

weather
report

34°

noon Monday

Today

- Sunset, 4:59 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:59 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:00 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 34 degrees
- Humidity 54 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds west at 10 mph
- Barometer 30.12 inches and falling
- Record High today 71° (1970)
- Record Low today -10° (1897)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	42°
Low Monday	15°
Precipitation	—
This month	.51
Year to date	.51

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny, with a high near 56 with a low of 23. West wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high near 58 with a low around 24. Southwest winds between 5 and 10 mph. Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 52 and a low around 22. Friday: Mostly sunny, high near 52 with a low of 22. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.54 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.37
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.80 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.76
Loan deficiency pmt. — 18¢
Milo — \$1.42 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.88 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.99
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0.00¢
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.55 cwt.
NuSun crop — \$7.55
Confection — Call
Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigo Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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today

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Cowboys
finish fourth

Goodland junior Nick Angelos scored the first basket of the fourth period of the Cowboys' 44-42 win over Liberal on Saturday at Colby High School to finish fourth at this year's Orange and Black Classic. See story, photos on Page 10.

Lab leader hangs up test charts

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

He planned to stop for a day to look Goodland over on his way to Iowa, but lucky for us, Ying Huang decided to stay and has been testing blood, sugar and many other things for the past 43 years.

Huang went to work Monday at the Goodland Regional Medical Center for the last time. He came to Goodland in January 1963 after being discharged from the U.S. Army, he said, and when he decided to retire, he wanted it to be on the anniversary of when he began his job.

Barbara Ochsner was the reason he came to Goodland. They had gone to the Institute of Medical Technology in Minneapolis at the same time. When he was discharged from the service, he called the school and said he was looking for a job that would bring him back to the Midwest.

Ochsner, who had worked at the hospital and had moved to Denver, got his name from the school newsletter and gave it to Administrator Harvey Archer who called Huang about the Goodland lab job.

"I am happy I stayed this long," Huang said, "and am proud of what I did. No two ways about it."

In the more than 45 years Huang has been doing lab work, he said, the biggest change has been in technology.

"I think about 20 percent of what we do are the basic tests that were being done when I came here," he said. "Today about 80 percent of the tests are new."

"The other half of the change is government regulation. Years ago, you just did the tests, but today you have to test the tests to make sure they are correct."

Three things he said that are about the same as they were over 40 years ago are blood count, sugar level tests and urinalysis.

Ying says the new technology and machines have modernized lab work.

He remembers that the lab in the old Boothroy Hospital where he started was much smaller than the one in the new hospital, built in 1972.

"When we moved in, it was four times what we had in the old hospital," he said.

Since the lab has been in the new hospital, he said, it has been expanded three times and is nearly three times the size it was when the building opened.

When he started in 1963, he said, he was the only person in the lab. It wasn't until 1969 when the lab started to expand to have three medical technicians. Today, there are seven people working in the lab.

Huang said he has kept up with the changes in testing and technology through the 40 credit hours that are required every year to keep his license.

One of his memories was a snowstorm in 1977. He said the drifts were so high he had to climb out of a back window of his house to walk to work.

"I was the only one who could get here," he said.

He said he walked to work through the drifts of the Thanksgiving weekend snowstorm in November.

