

weather  
report

86°

noon Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 8:16 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:29 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 68 degrees
- Humidity 37 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds light and variable
- Barometer 29.86 inches and steady
- Record High today 107° (1954)
- Record Low today 49° (1999)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	93°
Low Wednesday	60°
Precipitation	none
This month	1.23
Year to date	10.08

The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers in the evening before midnight, high near 89, low near 61, winds east southeast 10-13 mph. Saturday: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high near 94, low around 61, winds south 9-13 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly sunny with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight, high near 95, low around 61. Monday through Wednesday: sunny. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.20 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.30  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$2.45 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.35  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Milo — \$2.04 bushel  
Soybeans — \$8.32 bushel  
Posted county price — \$8.95  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$10.70 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
NuSun — \$10.95 cwt.  
Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$15  
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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today

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Strikeouts  
seal 5-3 win

Bowladium's Kuter Isaac sealed his team's 5-3 win over Kiwanis with three straight strikeouts in the final inning of their first-round game Wednesday at Centennial Park. Photo on Page 11.



Storm shortens  
art center's  
flag pole

Winds Monday bent the top section of the flag pole in front of the Carnegie Arts Center. Director Tina Goodwin noticed the problem Wednesday, and the city crew came to the rescue. Lucas Wolak (left) and Dennis Fyfe went up in the buckets to cut the top 23 feet of the pole off and drilled holes to hold the flag on the remaining part. They were assisted on the ground by Dustin Bedore, who handed the flag to Wolak to clip it in place. Goodwin said the pole was too tall anyway, and that the shorter pole work well, with the flag permanently in place. "I will have to call the city to change it," Goodwin said. "The downside is it will not fly at half-mast." The storm Monday caused a lot of damage citywide, but as it moved off to the east it provided a beautiful double rainbow visible over the city from Armory Road.

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Two running for county treasurer  
County employee running to replace her boss

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland-Star-News

When Iris Scheopner's boss, Sherman County Treasurer Shelby Miller, decided to retire, Scheopner started to consider running for the office.

"I enjoy the job," she said. "I wanted to continue with it."

Scheopner, 46, has worked in the treasurer's office for a little over four

years. She works with abstract companies and banks, giving tax quotes. She also works directly with the public collecting county taxes, tagging and registering vehicles and issuing driver's licenses.

"I'm good with people," she said. "Tax collection isn't fun, but we try to joke around."

Because of her experience in the office, Scheopner said, she feels she

could take over Miller's job smoothly.

"I feel I'm qualified for the job," she said. "I really like my job. Every day is different."

Along with helping the public, the job of treasurer also involves considerable paperwork. She said she has typed reports and is familiar with the workings of the office.

As treasurer, she said, she would work as a liaison between the office and the county commissioners. She said with four years working for the



Scheopner

treasurer by looking at the county as a business and understanding the importance of keeping it successful.

"The county is a business," she said. "It takes a certain amount of money to run it. We try not to spend money

that we shouldn't, just like anyone running a business would."

She said she decided to run for the job because she wanted to advance within the county and at the prompting of her boss, County Clerk Janet Rumpel.

"I'm just trying to give the best service to the customer, to the taxpayer," she said.

If elected, Wright, who is the county's computer expert, said she



Wright

Deputy clerk wants to move next door

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland-Star-News

Crystal Linsner Wright says her nine years of experience working within the Sherman County government makes her the right person for the job of county treasurer.

"I'm well rounded in my knowledge of the county workings," she says.

Wright, 32, says she plans to take a different approach to the job of

City losing  
Greyhound

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland-Star-News

Goodland's bus stop at the Sinclair Station on K-27 is on a list of eight stations in Kansas that Greyhound plans to close effective Aug. 18.

The line will no longer stop for passengers to board or depart the bus and Sinclair will stop selling tickets. Passengers from Goodland and Burlington will have to go to Colby to catch a bus.

The firm says the change is part of a campaign to eliminate about 260 stops in a 13-state Midwestern region to cut costs.

Kansas will lose stops in Oakley, Quinter, Russell, WaKeeney, Abilene, Ellsworth and Wamego. The stop in Burlington, Colo., also will be eliminated from the Kansas City-Denver route.

The station in Colby will remain open, along with those in Hays, Manhattan and Salina.

The bus stop in Colby is a 24-hour location in the BP 24/7 Store that outsells the Goodland station by roughly two or three tickets per day, said Dan Kear, manager at the BP.

When the closures take affect, the nearest stop for both Goodland and Burlington will be Colby. Tickets are still available online and by phone through Greyhound, but the bus will only pick up passengers at Colby.

"That's a long way for people to go," said Bob Barry, manager and part owner of the Sinclair station here.

The Sinclair sells tickets 30 to 40 passengers and they pull in anywhere from \$2,500 to \$3,000 per month. Barry said he can't understand why the company would close such a lucrative location.

"I can't believe that you would cut out a \$3,000 stop," he said.

While passengers will suffer from lack of transportation, business also suffer from lack of freight service. Barry said they send and receive shipments every day from Colorado Springs and Denver.

"We get quite a bit of freight," he said.

Kim Plaskett, spokesperson for Greyhound Lines in Dallas, said the

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Attorney files  
motion to move  
murder trial

A motion hearing in the case of Lanny Bevington, charged with first-degree murder in the death of his wife Kerrie on Dec. 28, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday at the Sherman County Courthouse.

Calvin Williams, Bevington's attorney, filed 10 motions this week to be heard by District Judge Jack Burr, asking the judge, among other things, to move the trial out of the county.

A motion for a change of venue charges that "widespread publicity" has circulated throughout the rural community of Goodland and Sherman County, and that could prevent a fair trial.

Williams wrote that the manner in which this publicity, which includes "numerous articles" by The Goodland Star-News, has spread through-

out the population of Sherman County, created enough prejudice to interfere with the court's ability to seat an impartial jury.

Williams also filed a motion for individual and sequestered jury selection, asking that potential jurors be questioned one at a time separately from the others.

Another motion filed by Williams asked that any jury seated in this case be sequestered, keeping the members separate from the community and prevented from seeing any publicity that might prejudice them during the trial.

Williams wrote that the "extensive, widespread, and prejudicial publicity" about the alleged events will likely continue and could include material not admissible in court.

City hears  
economic  
update

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Five members of the Sherman County Economic Development Council plus the development director presented the City Commission Tuesday with an update on the first two years of the program, and asked for money for next year.

Carolyn Applegate, development director, gave each commissioner a presentation showing the economic growth for the last year, a sample list of projects the office and board have been working on and photos of buildings that were empty when the council first opened the office, but have since been filled with new businesses.

"We are not claiming we brought all of these to the city," Applegate said, "but what has been happening. Our office has been involved in helping some of these people, and we are open to work with anyone

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