

## weather report

**54°**

noon Wednesday

**Today**  
• Sunset, 5:49 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
• Sunrise, 6:02 a.m.  
• Sunset, 5:51 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**  
• Soil temperature 42 degrees  
• Humidity 20 percent  
• Sky mostly sunny  
• Winds Northwest 12 mph  
• Barometer 30.33 inches  
and steady  
• Record High today 79° (1933)  
• Record Low today -6° (1932)

**Last 24 Hours\***  
High Wednesday 57°  
Low Wednesday 32°  
Precipitation —  
This month .29  
Year to date 1.37

**The Topside Forecast**  
Today: mostly sunny with a high around 65, low near 35 winds south southwest 9-14 mph. Saturday: mostly cloudy, breezy with a 20 percent chance of showers after 11 a.m. and a 30 percent chance snow at night, low around 23.

**Extended Forecast**  
Sunday: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow, high around 38, low around 20.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

**Noon**  
Wheat — \$3.30 bushel  
New Crop —  
Posted county price — \$3.42  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$2.83 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.74  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Milo — \$2.65 bushel  
Soybeans — \$8.91 bushel  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$12.10 cwt.  
NuSun — \$12.35  
Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt.  
Pinto beans — Withdrawn  
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## inside today

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## All-star game to be in Colby

Senior Lance Tedord scored two of his 12 points against the Hugoton Eagles Feb. 21 in the Cowboys' last game of the regular season. He will be playing in the all-star game in Colby Sunday, March 21. See story and photos on Page 12.

# Mayor resigns

Longtime Kanorado Mayor Hazel Estes resigned at a city council meeting Monday night, saying it was time for her to retire and move on.

In an interview Wednesday afternoon, she said she felt it was time to retire, and she is moving to Colby.

"I always wanted to retire in Colby," she said. "I always liked that town."

"I am going to get my Kansas real estate license. I used to teach physical education, and will try to put together some exercise classes for senior citizens in cooperation with the city recreation."

"Mom is going to stay on the farm south of Kanorado."

"Goodland and the county have always bent over to help us in Kanorado when possible, and I appreciated their willingness to help."

"I am sure there will be people in Kanorado to step up and keep the programs moving forward."

"I remember a couple who stopped in when I was working in Burlington and said they had been through Kanorado and said they were glad to see the people were getting the city cleaned up."

Greg Pettibone, president of the Kanorado council, steps up as acting mayor until the election next year in April.



Hazel Estes

# Chamber plans banquet

By Greg Stover

*The Goodland Star-News*

Courtney Warden attended her first board meeting as the manager of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce on Tuesday, but she was not the only new face there.

Donna Swager, presiding over her first meeting as board president since the resignation of Cesar Miller on Feb. 12, introduced Warden, then new board member Ken Clouse, president of Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Terry Richardson replaced Swager as the board's vice president.

Swager told the board Scott Weber, owner of Scooter's, resigned from the board effective February 17 and that a search was on for another new member.

Part of the plan to develop board members, said Swager, was the appointment of non-officers to chair committees made up of volunteers from the general membership.

Tremon Kizer is the chair of the business promotion committee; Randy Schoenthaler, government relations; and Clouse, beautification. This leaves the chair of the agriculture development and membership committees open. Board treasurer Brian Linin said he would continue to help with the membership committee.

Swager said progression through two or more committee chairs during the first two years of a member's term will prepare them for greater leadership roles.

The board decided to have the Chamber's annual meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, March 29, at the VFW Hall, 824 Main Ave. The meeting will substitute for March's After Hours reception.

To help counter a perception the board was unapproachable and "veiled in secrecy," a meeting inviting all residents of Sherman County is being planned.

Warden said she is getting a lot of calls about the next Flatlanders Fall Festival from people looking for information and to reserve booths.

The board asked her to coordinate with the Sherman County Convention and Visitor's Bureau to develop a calendar of events so conflicts can be avoided and in the future, mutually sponsored events can be scheduled.



## West kids pet dogs from Burlington

Students and teachers (above) at West Elementary met Baron, a golden retriever, Wednesday afternoon after a short program put on by dog trainers from the Kit Carson Correctional Facility in Burlington. Baron was one of five dogs at the school. Buccaneer, called Buc for short, (right) a border collie, went after a ball tossed down the hall, but only after being told to as a demonstration of the discipline the dogs develop.

Photos by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News



# Board views stadium restroom needs

By Greg Stover

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Goodland High football fans might not need to complain about the restrooms at Cowboys Stadium next season if the school board has its way.

