

weather report



78°
noon
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:29 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 77 degrees
- Humidity 55 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northeast 13 mph
- Barometer 30.11 inches and steady
- Record High today 106° (1897)
- Record Low today 42° (1952)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	86°
Low Wednesday	63°
Precipitation	0.51
This month	1.36
Year to date	10.83
Below normal	0.18 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 90, winds out of south at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 66.
Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 95, winds out of the north at 5 mph and a low around 66.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 96 and a low around 66. Monday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 91 and a low around 68.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$6.49 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$6.62
 - Corn — \$5.87 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$6.44
 - Milo — \$5.61 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$12.22 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$12.70
 - Millet — \$5 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$31.75 cwt.
 - Confection — no bid
 - Pinto beans — \$28 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News



Slough elected board president

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board had its first meeting with newly elected members, Jennifer House, Jessica Cole and Diane Stiles, and new Superintendent Bill Biermann on Tuesday night at the Administration Building.

Superintendent Biermann opened the meeting asking for nominations for a board president. Board member House nominated Gary Slough after Mike Cochran said he did not want the job. Slough was elected as board president on a six to one vote with Teresa Sieck voting no.

"I want to go forward. We have a lot of work to do," said Slough after being elected.

Cochran was elected as vice president on a unanimous vote.

There was much discussion when the time

came to appoint the board's representative to the Northwest Kansas Technical College Board.

Cochran said he appreciated the work Dick Short has done for the school board as its representative on the college board, but he thought a sitting member of the school board should be the representative. Board member Cole agreed with him.

Tech College President Dr. Ed Mills said Short was a great asset on the board and is currently the vice president of the board. The office would not pass to a different person. He said most of the representatives from the 24 school districts the board serves are not currently sitting school board members.

Board member Stiles said she goes to the college board meetings and Short represents the district and school well.

A nomination of Short failed four to three with Slough, Cochran, Sieck and Cole voting no.

A nomination of Cochran with Cole as the alternate passed five to two with House and Sieck voting no.

Keigh Field representing Ken Klemm of Good Land Grass-Fed Beef, a division of The Buffalo Guys, was at the board meeting on Monday, June 27, to donate \$723.25 raised from a burger feed to be used to help update the Goodland High School auditorium.

In other business the board:

- Heard from president of the Western Plains Art Association Eric Yonkey as he urged the board to continue its support with a membership and the use of school facilities. The board voted to continue a \$200 membership to the Western Plains Arts Association.

• Accepted a bid from Florida Micro LLC for \$30,244 for devices and switches for the wireless network at the Goodland High School.

• Paid \$79,545 in bills.

• Selected the official newspaper as The Goodland Star-News.

• Selected Mark Scheopner as the clerk of the board, Marcia Harkins as the treasurer, Becky Schulte as the assistant clerk and Deb Winter as the deputy treasurer.

• Selected the law firm of Vignery and Mason to represent the board. Board member Sieck asked if any of the other law firms in town could handle the board's business. The answer to her question was no one else had ever handled their business.

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Goodland sends crew to help repair Oberlin system

By Kimberly Davis

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Winds blew up to about 88 mph and the rain fell hard and fast Saturday night, leaving tree limbs down, streets flooded, buildings damaged and Oberlin without power.

Tree limbs and the wind damaged power poles, lines and transformers, shutting off the power in town about 9 p.m. Saturday night. Many homes were without power until Sunday. Some areas of town still didn't have power on Tuesday, but not for lack of the city crews working.

The city line crew, said Mayor Bill Riedel, has been out working since the storm. They started Saturday night, clearing up hot wires to make the town safe. The crew worked all night, he said.

Goodland responded to a mutual aid request and sent a truck and crew to assist Oberlin on Tuesday. Dustin Bedore said the crew hoped to return to Goodland by Thursday evening.

Trees and limbs were down all over town, said Mayor Riedel, adding that it looked like the east side of the city was hit a little harder than the west.

He said it was a good thing the city had trees trimmed along alleys and power lines this year, or the damage could have been worse.

The city crew worked over the weekend in cooperation with electricians to get power hooked up back to people's homes. The parks and street maintenance crews were out cleaning up trees and limbs.

Some big trees were down, including one across the street from the high school that blew over, roots and all, tearing up part of the sidewalk and blocking the north side of Commercial Street.

