

weather report

87°

noon Monday



Today

- Sunset, 8:06 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 5:42 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:05 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 86 degrees
- Humidity 37 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds north 9 mph.
- Barometer 29.90 inches and falling

- Record High today 106° (1936)
- Record Low today 51° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	98°
Low Sunday	65°
Precipitation	trace
This month	.47
Year to date	8.75
Normal	13.12

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers before noon, high around 71, low near 53, winds northeast 9-28 mph. Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high around 81, low around 54, winds south 8-29 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 88, low around 57. Friday: Mostly sunny, high around 95, low near 61. Saturday: Mostly clear, high near 97, low around 62. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz. * Readings compiled at midnight.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.95
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.98
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$1.58 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.88 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.14
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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Shrine Bowl on Saturday

Brock Lohr, Goodland Cowboy, met with a patient at the St. Louis Shriner Hospital last week. Lohr will be playing in the Kansas Shrine Bowl at 6 p.m. on Saturday. Matt Rohr and Briana Taylor will be part of the band. The game can be heard on KKCI (102.5) and Smoky Hills Public Television (KOOD Channel 2). Story, photo on Page 10.

Parade opens fair week Saturday

Prominent farmers named grand marshals

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Feeling neither grand nor marshal, Linda and Gerald Franklin are at a loss on how to be the grand marshals for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair parade.

The two shrug their shoulders when asked what the job entails.

“It means you get to have fun,” suggested Gerald.

And fun they will have, as the couple laughs about their involvement with 4-H and the fair so far.

“I thought it was quite an honor to be asked to do it,” Gerald said.

He said it is especially nice since they were chosen by the county’s 4-H children.

“There are a lot of good kids out there,” said Linda.

Linda said her experiences with the county fair and 4-H started when she was just 8 at the urgings of her parents.

“They were both big 4-H people,” Linda said of her parents, Frieda and the late Harlan B. House.

Linda remembers her mother helping 4-H students back when she was in the club.



Gerald and Linda Franklin

“Fair was my favorite time of the year,” she said.

Gerald, who preferred Boy Scouts, eventually becoming an Eagle Scout, said he got involved in the 4-H club when he and Linda moved back to Sherman County in

1981.

The two were leaders of the Goodland Livewires for years and they still work with kids when they are needed.

Linda helps with baking skills. She is a project leader, helping 4-H

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CELEBRATING FAIR DAYS

Welcome to the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair Aug. 1-6

The Goodland Star-News

Chesle Guerman (above) gave commands to her dog Emma as she practiced for the dog show at the fair to be held on Saturday. See story, photos on Page 8. Paige Phillips (right) demonstrated how her mushroom room will look when she finishes the project. They will be used as lawn ornaments in the garden. Story, photos on Page 2. Tabor Freeman (far right) drained a water hose after filling the water trough for her and his brother's pigs. Story, photos on Page 5.

members learn to make baked goods for the fair.

“She’s known for her bread,” said Gerald, adding that her plain buns and cinnamon rolls are the best.

“My grandmother taught me how

(to bake bread),” she said.

She said Julesie Gemmer Gimmer was a baker by trade. Linda said she bakes with a rough recipe, estimat-

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By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

An entrance sign with the city seal is going to be added to the brick area on the southeast corner of Pioneer Park, and Monday the city commission agreed on the burgundy colors for the sign.

“Welcome to Goodland,” will be the wording on the sign to the right of the city seal, which will have raised lettering on an aluminum base.

Darin Neufeld, project engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, showed the commission three different color schemes as designed by Leon Volk representative of Commercial Sign from their Colby office.

Neufeld said after looking at the options — burgundy, green or a light brown — he and Volk had recommended the burgundy as the best color.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she felt either the green or burgundy would look the best. Other commission members said they had no preference.

Commissioner Dave Daniels asked if the decision had to be made immediately or if there was time to consider the options.

Neufeld said it would be better for the commission to make a decision, and Volk said the sign needs to be started soon to be ready for installation when needed.

Mayor Rick Billinger said the commission should decide on a



This “Welcome to Goodland” sign will be erected at the southeast corner of Pioneer Park. The sign, 6 1/2 feet by 12 feet on aluminum, is being created by Commercial Sign of Colby.

color and let them go ahead.

Commissioner John Garcia asked Neufeld and Volk what they thought about the green.

Neufeld said the burgundy was their recommendation, but that either that or the green would look good.

Volk said the color would blend well with the brick color, and there would be enough difference for it to stand out.

The cost of the sign is \$7,575, and

Neufeld said that is part of the contract price with Miller Construction, the project’s main contractor.

