

**weather report**

**77°**

noon  
 Monday



**Today**

• Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

**Wednesday**

• Sunrise, 5:55 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:48 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 76 degrees
- Humidity 64 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds West 5 mph
- Barometer 29.96 inches and steady
- Record High today 108° (1937)
- Record Low today 51° (1915)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Sunday	90°
Low Sunday	62°
Precipitation	—
This month	3.0
Year to date	16.69
Above Normal	1.75 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Cloudy, high of 85 degrees, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Wednesday: Cloudy, 77 degrees with low of 58 degrees, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms.

**Extended Forecast**

Thursday: Partly Cloudy, high 85 degrees with low of 61 degrees. Friday: Cloudy with high 81 degrees and low 58 degrees. Chance of thunderstorms 20 percent. (National Weather Service)  
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz.  
 \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## All-School reunion this week



City workers painted black over the purple stripe on Main Ave., and painted an Oxford Gold stripe to make it Black and Gold on Main for the All-School Alumni reunion to be held this week.  
 Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Star-News*

Thousands of alumni of Sherman County high schools will return to Goodland and gather Thursday through Saturday, for the 50th anniversary of the All-School Reunion with the theme "Who said you can't go home."

The Sherman County Alumni Association All-School Reunion for graduates from Edson, Goodland, Kanorado and Ruleton high schools meets every five years, and the first reunion was held 50 years ago in 1961, when the honor class this year had graduated.

Visitors will find changes in town since the last reunion, but less cone zones and will be free to explore that age old high school evening occupation of "dragging Main" with a special Black and Gold stripe in the middle to salute the alumni.

A lot of the changes in the past five years will not be as visible as the intersections and highway work going on when the alumni gathered five years ago. Alumni will see differences in the stores on Main, and efforts both by the city and supporting organizations to beautify the city and

parks with art and flowers.

One of the big hidden improvements is the improved water quality with the completion of the \$6 million dollar water treatment system and water delivery improvement. The city is using \$4 million of reserves to pay off the loan from the State Department of Health and Environment, and received about \$2 million in federal stimulus money.

Other improvements visible will be the replacement of the old asphalt on K-27 from I-70 to the Business U.S. 24 intersection that was partially paid for by the city, state and federal stimulus money.

Concern about having more cone zones on Main Ave. caused the city commissioners to delay a project to replace the bricks from 11th to 13th until next spring. The commissioners felt it was too tight of a schedule to get even half of the project completed before the reunion, and there was not enough time between the reunion and the Fall Flatlander Festival at the end of September.

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## Class parties scheduled

Various Alumni classes have special parties planned for the weekend, as well as gatherings for Edson, Kanorado and Ruleton are planned.

The Sherman County Alumni Association will begin registration at 9 a.m. on Thursday and the annual two-day golf tournament will have a shotgun start on Thursday.

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Gather on Friday from 4 to 9 p.m. at Bateman Funeral Home, 211 E. 11th, for open house and meet and greet.

Saturday gather at 10 a.m. at Bateman's for the days events.

At noon there will be a potluck meal, followed by an Assembly (Free will offering). Edson former residents and teachers are invited to attend the reunion and potluck.

Edson School items are on display in the Northwest Kansas Heritage Center Library and Museum, 401 Kansas in Brewster. Saturday hours are 10 to 12 a.m.

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## Alumni Schedule of Events

**Thursday**

- 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Registration at Sherman County Fairgrounds
- 7:30 a.m. First Session of Golf Tournament (Shotgun Start) Sugar Hills Golf Club
- 1 p.m. Second Session of Golf Tournament (Shotgun Start) Sugar Hills Golf Club
- "Draggin' Main"

**Friday**

- 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Registration at Fairgrounds
- 7:30 a.m. First Session Day two of Golf Tournament (Shotgun Start) Sugar Hills Golf Club
- 1 p.m. Second Session Day two of Golf Tournament (Shotgun Start) Sugar Hills Golf Club
- 3 p.m. "Meet and Greet" Former Teachers Open House at Goodland Elks Lodge
- Evening Class Parties in Various Locations
- 8 p.m. to midnight Social Gathering (Beverages Available for Purchase) at Fairgrounds

