

weather report

83°



noon Monday

Today

•Sunset, 7:24 p.m.

Tuesday

•Sunrise, 6:13 a.m.

•Sunset, 7:22 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 74 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds calm
- Barometer 30.01 inches and steady

•Record High today 99° (1954)
 •Record Low today 48° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	87°
Low Sunday	58°
Precipitation	none
This month	2.77
Year to date	12.52
Normal	16.19

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, high near 95, low near 54, winds southwest 10-31 mph. Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high around 76, low around 52, winds north 15-30 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near 81, low around 57. Friday: Mostly sunny, high around 85, low near 59. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 90, low around 58. Sunday: Partly cloudy, high around 90. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. *Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.15 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.18
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Corn — \$1.69 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.68
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Milo — \$1.40 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.15 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.42
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Millet — \$6.50 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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Hoxie first Cowboy test

Sophomore running back Jake Kling swept around the left end for the Gold Squad during the first period of the annual Soap Scrimmage Friday at Cowboy Stadium. The football season opens at 6 p.m. on Friday at home against the Hoxie Indians. Photos on Page 8a.

Sweep nets nine

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Police had a busy weekend, picking up nine people allegedly linked with methamphetamine sales in Goodland, Wallace and Dighton on Saturday, ending what they said was a major supply ring for drugs from Mexico.

The arrests started when Rodney Hill, 45, Wallace, was arrested at a Goodland motel after allegedly selling about one-fourth of a pound of methamphetamine to an unidentified Denver man, said Doug Murphy, drug enforcement coordinator with the Quad County Drug Task Force.

The two were taken into custody, he said. Hill was taken to the Sherman County Bastille and the Denver man was taken to Colorado. Murphy said police there have more information and are in a better position to prosecute the Denver man.

He said they had been following Hill as part of a three-year investigation. After making the arrest, officers were waiting with a search warrant for Hill's home in Wallace.

There they arrested Steven Sandoval, 22, Kanorado; Recardo Arzate, 27, Guerrero, Mexico; and Carlos Delgado, 44, Chihuahua, Mexico and Dighton, on charges of conspiracy and in conjunction with the sale of meth in Goodland.

The three men were taken to the Bastille. Monday, Sheriff Kevin Butts said all four men were still in jail.

Four arrests were made at the same time in Dighton. Police rounded up Jesus "Jesse" Sandoval, 54, Kanorado and Dighton; his brother George Sandoval, 49, Kanorado and Dighton; and Catarino Salinas, 26, and Kenneth Gonzales, 32, both of Goodland, on drug-related charges. They were taken to the Lane County jail.

Murphy said over the past three years, police have followed a meth supply chain involving Hill and the Sandovals.

Hill's house in Wallace and Sandoval's in Dighton have been under surveillance, Murphy said, and police were poised waiting for the go-ahead for the search.

He said Hill has been followed to

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New bridge takes shape

Eric Oelschalger, project engineer for the state Department of Transportation out of Atwood, sent these photos from Thursday's pouring of the first half of the new bridge deck on K-27 south of Goodland. Trucks delivered the concrete to a special pump truck below the bridge and the concrete was spread across the bridge through the hose. Then a special screening machine smoothed the surface. Oelschalger said the pour started around 8 a.m. and was finished about 2:15 p.m., using 350 cubic yards of concrete. He said the other half of the bridge will be poured in about 3 weeks. The project is the first part of the rebuilding of K-27 south of Goodland to the Sherman County line. The bridge and approaches are to be completed this year, and the rest of the road will be moved 100 feet to the east next year.



City, county to meet Wednesday on sales tax hike

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners will meet with the city commission at 8 a.m. on Wednesday at the courthouse to discuss the next step in the sales tax process to get their joint road project moving.

The county has been waiting for the city to hire a new manager before kicking off the process. The city hired Wayne Hill in the middle of August and, now that he's on board, the two commissions will decide how to proceed with the sales tax for roads.

With the energy center being planned west of town, commission-

Budget is good news for taxpayers

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County property taxes won't jump next year, even though the county budget is up nearly \$1 million, based on preliminary budget figures the commissioners will review Wednesday morning.

With increases for city and school rates, taxpayers should see the total tax rate about the same as last year, maybe up just a little.

With a \$5 million increase in assessed valuation,

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ers think it will save time and bring in more money to use the city's existing sales tax authority rather than wait to go through the state Legislature for a countywide tax increase. Getting the sales tax approved this

year would allow the city to collect money the construction of the power and fuel plants will bring in. Most of that would be missed if the city and county wait until the Legislature can act next spring and hold the election

in August.

If the city proceeds with the sales tax election, it could be held later this fall, and if approved by the city residents, a tax increase can be in place by the first of the year. Since

it is a city tax, citizens of Goodland would make the decision.

After passing a one-cent tax increase, the city would work with the county to finance the combined project. The current tax rate is 5.3 cents for the state; one cent for the county, split among the county and its two cities; and a special one-quarter cent health services tax collected by the county and shared with the hospital, health department, ambulance service, Good Samaritan Center, senior services and other health-related services.

The joint project would include

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School board plans to hear from two candidates

By Kathryn Burke

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Members of the Goodland School Board are ready to interview two applicants for the board seat vacated by Danny Whalen, who resigned because he moved to Colorado.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the two are Andrew House and John Hendrich, both area farmers.

They will come before the board at the scheduled meeting on Mon-

day, Sept. 12. Selby flipped a coin and chose Hendrich to speak at 6 p.m., followed by House at 6:30.

House, who was present at the meeting Aug. 22 when the board began the process, was the runner-up in the school election in April. He just missed taking a seat on the board, coming in fourth behind incumbent Dick Short by only 61 votes. Selby said the candidate question-

ing must be held in open session because the seat is elective. Board members must vote for one or the other in open session, too.

"All of the discussion will be in open session," he said. "You have to be thick skinned to ask the things you want to talk about."

"It's the only way it can be done." The candidates will be asked 12 questions by the board, with each member reading two.

Selby asked each board member to examine a list of questions and chose the best six. He will pick 12 to ask the candidates.

In other business, board members:

- Hired Marsha Schilling as a three-hour cook at the high school;
- Cory Cummings as assistant high school football coach;
- Mindy Green as assistant high school volleyball coach;
- Jackie Elliott as assistant

- girls golf coach;
- Gary Winter as assistant eighth grade football coach;
- Sandy Trachsel as assistant eighth grade volleyball coach;
- Greg Craig as junior high wrestling coach;
- Gary Winter as assistant junior high wrestling coach;
- Jeremy Samson as assistant junior high wrestling coach;
- Travis Witman as head eighth grade boys basketball coach;
- Ben Coates

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