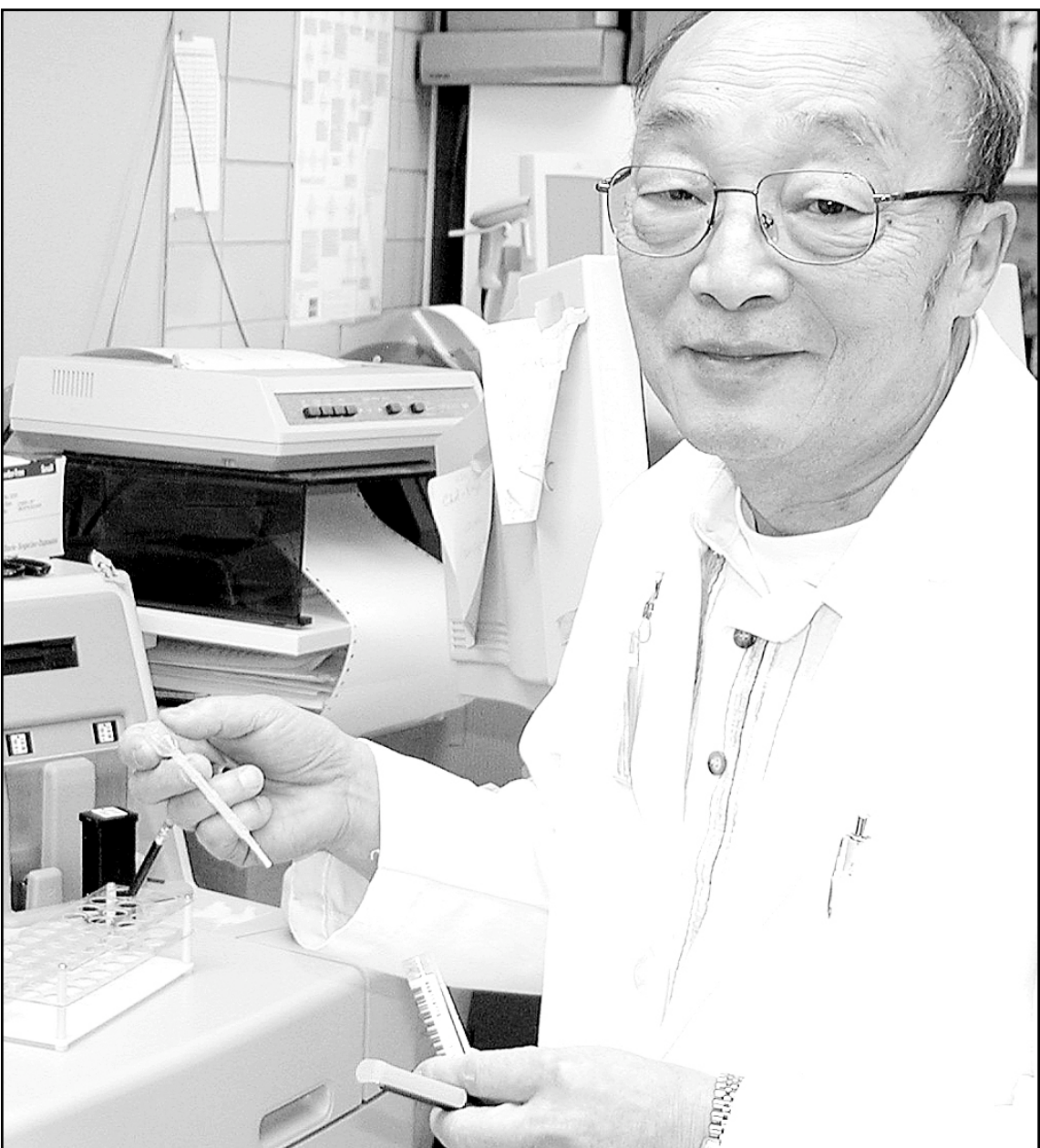
Dale Schields, human resources director, has been with the hospital for 36 years Schields said he thinks Huang's 43 years is the record, but there might have been one other employee who served about that long years ago.



Huang 1959



Huang 1962



Ying Huang retired from the lab at Goodland Regional Medical Center Monday on the anniversary of his arrival 43 years ago. One of the last batches of blood tests he did were those collected for the upcoming Sherman County Health Fair.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Schields said Thursday he had enjoyed working with Huang, and thought he had done a good job of handling the lab.

Huang said he came to the U.S. from China in 1955 with his mother and settled in Alaska. He attended

the University of Alaska before graduating from the Institute of Medical Technology in 1959.

His first lab job was at St. Anthony's Hospital in Wenatchee, Wash. He had been there a short time when he was drafted and served in

the Army medical corps, being stationed in a field hospital in Berlin for two years.

He married his wife Kin at Thanksgiving 1965 in Goodland.

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Board to interview two for superintendent

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

In a short meeting on Friday, the Goodland School Board set up interviews for this week to talk to possible replacements for Superintendent Marvin Selby, who will retire at the end of the school year.

The board met in closed session so set the interviews. Members said they will talk to one candidate a day Monday and today. A screening committee arranged by the Kansas Association of School boards chose eight resumes for the board to consider, and the board picked two fi-

nalists from that list.

The screening panel included Kent Stewart, Max Heim and Selby. Heim does superintendent searches all over the state for the Kansas Association of School Boards. Stewart is a retired education professor from Kansas State University. Selby announced his retirement Nov. 21, and the district took applications through Thursday.