Consensus of the commissioners was to go with the burgundy.

In other business the commission:

- Heard a proposal from W. J. Trachsel about having a military helicopter at the airport as a static display. He told the commission he had been in contact with an armory in Michigan and the man in charge of these requests for the U.S. Army.

Billinger said it sounded like a good idea, and Ron Pickman, former city manager, said the airport board had plans for such a display in the long-term plans. Billinger asked Trachsel to contact members of the airport board, and Jack Sanderson.

• Gave their approval of an Eagle Scout project for Zach Breining. Breining told the commission he was installing a garden and landscape on the northeast corner of Broadway and 17th Street. He said

the landscaping will be with xeriscaping and plants that do not require lots of water. Billinger said the city is planning to put new curbs in the area and asked Neufeld if this might damage the landscape area. Neufeld said the curb replacement would not change the width of the street and felt it would not interfere with the landscaping. Breining said he was working with Phil Erickson, and asked for permission to allow the use of a dump truck to help remove the dirt and bring in better soil. The commission agreed it was a good project. Breining said he began work on Friday, and it would take about six weeks to complete.

• Heard an update on Flatlander Festival from Dale Neill, a member of the Flatlander Festival Committee and chairman of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Board. Neill said the plans are progressing and the new committee was organized and included members from the car clubs, motorcycle club, the chamber, visitor’s board and others interested in improving the festival. Neill asked the city to close Main from Eighth to 17th on Saturday, Sept. 24. He asked the city to provide bleachers and picnic tables. Neill said he would come back at another meeting to present the commission with a budget for the festival. The commission agreed to the street closing and providing the

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School budget estimated to be up \$280,000

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

More than \$6.3 million, about \$280,000 more than last year, will pay to educate Goodland kids next year.

Superintendent Marvin Selby presented budget worksheets to the school board Thursday, going through each “weighting” under the state finance formula and explaining what they mean to schools here.

Starting with estimated enrollment, Selby said, he takes the count of students on the last day of school and projects it forward. He said that means the kindergarten students move to first grade, first move to second and so on.

That number this year, he said, was 894 students.

Selby said the district can decide which number to use for the budget, choosing from last year’s count as of Sept. 20, 950.4 students; the pro-

jected number from last year, 894; or an average of the past three years, 942.1.

The district generally uses the best number, 950.4 in this case, he said, and that is plugged into a budget form.

He said they then add in low enrollment weighting, to cover the cost of running a smaller district, and that adds 250.2 students to the 950.4.

Last year, Selby said, they would have a higher number for low enrollment, around 325. The amount taken out, he said, basically evens out since more money was put into the base number for each student.

“That’s just a wash,” Selby said.

For bilingual students, he said, the weighting value has been nearly doubled from 0.2 to 0.395. Selby said that number is based on the number of hours bilingual students spend with certified teachers. Goodland will count 23 extra students for

bilingual, he said.

Vocational education also has extra weighting, Selby said, but this year a computer program offered here will no longer count. Even so, the school can count 21.5 more students for the programs it has. Selby said he is confident as enrollment begins, more people will sign up for qualified vocational education.

At-risk students, defined as these from poor families who qualify for free lunches, will be given nearly twice the consideration they got last year, going from 0.1 to 0.193. That means the 300 at-risk students here will count as an extra 57.9 students for the budget.

Transportation weighting, Selby said, counts students who travel more than 2 1/2 miles from school. He said the weighting considers density and since the district has 914 square miles, it contributes greatly to the bottom line.

“Our density factor is pretty good,” Selby said, adding they will count 59.4 more students due to transportation.

Special education weighting is based on the number of teachers and aides working with special-needs students. Selby will add 128.1 students, making the total number of students for the budget 1,490.5.

Then they multiply that number times the new base, \$4,257 per student. The total adds up to \$6,345,059 for next year’s budget.

After adding up the total, Selby asked the board to call a closed session to allocate the funds to specific areas.

He said since there is more money and the allocation could affect teacher contract negotiations, the session should be closed.

After a 50-minute session, the board came back to the public meeting.

Later, the board discussed work on the Topside Territory playground next to West Elementary School.

Selby said the crew is finished adding the imitation wood for this year. Next year, he said, they will complete the work.

The crew will focus next on the ground under the wooden equipment. He said they will regenerate it to make it safer for students. Work should be finished in time to start school, he said.

Board member Fritz Duke asked if the school calendars had been printed yet.

Pat Juhl, board clerk, said they were awaiting some dates before sending the calendars to the printer.

Duke said the online calendar is available until the others are printed.

“That’s a lot of stuff there already,” he said.

The calendar is available at www.highschoolsports.net.