

## weather report

74°

noon Thursday

### Today

• Sunset, 6:54 p.m.

### Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:31 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:52 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 62 degrees
- Humidity 39 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds south 20 mph
- Barometer 30.04 inches and falling
- Record High today 99° (1947)
- Record Low today 32° (1981)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday 73°  
Low Wednesday 48°  
Precipitation none  
This month .075  
Year to date 14.70  
Normal 17.03

### The Topside Forecast

Today: sunny, high around 91, low near 54, winds north northwest 3-8 mph. Saturday: sunny, high near 89, low around 55, winds south 5-7 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly sunny and breezy, high near 91, low around 56. Monday: partly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of showers in the early morning, high around 88, low near 49. Tuesday: partly cloudy and breezy, high around 68, low near 49.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$3.09 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.23  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$2.20 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.87  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Milo — \$1.70 bushel  
Soybeans — \$5.12 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.16  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$10.05 cwt.  
NuSun — \$10.30 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$25  
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## inside today

More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News



## Girls finish third at home

Sophomore Jena McCall returned the ball against the team from Garden City Tuesday. The Cowgirls lost the match 6-2. Photo, story on page 9.

# Murderer sentenced to 19 years

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland Star-News

The Brewster man who pled guilty last month to the second-degree murder and kidnapping of his wife was sentenced to almost 19 years in prison Wednesday.

Lanny Bevington, 33, admitted to shooting his wife, 27-year-old Kerrie, on Dec. 28.

She was found dead of a shotgun

wound to the head at 7 a.m. on Dec. 29 by her father, Tom Aschenbrenner, former Brewster fire chief.

He found her sitting in the cab of a pickup outside the Bevington home about 3 1/2 miles south of Brewster, just inside Sherman County.

District Judge Jack Burr sentenced Bevington to 176 months on the first

count, second-degree murder.

On the second count, aggravated kidnapping, Bevington was given 51 months, with Judge Burr taking the requested "downward durational departure."

The sentences are to run consecutively for a total of 227 months, 18 years 11 months.

Although County Attorney Bonnie Selby was out of town for the hearing, Deputy District Attorney Scott Showalter was representing the county in court.

Family of the victim appeared in

court with Juanita Aschenbrenner, Kerrie's mother, giving an emotional statement.

"You stalked, tormented and then killed my daughter," she said, addressing Bevington directly. "You are a predator. Dangerous animals such as you need to be caged for life."

Aschenbrenner asked Judge Burr to give Bevington the maximum consecutive sentences, and at least give him 176 months, 14.6 years, for murder and 155 months,

12.9 years, for kidnapping.

"Believe Lanny deserves at least the minimum sentence for the crimes he has committed," she said. "Eighteen years with parole at 16 is not enough."

When that parole does come, Aschenbrenner said she is determined to be there and keep Bevington off the streets.

"When you do come up for parole," she said to Bevington, "you will see my face again."



Bevington

## Cub scouts spend the afternoon fishing



Cub Scouts Nicholas Koel, 8, and Seth Stramel, 10, cast off from a bridge over Bellamy Creek Saturday. The scouts went through a problem solving course, played frisbee golf and practiced knot tying before starting the fishing derby. The day ended with a flag burning ceremony and a wild game feed.

Photo by Kathryn Gurfinkel/The Goodland Star-News

# School board terminates coach's contract

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland school board voted Monday to terminate Tony Diehl's coaching contract with the district.

The board voted 5-0, with members Ron Schilling and Fritz Doke absent, to adopt a resolution declaring the intent to terminate Diehl's supplemental contract. That contract covers his position as head football coach, assistant baseball coach and as yearbook advisor.

The resolution reads: "Mr. Diehl has not performed the services required under the contract since August 30, due to alleged violations of

the law which impact his ability to perform the contract."

Jeff Mason, the district's attorney, handled the delivery of the notice to Diehl. Diehl has the option to request a hearing before the board but must submit a written request to the clerk of the board by Saturday. The hearing, if held, will be next Friday at 10:30 a.m. at the district office.

Diehl was arrested late Aug. 28 on suspicion of arson after a fire at his home earlier that evening. Diehl is out on bail and under bond contract not to enter school district property or contact anyone associated with the district including students. He will

have a preliminary court hearing on Oct. 25.

He remains on paid administrative leave of his teaching duties at Goodland High School where he was an English teacher.

Architect Glen Strait of Colby briefed the board about a proposed design and cost estimate for the high school greenhouse. The plan calls for a structure 11 feet by 66 feet that will run along the east side vocal music room in the northeast corner of the second floor.

The plan includes two 30 inch wide tables about 15 feet long in the center of the greenhouse for student work areas. The north end of the greenhouse will have a room for heating and cooling units, and storage space. The plan calls for the con-

struction of an additional wall in the music room, the installation of a door and the relocation of the double-doors leading to the room.

Strait said the estimated cost of the greenhouse, including materials, would be around \$140,000. Some of the board members said the cost was much higher than anticipated and further discussion of the project was needed before continuing with it.

The high school science department began discussing the idea for a greenhouse last year as a place for students to work on plant-growing projects and storage of project materials. It was proposed that if built, the greenhouse be dedicated to science teacher Christine Williams

Before the commissioners approved the budget Rick Reeser, director of Good Samaritan Center told them he had received an estimate of \$98,000 on the new sprinkler system.

He said the sprinkler system is to be installed by April, and that the present large main coming into the building should be large enough to handle the sprinkler expansion.

"That is a good thing," he said, "and will save about \$25,000."

Reeser thanked the commissioners for their help on the recent sewage contamination problem and said it has been cleaned up.

"We are glad to have this behind us," he said, "and we can move forward."

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked what has been done to prevent the sewage backup from happening again.

Reeser said J.B. McClure has been working on the problem, and has suggested a sleeve be put over the joint where it has been leaking out as a way to prevent the spillage

See DIEHL, Page 7

See COUNTY, Page 7