Selby reported that the district had deposited \$1.4 million in tax collections from Sherman County.

He said they had to rewrite the checks to Bankwest and the First

National Bank paying off the remodeling of the high school science rooms because the actual amounts were less than the original checks.

Fritz Duke reported that the building of the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center is in Oakley has been donated to the center by the City of Oakley.

The board approved the calendar for 2006-2007 school year. The calendar is similar to this year, said Selby, with the Christmas vacation being a little different.

The last day of school will be on Wednesday, May 23, with teacher

work days on Thursday and Friday. School will be done before Memorial Day.

In a closed session, the board discussed buying Cobblestone Floral and Greenhouse across from the high school from Ed Flodin. They decided to buy the property for \$30,000.

Realtor Terry Richardson had asked if the board was interested in selling any more property west on Kansas Ave., when they were talking about building a new high school. Richardson said he had a church group looking to buy four

acres. The board decided it was not interested in selling at this time because the school doesn't need the money and they would like to see what impact the new energy center has on Goodland.

Selby showed the board a two-bids for a used bus. The district did not buy any buses last year, he said, and needs to possibly buy one this year. The bid from Masters Transportation was the lowest, he said, and the district had dealt with them before.

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Council taps banker to be new chairman

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Finding someone who had the time to devote to the top position on the Sherman County Economic Development Council made selection of a new chairman more difficult last Tuesday, but in the end a banker stepped forward to accept the job.

Shelly Thompson of Bankwest was the unanimous choice to be chairman. Don Newell of S&T Telephone was elected vice-chairman, Kim Bohme of Miller's Home Center was re-elected as treasurer, and

Goal-setting session to be Wednesday

Looking ahead to this year and three to five years beyond, the Sherman County Economic Development Council will hold a special goal-setting work session at 4 p.m. Wednesday at Western State Bank. New Chairman Shelly Thompson suggested the

council meet to set some goals and to review what they expect an executive director to do when one is hired.

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Richard Breining of Sunflower Computer was named secretary. Outgoing Chairman John Garcia opened the meeting and handled the

gavel until he opened the floor for nominations.

Duane Timm of First National Bank, who had been vice-chairman,

nominated Steve West of Western State Bank to be chairman. West declined, saying he did not feel he would have enough time to devote

to economic development this year.

West suggested Timm be chairman, but Timm said he did not feel he could do the job because his job is taking him out of town frequently.

Harlan House, a rancher and farmer, declined, saying he did not have the time to do a good job.

Thompson said she would accept the job if the council members agreed to help her.

"That is the way to make it work," said Gray Slough, a member from

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Chamber gets ahead, plans banquet

A progress report from the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce shows the group is out of the red, and planning its annual banquet for Thursday, Feb. 9.

Ken Clouse, chamber vice-president, sent the report to John Garcia, outgoing chairman of the Sherman County Economic Development Council, for the council's annual meeting.

In his letter to the council, which paid \$8,000 of the Chamber back bills last year, Clouse said the Chamber board has been meeting each week to address the financial issues.

"Although things are progressing slowly for the Chamber," Clouse wrote,

"we are steadily making progress. The assistance your council provided has been our lifeline, and without your assistance we would not be anywhere near our current condition."

Clouse said that at the Jan. 10 Chamber meeting, the last of the outstanding bills were approved for payment.

"This will clear the books for the Chamber," Clouse wrote, "and relieve the group of the burden of operating in a deficit. We are pleased, but we are not out of the woods."

"The membership drive is progressing and the Chamber has a small balance in the checking account. We have an out-

standing group of volunteers who have worked the office and answered the phone.

"It remains very important that we acquire members to sustain the Chamber. This is the only means of financial survival for the Chamber, and it is our hope and desire to increase the membership of the Chamber."

The annual meeting will be a way to spotlight the Chamber, and Clouse said it should be a fun evening. He apologized for making a written report, explaining that both he and Chamber President Brian

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Moran to speak at Rotary Friday

Congressman Jerry Moran will visit Sherman County this week during his 10th annual Big First Listening Tour.

Moran will attend the Goodland Rotary Club meeting at noon Friday, Jan. 27, in the Student Union of the Northwest Kansas Technical College, 1207 Harrison.

Moran is visiting communities in each of the 69 counties of the 1st Congressional District. He said he plans to travel more than 5,000 miles to talk with people and listen to their concerns about the issues facing Kansans.