

**weather  
report****64°**

noon Thursday

**Today**

•Sunset, 8:08 p.m.

**Saturday**

•Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.

•Sunset, 8:09 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

•Soil temperature 62 degrees

•Humidity 83 percent

•Sky cloudy

•Winds northeast 12 mph.

•Barometer 29.79 inches

and steady

•Record High today 99° (1933)

•Record Low today 34° (1954)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Wednesday 77°

Low Wednesday 52°

Precipitation none

This month 0.00

Year to date 5.65

Normal 7.15

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m., high near 81, low near 53, winds north northeast 6-9 mph. Saturday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high around 83, low around 54.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: Mostly sunny, high around 86, low around 55. Monday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings compiled by midnight.

**local  
markets****Noon**

Wheat — \$2.94 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.02

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$1.90 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.94

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.53 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.89 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.31

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.70 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.70 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection — Ask

Pinto beans — \$25

(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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## Legion team practicing

Jake Alander pitched a couple of innings during practice on Wednesday at Memorial Field. The American Legion baseball team is getting ready for its season opener. Story, photos on Page 12.

# State's part in sales tax on agenda

## License sought for beer garden

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Star-News*

State Rep. Jim Morrison will be at a city commission meeting at 5 p.m. on Monday to talk to the city and county commissions about sponsoring a bill to raise the sales tax to pay for road repairs.

A public meeting on the sales tax is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, but Morrison said he can't come then and asked to talk to the commissions Monday.

The two commissions have been considering a 1 cent hike in the sales tax to pay for about \$10 million in street and road improvements over the next 10 years. A change is state law is required because the county sales tax is at its highest allowed level already.

In other business, Monday, the city commission:

- Review a request from Goodland Swim Team to host a meet at Steever Water Park on Saturday, July 2. The team needs commission approval to close the water park for the meet.

- Consider a request from the Goodland Chamber of Commerce to sell beer during the Tracy Lawrence concert on Saturday, July 2. County commissioners gave permission for a beer garden at the fairgrounds as part of the Freedom Fest next month, but the beer license has to be approved by the city.

- Hear Brent Woods, on behalf of the Flatlanders Fall Festival Committee, ask the city's support and help for the annual event the last

week in September.

- Approve bids for the street sealing project. The city has been sealing about one-third of the streets each summer, usually in August.

- Consider renovation of the 250,000-gallon water storage tank near the power plant on Cherry Ave.

- Hear Randy Topliff discuss a letter the Goodland Cemetery Board would like to send to property owners about the rules at the cemetery.

- Reappoint two members of the Airport Advisory Board. The terms of Larry McCants, president of First National Bank, and Rich Weigand, owner of Kansas Claims, are expiring; both agreed to serve again.

- Hear Interim City Manager Tom Armour report about a letter from Sunflower Electric saying they will terminate the city's power contract when it expires next May.

- Get an update on the Steever Water Park repairs. Chuck Lutters, public works manager, estimates the park may be able to open at the end of next week after the drain lines and concrete are replaced.

The city commission meets in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th. Push the button inside the main doors to get into the building.

Curt Baldwin of Rhoads Construction (right) and Kelvin Bullock (left) of Glassman Construction talked with Lutters about the first part of the ditch that had been dug to lay the new drain line from the splash pool to a manhole behind the diving boards.

Photos by Tom Betz  
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# School board OK's study of drug testing

By Kathryn Burke

*The Goodland Star-News*

Homework?

Check.

Backpack?

Check.

Pencils?

Check.

Urine in a cup?

What?

Students involved in school activities at Goodland High School may be forced to participate in ran-

dom drug tests if a committee recommends the practice to the school board for next year.

In a meeting Monday, May 23, the school board voted to form a committee to study the idea at the suggestion of Site Council President Jeff Mason and high school Principal Harvey Swager.

"We think it would be a good program for this board to look at," Mason said.

Swager said the committee will

include one board member; a representative from the site council; school administration, including Swager and Activities Director Steve Raymer; two teachers; and a student representative from each grade.

The group would set up rules for the testing and look at the cost. After the plan is laid out, Swager suggested the board hold a hearing to gauge public opinion.

He said they will include drug testing for all extracurricular activi-

ties, including sports, Scholar's Bowl, music groups and others.

"When you're talking extracurricular," said board President Jane Philbrick, "you're talking band, FCCLA ... That's a lot of kids."

Mason said the council has kicked around the idea of implementing a program to help students stay off drugs.

"It can be a positive peer pressure situation," he said, adding that it would give some students another

excuse to say "no."

He said if a student is pressured to do drugs, he can say he won't be allowed to play if he fails a drug test.

Swager said a similar program has begun in Brewster, with the entire student body subject to testing. He said about 10 percent take a test each month, which costs the school \$60 per test and about \$3,000 per year.

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# Edson gym sale delayed to August

By Kathryn Burke

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The hand-over of the Edson Gymnasium has been put off until August by the California man who purchased the building.

Jeff Soper called Superintendent Marvin Selby last week to extend their contract for the gym.

Soper agreed to purchase the building last February and after signing a contract, sent the district a check for \$10,000.

He was scheduled to arrive in town, pay the remaining \$40,000 balance and move into the gym on Wednesday.

Selby said plans changed when Soper had trouble finding a caretaker for his step-mother, who is suffering from Alzheimers.

Soper called to ask for an extension on the contract. Selby said Soper sent \$15,000 to seal the deal.

He said they will hold the gym until Friday, August 5. Soper could not be reached for comment Wednesday.

In an interview in April, he planned to move to Edson and open the gym as an indoor/outdoor Flea & Farmers Market.

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# School administrators travel to New Mexico

By Kathryn Burke

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All five Goodland School District administrators and Superintendent Marvin Selby are learning about leadership today at a retreat in Angel Fire, N.M.

"I think it'll be great for the schools," said Selby in a phone call from New Mexico on Wednesday.

Principals Shelly Angelos of West Elementary, Sharon Gregory of Central, Jim Mull of North and Grant Junior High, Harvey Swager from the high school, plus Activities Director Steve Raymer, loaded up in private cars or a school suburban

Wednesday. Their goal was the Southwest Plains Regional Service Center Leadership Renewal Retreat, held Thursday and today.

A brochure for the program promised two days of "building high performing leadership teams" and learning "individual and team leadership tools."

Administrators were in classes from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday and will spend the morning today learning about leadership from presenters Dr. Kathy Dale and Dr. Jim Barrett.

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