

weather report

81°

noon Wednesday



Today

• Sunset, 7:16 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:18 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 76 degrees
- Humidity 35 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southeast 17 mph.
- Barometer 29.97 inches and falling
- Record High today 102° (1947)
- Record Low today 34° (1974)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	89°
Low Wednesday	50°
Precipitation	none
This month	none
Year to date	13.98
Normal	16.42

The Topside Forecast

Today: mostly sunny, high near 88, low near 56, winds south southwest 15-33 mph. Saturday: partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high around 77, low around 53, winds north northwest 14-29 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy, high around 79, low around 53. Labor Day: mostly sunny, high near 81, low near 52. Tuesday: mostly sunny, high near 81, low near 52. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.88 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.09
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.37 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.06
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$1.83 bushel
Soybeans — \$6.05 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.03
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10.95 cwt.
NuSun — \$11.20 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection — \$19/\$13 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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Season starts with Indians

Goodland High freshman Jance McKee tried his hand at quarterback during Friday's Soap Scrimmage at Cowboy Stadium. The Cowboys open action at 6 p.m. tonight at Hoxie. Story, photo on Page 10.



Tower provides wide view of city

By Tom Betz

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The top of a new tower south of the city gives a broad view of the surrounding area, including the elevators at Wheeler to the north (above), Kanorado on the west and Levant on the east.

The 400-foot communications tower was erected by Wallace Tower Specialists of Franklin, Ark., for Justin Bentzinger of J.B. Property Management in Goodland.

The tower was completed on Saturday. Wesley Wallace, owner of the erection firm, handled the winch while his helper, Glenn Long, (left) worked at the top of the tower, and B.J. Hinds of Oxford, Ark., brought the final guy wires up to tie off.

Bentzinger (right) was on scene to drill holes in the bracket for an antenna to be added to the top. He said the first radio translator is already on the tower for Zimmerman Plumbing of Goodland and he hopes to attract some cell phone companies to the tower.

The tower had been planned to go south of I-70 and about two miles east, but when the city objected because it interfered with the airport approach, Bentzinger moved it to the west.

"It worked out," he said. "By moving it I was able to go up to 400 feet. Where it was planned, I could only go up 330 feet."

After the tower was completed, Bentzinger got photos from the top of the surrounding area.



County gets grant to upgrade 911 system

By Tom Betz

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New 911 equipment to be installed in the next six months will help county dispatchers and simplify the system for handling incoming calls.

Mary Messamore, head of central dispatch and county emergency management, told the Sherman County commissioners Tuesday a grant had been approved the Public

Safety Foundation of America for \$68,066 to help the county with the 911 upgrade.

The total cost is \$121,534, with the county covering \$53,468 from the 911 tax fund. Messamore said there is about \$80,000 in the fund. Included in the project cost is \$28,000 to cover maintenance on the system for five years.

The equipment will provide single-unit work stations, replacing

the current system, which requires three separate pieces for each position. The new equipment will help implement an enhanced 911 system, which gives the dispatcher the location of each call by address and by latitude and longitude.

Messamore said the new system will handle wireless calls, and because all new cell phones are required to have a Global Positioning System chip, it will give the dis-

patcher the location of the cell phone caller. She said this is true for much of the county, but not all of it because there are areas that have not been mapped through the Global Information System.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked about the collection of fees on wireless phones, approved by the Legislature this year.

Messamore said the collection of wireless 911 fees was to begin in

July, and she expects to see the first check this month.

"I have no idea how much we can expect to get," Messamore said. "I got all the ZIP plus four numbers to plug into the system. The 50 cents a phone will be billed to where the phone comes from, and that means phones that may be used in Sherman County, but billed somewhere else."

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Gardens not ready for anglers



Anglers won't be flocking to Smokey Gardens this Labor Day weekend to wet their fishing lines because the water has not come back as fast as hoped. Sheldon Butts, 10, son of Rod and Suzie Butts of Goodland, was wishing there was more water in the lake about noon Saturday. The lake has been slowly regaining the water drained in the spring to allow workers to deepen the channel and build fish habitats. Rod Butts said he has seen quite a bit of the history of the lake, and this is the second time he has seen it drained to improve the fishing.

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Teachers volunteer to cover coach's classes

Grant Junior High was expecting a new teacher for English this fall, but the loss of a teacher has left them scrambling to cover his classes.

Principal Jim Mull said he is re-vamping the schedule to handle the changes and the staff has agreed to do what they can to make them work.

"Several teachers are picking up classes," he said, "and have volunteered to help do this."

The scramble was created when Tony Diehl, high school English teacher and head football coach, was arrested early Sunday on charges of

arson. The school board met that day to suspend him as a teacher and coach.

High School English teacher Linda VanLoenen, who was supposed to transfer to Grant Junior this fall, is staying at the high school to take over Diehl's classes.

Mull said Brenda Linin is teaching the advanced placement English class in addition to her seventh grade literature and social studies classes. He said she is qualified to teach the advanced class. Some of the other

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Labor Day holiday delays paper schedule

Labor Day marks the end of summer with a three-day weekend, and all government offices, banks and financial institutions and many stores will be closed on Monday.

There will be no mail service on

Monday.

The Goodland Star-News will be closed on Monday, and the Midweek issue will be printed on Tuesday and delivered in the mail on Wednesday, one day later than usual.