**Saturday**

- 6:30 a.m. Goodland Activity Center Triathlon and 5K Run/Walk at Steever Water Park. (Register at www.goodlandgac.com)
- 8 a.m. Registration at Max Jones Fieldhouse
- 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. SCHS Assembly at Max Jones Fieldhouse
- 10 a.m. Edson Gathering at Bateman Funeral Home
- 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Kanorado Gathering at Veterans of Foreign Wars
- Afternoon Class Parties at Various Locations
- 5:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Home-Owned Carnival Rides (\$10 Wristband) at Fairgrounds Hosted by Sherman County Community Service
- 8 p.m. to midnight Entertainment and Dance with Cherry Bomb at Fairgrounds

**local markets**

**Noon**

Wheat — \$6.87 bushel	Posted county price — \$7.69
Corn — \$6.81 bushel	Posted county price — \$7.44
Milo — \$6.43 bushel	
Soybeans — \$12.10 bushel	Posted county price — \$13.63
Millet — \$11.25 hundredweight	
Sunflowers	
Oil current crop — \$31.70 cwt.	NuSun — 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.)

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## Soccer in Goodland

The Northwest Tech Men's Soccer team got a change to scrimmage on Sunday at Memorial Park. Coach Rex Branum said it was good to see the men in action. See photo on Page 10.

## Some homeowners get 90 day extensions

By Tom Betz

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Six homes on the city list of unfit structures were on the agenda Monday, and most homeowners at the city meeting on Monday were given an extension of time to get work completed or finish demolishing the house.

City Building Inspector and Fire Chief Brian James went through the list of houses, and explained on each one what progress has or has not been made in the past 90 days.

On the house at 910 W. 17th, James said Connie (Carson) Amack is in the process of tearing it down, and the fire department has done some fire training.

He said she was asking the fire department to burn it down, but under the regulations the only way that could be done is if the shingles have been removed. He said Carson has been communicating with him, and cannot get the shingles off the roof.

James recommended giving her some extra time to get it torn down.

The city commissioners agreed to give

Carson an additional 30 days.

On the house at 1222 Syracuse Ave., James said Randall Fixsen has been working on the house. He said Fixsen has replaced windows, and has a bay window is cracked.

Fixsen was present and said he has a busy schedule, but is getting the work done. He said he got an ironic letter from Sherman County saying they had reevaluated the house and it has more value than before.

James said he has been looking at the house and has seen the improvements.

Fixsen said he has someone painting it and is getting the material to do the roof.

Commissioner Josh Dechant said the city can do a contract with Fixsen to get an extension to give him time to get the work done.

Fixsen said if things don't go to bad he should be able to have work done by the end of the year. He said he had people measuring for metal braces for the porch, and felt it would be possible to get it all done in 120 days.

Mayor John Garcia said the city policy has been to extend for 90 days, and that can be ex-

tended as Fixsen is showing improvement.

Fixsen said he has had nice neighbors come over and give constructive criticism saying by him cleaning up the yard and shrubs they have had to clean up theirs. He said he has not been calling James, but needs to do that. He said the work is going forwards, but not at a running pace.

Commissioner Bill Finley said he could agree with an extension as long as progress is being made, but if progress stops the extension stops.

The commissioners approved an extension and asked Fixsen to meet with James.

The owner of 623 W. Ninth, Bob Evans, was at the meeting earlier, but had left before the commission got to the homes on the agenda.

James said Evans is on dialysis, and the last time he talked to him was about 90 days ago. Evans said it was his mom and dad's house, and he was stuck between a rock and hard place. Nothing has been done to the property in the 90 days.

Fixsen said Evans has no money and is on disability without any insurance, and was sure he has no way to do something with the property.

Finley asked James if he has been inside. James said he cannot go inside without the owners permission, and has not asked in this case. He said when he usually asks he is told NO, and not always in a friendly tone.

"We really don't know if it could be salvaged," Finley said.

Garcia suggested giving Evans one more call, and knows the city does not have a lot of options.

"We have been here before," Dechant said, "and at the end of the day we have to remember what we are here for. I can see giving him one more call and see if he has a problem."

Gerber said he did not feel there was a chance this will get any better.

Finley said the city should go ahead and take bids, and made a motion to take bids. He

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