

weather report

76°
noon Monday

Today
 •Sunset, 6:49 p.m.
Wednesday
 •Sunrise, 6:33 a.m.
 •Sunset, 6:47 p.m.

Midday Conditions
 •Soil temperature 71 degrees
 •Humidity 44 percent
 •Sky clear
 •Winds northwest 7 mph.
 •Barometer 30.23 inches
 and rising

•Record High today 95° (1986)
 •Record Low today 30° (1983)

Last 24 Hours*
 High Sunday 80°
 Low Sunday 50°
 Precipitation —
 This month .30
 Year to date 12.82

The Topside Forecast
 Today: Mostly sunny, high upper 80s. South winds 10-15 mph.
 Tonight: Becoming partly cloudy, low upper 50s. South winds 10 mph.

Extended Forecast
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high mid 90s. Wednesday night: Partly cloudy, low mid 50s. Thursday through Friday: Partly cloudy, highs lower 80s, lows around 50.
 (National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
 *Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
 Wheat — \$3.24 bushel
 Posted county price — \$3.34
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Corn — \$1.66 bushel
 Posted county price — \$1.52
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 42¢
 Milo — \$1.40 bushel
 Soybeans — \$5.03 bushel
 Posted county price — \$4.84
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Millet — \$6.25 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$9.80 cwt.
 NuSun — \$11.05
 Confection — call.
 Pinto beans — \$20 (new crop)
 (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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New paint for old mural

Jeff White with WW Construction painted in part of the mural on the side of the Shores Brothers building. The building is being fixed up to open Thursday as Shores Bumper to Bumper auto parts. Story, photo on Page 3.

Visitors bureau gets new office

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

The Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau may soon have a new location.

The bureau has been looking for a new office since receiving notice from their landlord that he may be selling the building it's in.

The bureau board voted Thursday to have Director Donna Price nego-

tiate with Janice Minner for office space in the Centennial Building at 10th and Main. Though the bureau has a lease through Jan. 31 at the office at 1206 Main, it may have to move this month.

Price said she had received a letter saying that the landlord may have the building sold and would buy out their lease, asking the bureau to move by Oct. 1. She has been look-

ing at available space, considering space for just the bureau and space that would allow them, the Chamber of Commerce and Sherman County Economic Development office to be housed together.

The Chamber moved into the Economic Development office due to financial troubles. Though the three have no immediate plans to share an office suite, Price said, she

wanted to have that as an option for the future.

Of the offices she had looked at, Price said she felt the Minner office was the best option. It's nice and ready to move into, she said, and has space for the three but will rent an office to just the visitors bureau at a price it can afford by itself.

Price had looked at an office that would not have room for the three,

one that would, but cost for too much for just the visitors bureau, and one that needs a lot of work before the bureau could move in.

Price said she looked at an office on Main that would be a good choice, if the bureau wasn't under the gun to move. The landlord was interested in having the bureau

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Baler project delayed

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News

A one-month delay in shipping the new trash baler may work out well, Sherman County commissioners were told last Tuesday, since the building to hold it is not quite ready.

Curt Way, county public works director, said the company building the baler had notified him it would probably be February before it is delivered. That gives the county an extra month to have the building ready, he said.

Way said Rhoads Construction, which is handling the project for the county, has ordered the metal building, which is expected to arrive in October. He said the details of the floor plan and dimensions of the pit for the conveyor arrived from the manufacturer, Harris Badger. Plans are to pour the foundation and floor to be ready when the building arrives.

He said that the company that was supplying the leachate tank also would handle putting the drain lines in the concrete.

One change in plan, Way said, was to pour a concrete pad out in front of the building to handle the delivery of the baler rather than taking part of the roof off to lift it into the building. He said the pad would be able to handle the 26-ton baler, which arrives in one piece.

Commissioners asked if there

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Cowboys rumble over Buffaloes



Senior quarterback Wyatt Dautel (No. 28) prepared to hand the ball off to senior running back Derek Fenner during the second quarter of Friday's game between the Cowboys and Rawlins

County High. Fenner led Goodland's ground attack with 191 yards on 27 carries scoring three touchdowns. See related story on page 12.
 Photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News

First few weeks smooth for schools

By Kathryn Burke
The Goodland Star-News

From a new drug-testing program to an all-day kindergarten, principals in the Goodland School District said the start of school has gone pretty well, even with the effort required to start new programs.