At the cemetery, said Mayor Riedel, the storm damaged trees, broke the veterans monument, knocked over 20 or more headstones and bent the flag pole.

At Dollar General, siding on the northwest side of the building blew off landing on the sidewalk



Goodland utility crew and truck were in Oberlin for about three days to help repair broken poles and downed power lines the town suffered in a wind storm on Saturday. Crews from Goodland and Colby went to help on Tuesday, and the Goodland crew was expected to be back home Thursday evening.

Photos by Kim Davis
The Oberlin Herald

south of the store. On U.S. 36 a car port was lifted off the ground and ended on a used car dealership's building. Trees and limbs fell on fences, in the roads and on houses all over town.

It seems that the whole town was out on Sunday, cleaning up. It's amazing driving around, the mayor said, how many people were out helping their neighbors get things cleaned up.

Tuesday morning, city line crews from Goodland and Colby came in

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Hospital airplane gets replacement engine

By Tom Betz

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The Goodland Regional Medical Center airplane has undergone an engine upgrade Administrator Jay Jolly reported to the board at their meeting on Monday, June 27.

The engine cost about \$200,000 and the hospital was able to find someone to buy the old engine core for \$30,000 to reduce the cost to about \$170,000. The new engine was to be hung and be ready for testing this week.

Until the hospital airplane has completed testing the doctors are being flown by charter Jolly said. He said they are trying to keep that to two days a week.

He said at the May meeting he had reported the engine had gone down. He said it was quite a process to get a replacement engine. He said rules require more maintenance on reliable engines and has to undergo specific details with oil samples and other things to test the engine to see if it maintaining good performance.

He said the engine was about 400 hours over the overhaul amount, but engines can go up to 8,000 hours as long as the test are meeting the standards. When they do not match you have to do the overhaul, about \$250,000. He said they looked at used engines, and decided to go back

to Pratt and Whitney and they had a couple of engines to choose from that have a warranty.

He said they got one for about \$200,000 plus cost of installation, and found a buyer for the old engine core at \$30,000 for a net cost around \$170,000. A new engine is \$543,000 he said.

"It is a lot of money," Jolly said, "but feel we came out pretty well. The new engine is in Denver, and we will have a crew come in next week and hang the engine."

He said the crew was expected to start on Tuesday and have it ready for testing by today.

Financial officer Jim Precht told the board he is planning to expense all the engine cost because it did not extend the life of the aircraft.

A question about the other engine had Jolly say the total house on engines is close to 7,000.

Jolly said it was a month for things to break as the elevator broke down, and was out of order again that night. He said someone got stuck, and the elevator needs some relays.

He said it is about \$65,000 to fix as it is a kit to do the whole repair.

Another problem was a transfer switch on the emergency transformer was out. He said the estimate is \$17,000 to replace and insurance will cover it. He said he was not sure how a new switch compares.

He said he had a bid for \$9,300 for replacement of the ambulance garage doors on the street side, and will look at getting those repaired.

On the dialysis clinic Jolly said the hospital has a verbal approval from Medicare they have approved the survey request and has a copy of the letter from the state to the architect saying the changes are accepted. He said the hospital does not have the final letter saying we are ready to go. He said he expects to get this any time so construction can begin.

He said the nurse has been hired and will start about July 19. He said discussions continue with K-State and KU for the medical director. He said there appears to be more interest from those two places, and not as much from Denver.

Jolly said the hospital had some recent scholarship awards from the Kansas Research Foundation. He said Karen Hooker got two, Chris Fulwider got one and Erika Wiecek received a scholarship for her bachelor program.

He said the hospital will have a trauma nurse core course from the northwest regional program.

Hooker said the courses will be Aug. 17-18, and an instructor class the day before. She said

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Transformer changed out on Thursday

Beginning about 9 a.m. on Thursday the city power plant was running to generate power for the town while a transformer was changed out in the tie-in substation east of the city shop on Arcade Ave.

Rod Blake, power plan superintendent, said the transformer had given the city a problem about a year ago and they had gotten a replacement on order.

"We were hoping to get through the summer," Blake said, "but we had a problem with it again, and felt it was time to make the switch."

Blake said he expected the process to take most of the day. He hoped to have the new transformer in place and running by Thursday evening.



Goodland takes second

Goodland young 8-9 swimmers get ready to practice starting as the swim meet got started Saturday morning after an hour delay for lightning. Goodland placed second. See photos, story on Page 10.

