the new school but did not offer as much help on a bond. Hutton is really good with heating, ventilation and air conditioning and offered help with a bond election.

In the board’s discussion ARCHI+ETC and Hutton were pretty much equal. Board member Amy Sederstrom said she liked ARCHI+ETC and Wilkens agreed. Superintendent Angelos said ARCHI+ETC said the

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# Hams celebrate at Flatlanders

Members of the Sherman County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts club erected an antenna and set up a high frequency radio on Main Ave. during the 24th annual Flatlander Fall Festival as a special event station to promote the festival and ham radio.

During the six hours of operation the hams had a bit of a problem with the wind trying to carry away the canopy.

Hams Ray Smee N0NM and Mike Gregory K0MC of Stratton, Colo. got the station going Saturday morning and had some help from David Floyd N5DBZ and Al Pietrycha KB0ZXY for a little bit.

Smee and Tom Betz K0JEI had set up an off-center dipole antenna on Friday afternoon to make it quicker to set up on Saturday morning.

Gregory and Rodney Nelson KD0HED helped man the station during the day and answered people’s questions.

Gregory and Nelson made a number of contacts with stations in Texas as the hams in that state were holding a QSO party that weekend and trying to contact as many other stations as possible.

Other contacts were made in Alabama, Minnesota, Washington, California, Idaho, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, Tennessee and one in

York, England.

Smee said one time when he was at the station, located on the east side of Main between 12th and 13th, Rep. Jim Morrison, K0CVY of Colby, stopped by to talk.

Earlier in the day the local hams had helped with communications for the GAC Flatlander 5K run.

The local hams work with the National Weather Service in Goodland responding in severe weather and other related emergencies. The radio club operates a 2-meter repeater located out by Edson that provides a wide area of connection along the I-70 corridor. The Sherman County hams work in cooperation with hams in Thomas County on a daily weather net at 11 a.m. to keep hams advised of weather conditions for the next seven days.

The Sherman County Radio Enthusiasts club will meet at 6 p.m. on Wednesday at Gambino’s, and anyone interested in the wide variety of today’s ham radio technology is welcome to attend. The club meets at 6 p.m. the first Wednesday of every other month at Gambino’s.

A ham radio FCC license test session is planned for 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the city administration building, 204 W. 11th.

Ham Rodney Nelson KD0HED manned the Flatlander Festival Special Event Station during the street festival on Saturday, Sept. 25.  
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