Superintendent Marvin Selby took board members, representatives of Education First! and other guests on a tour of the restrooms and concession stands at the stadium Monday night to give them a close-up look on why they need improvement.

During the tour, Selby was able to point out where changes would be made as he described some of the proposals for the work to be done.

Selby noted that should any remodeling be done, regardless of scope, the facilities would have to be in complete compliance with the American with Disabilities Act. He said rough figures for a separate new facility would be about \$60,000 and for remodeling of the existing facilities about \$100,000. The board

asked Selby to get more accurate estimates.

In his report, high school Principal Harvey Swager said pre-enrollment information meeting for students and parents for the 2004-2005 school year will be 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 6 for seniors; 6:30 Thursday, April 15 for sophomores; 7:30 on April 15 for juniors; and 6:30 Monday, April 19, for freshmen. All four meetings will be held in the high school gym and will explain the academic credit system and computer enrollment procedures.

Jim Mull, principal at Grant Junior High and North Elementary, said students at Grant are looking forward to their annual "Spring Clean" on Friday, April 16, where the students visit the homes of senior citizens and help them with cleaning chores. He said that over 100 students came out for track and field.

Mull said the day for Outdoor Education at North will be in late April or early May. This is when fifth-grade students travel to Wal-

lace County and visit some of the historical sites, and later get to dig for fossils at the Red Rocks Quarry. He said the sixth grade's multi-disciplinary project is "Cruising the Caribbean." Students will do research and put together displays.

Sharon Gregory, principal at Central Elementary, said her students met their goal of 1,400 books read for their Blast Off with Reading project. She said a Hispanic Parents meeting will be Wednesday.

Jerry Burkett, principal at West Elementary, said the students gathered more than 10,400 cereal boxtops for Boxtops for Education, which earned them a pie throwing contest with him, and teachers to be determined, as targets. The other targets were identified as Kara Smith and Dana Murray.

Steve Raymer, athletic director and assistant high school principal, reported 28 girls came out for softball, 25 boys for golf, and 37 students for track and field (25 boys, 12 girls).

The board gave certificates of recognition to the six high school piano students who qualified for the state competition Feb. 21 at Wichita State University. Two of them, senior May Davis and junior Grace Langness, earned a I rating which Jane Philbrick, board vice president and a member of the music boosters, said required a flawless performance. Jillian Parker, Ashley Cebula, Craig Mason and Lea Shores earned II ratings.

The board recognized the seven Cowboy wrestlers who qualified for the state tournament and the team's managers, senior Michael Hall and sophomore Aaron Duell. Wrestlers receiving certificates were seniors Jordan Bedore and Blayze Bahe; juniors Chad Normandin, Dexter Deeds, Blake Saint and Brandon Cowan; and freshman Brett Bahe.

Coach Randy Bahe thanked the board for its support during the season and said that Bedore and Blayze

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# County joins prairie dog test program

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County commissioners adjourned their meeting at 10 a.m. Tuesday, but reconvened five minutes later to handle a request to become part of a multi-county prairie dog bait test.

Harlan House, a Sherman County farmer active in the county's prairie dog control program, came to the courthouse just after the commissioners had adjourned their meeting, and asked them to consider participating in a test being done by Charlie Lee, a wildlife expert with Kansas State University Research and Extension.

House said Lee wanted at least four counties in the western half of the state which had a prairie dog problem. He said Logan, Kearney and Gray counties had agreed to join, and he asked the commissioners to make Sherman the fourth.

He said the test would be done on at least four 8-10 acre plots in each county. If a fifth county is not found, Lee has suggested he could do eight test sections in Sherman County.

House said the cost to the county would be \$1,500 if there is a fifth county, or \$3,000 if the eight plots are in Sherman County.

"We can't back off now," said Commissioner Kevin Rasure, not-

ing that the county has made a real effort to control the rodents this year.

"We have to keep on it," Commissioner Mitch Tiede agreed. "We are committed."

House said the experiment is to get an Environmental Protection Agency permit for both burrow and surface treatment of prairie dogs for a new chemical.

He said the state Department of Agriculture was helping pay for the study and that LiphaTech, Inc., the maker of Rozol, was providing the bait.

Rasure moved to spend up to \$3,000. Tiede seconded the motion

and it passed 2-0 with Commissioner Chuck Thomas absent.

House said the survey would begin quickly. He said he thought that bait program in the county last year had helped, but some large pockets of prairie dogs remain.

The commissioners said they will look at areas that may need additional treatment and decide how to do it.

The commissioners adjourned again at 10:20 a.m. The next meeting will be 8 a.m. on Tuesday, March 23, in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway. There will be no meeting next week.