"I think our school is a little hectic now," said Harvey Swager, high school principal, told the Goodland School Board at a meeting last Monday, Sept. 12, adding that everything usually settles down after the first

few days. Swager told the board the first round of drug testing has gone well, and there were no positive results.

He showed board members a report on ACT, or American College Test, scores for students. The new report, he said, shows Goodland students ahead of the state average in college readiness in all but one subject.

The school's average for college English composition was 76 percent college ready, he said, with the state

average at 74 percent. On college algebra, Goodland students tested at 50 percent ready compared to 46 percent statewide, and on college Social Science, 55 percent ready versus 58 percent from the state, college biology 33 percent ready with a state average of 31 percent ready and in all four, 26 percent ready compared to 25 percent ready in the state.

"I'd say we're pretty well at state average," Superintendent Marvin Selby said.

Assistant Principal Steve Raymer told board members the fall sports season is underway.

He said the football schedule for the next two years for would be worked out a meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 5, in Salina. He told board members he will know more about upcoming schedules next month.

Board Member Marty Melia asked why the games are starting earlier this year. He said some par-

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Household waste taken



County employees Sam Zelfer (left) and Lynn Abbott were on hand Saturday to take material dropped off at the Sherman County hazardous waste collection site. Workers in bright yellow hazardous material suits took in everything from motor oil to paint from 7 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News

School drug tests find all clear

By Kathryn Burke
The Goodland Star-News

Students in extracurricular activities at Goodland High School are staying away from drugs, alcohol and cigarettes, the first round of mandatory drug tests shows.

Principal Harvey Swager said none of the tests has come up positive. "We've been really pleased with the results so far," he said.

The drug-testing program started with a blanket test of every student involved in extra curricular activities. Swager said Monday, Sept. 12, the school has gotten around to testing every group except for the clubs.

The in-house tests cost the school \$3 each and were administered by coaches and sponsors.

After the initial tests, a private company will randomly test from the pool of students in activities.

Swager said the company has started to set up a database of the participating students.

Ten to 30 percent of the student population in extra curricular activities, or from 22 to 66 students, will take a drug test each month throughout the school year.

Test results will be screened by a doctor before they are sent back to the school. Swager said a student's family will be contacted to weed out any false positives because of legal medications.

Students found positive for any substance face punishments ranging from a two-week suspension from the activity to being barred from all activities for the rest of their high school career. Any activity that is graded, such as some band performances, Swager said, cannot be taken away because of test results.

Students don't face legal or academic penalties for a positive test. Swager said the school is not required to notify police about results.

The testing program is only for students participating in extracurricular activities like sports and clubs. All sports and other teams, music and the like, would be covered, except those for which students get a grade.

Swager said the school always had the power to test any student suspected of drug use, but they did not test randomly.

The tests will look for alcohol, barbiturates, LSD, MDMA (ecstasy), phencyclidine (PCP), amphetamines, benzodiazepines (valium), marijuana, nicotine, propoxyphene (a narcotic pain reliever), anabolic steroids, cocaine, methadone and opiates.

Food bank set until Christmas

By Kathryn Burke
The Goodland Star-News

A drive to stamp out hunger in Sherman County last March and April brought in an extra \$300 and filled the pantry at the Genesis food bank.

Pat Jordan, who along with her husband Clark directs Genesis, said thanks to a grant through the Feinstein Foundation, the food bank is pretty much set until Christmas.

"We'll have plenty to get by," she said, adding that donations which do come in will allow the food bank to help more people.

The foundation held a "March on Hunger" this spring, and Genesis signed on. The match isn't dol-

lar for dollar because the foundation only had a total of \$1 million to hand out.

Jeff Mason, Genesis board president, said while the \$6,000 in food and cash raised here wasn't matched exactly, the \$300 from the foundation helped out.

"Our food bank is in good shape," he said. Jordan said the money came at a time when the bank was getting low. They used the money, she said, to fill the pantry.

"Every shelf is full down there," she said. Mason said that since they can't collect perishable

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