

weather
report

40°

noon Monday

Today

• Sunset, 5:12 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:48 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:13 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 37 degrees
- Humidity 67 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds north at 22 mph
- Barometer 30.31 inches and falling
- Record High today 67° (1934)
- Record Low today -13° (1914)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 46°

Low Monday 16°

Precipitation .04

This month .04

Year to date 1.55

The Topside Forecast

Today: Scattered flurries before noon. Partly cloudy with a high near 45. Breezy with a north wind 10 to 15 mph increasing to between 20 and 25. Tonight: Partly cloudy, with a low near 18. North wind between 10 and 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high around 39 with a low around 19. Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 52 with a low near 19. Friday: Partly cloudy, high around 39 low near 12. Saturday: Partly cloudy high near 42

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.82 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.69

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.00 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.98

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.62 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.15 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.26

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5.55 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.75 cwt.

NuSun crop — \$7.75

Confection — Call

Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Mustangs
beat Atwood

Ashley Archer (left) pressured Atwood's Audrey Basgall during the second half of the seventh-grade Lady Mustangs' 36-22 win over Rawlins County Junior High Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. See story, photo on Page 10.

Sales tax bill moves to Senate

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

A bill giving Sherman County voters the power to approve a 1-cent sales tax to rebuild streets and roads should pass the House this week and may be through the Kansas Legislature by the end of this week.

County Commissioner Kevin Rasure said the sales tax bill should be through the process in time to allow the county to hold a special election in April.

"I think it is moving along," Rasure said Monday. "The House final passage was set for today, and we expect Senate action this week."

Rep. Jim Morrison of Colby introduced the

bill in the House (HB 2698) and Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer introduced a similar bill in the Senate (SB 429).

Rasure said he talked to Morrison on Thursday and the House had given preliminary approval to the bill. He said Morrison expected final approval on Monday.

The Senate is expected to bring the bill to the floor this week.

Rasure said he was not sure if the House bill will be passed by the Senate or if the Senate will approve the one Ostmeyer introduced. He said both have the same language.

Hearings have been held in front of the Taxation committees of both houses, and Rasure went to Topeka last Tuesday to testify.

"I told them about the joint project with the city," Rasure said, "and I told them about the new energy center to be built near Caruso. I explained we would like to have a special election in April to get the approval of the citizens to begin the road and street work."

"I told them we wanted to ask the citizens to approve a sales tax like we did before," he said, "and to have it sunset when the bonds are paid off."

Rasure said City Manager Wayne Hill, Mayor Rick Billinger and Larry McCants of the First National Bank and an investor in the Goodland Energy Center, were in Topeka to show support for the bill.

"We wanted to show the city and county are

on board and supporting the project," he said.

The bill allows Sherman County to ask voters to approve a 1 percent sales tax to pay for street and road improvements.

The bill repeals the previous special sales tax provision, which was for county road improvements on old U.S. 24.

Once approved by the Legislature, signed by the governor, and published in the Kansas Register, the new provision will allow Sherman County to hold a special election within 45 days.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the vote could be as early as April if the law is passed and published in the next few weeks.



Debbie Hickman (above), director of patient care services at Goodland Regional Medical Center, showed Allan Langness pictures of stomach ulcers and colon tumors Saturday at the Sherman County Health Fair. Larissa Coon, an occupational therapist at the hospital (above right), watched Kermit Morris grip a machine that shows how hard he is gripping it. Gripping a steering wheel too hard, she said, you can get carpal tunnel syndrome. Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News



410 get health check-ups

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County people got a report card Saturday on how their health was doing at the Goodland Activities Center.

The Goodland Regional Medical Center, Sherman County Health Department and the Sunflower Extension District sponsored the annual health fair. Four hundred ten people attended, said Brenda McCants, patient relations director for the hospital.

There were 35 exhibitors. Tables included Eagle Med, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Lincare, Smart Start Northwest Kansas, the Farm, Hospice Services, Koons Funeral

Home, the Goodland Police Department, Good Samaritan, and Tri-State Dialysis from Burlington.

The police took pictures for their Identikid program, giving parents information to give to police if their child becomes missing. Their were vision screenings and Dr. Megan Pearce, a dentist for Goodland Dental Arts Clinic, gave screenings for oral cancer.

Many departments of the hospital took part, including the Hospital Auxiliary. The lab gave glucose tests, while the Emergency Medical Service checked blood pressures and oxygen absorption. The physical therapy department was

represented by Larissa Coon, who does occupational therapy.

Mike Brannick won a "sports basket" stuffed with Rockies baseball tickets, lodging, University of Kansas and Kansas State University memorabilia and an autographed National Football League photo.

Drs. Travis Daise, Moe Shafei and David Younger were there to go over blood test results with 508 people who gave blood in January.

If people did not pick up their results, said McCants, they will be able to get them at the hospital lab from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Monday through Friday.

New superintendent prepared for job

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland School District's new superintendent says she is looking forward to the challenge and opportunity of her new job but will miss West Elementary School.

Shelly Angelos has nothing but praise for the teachers she has worked with since becoming principal in 2004. She was a cheerleading sponsor on a part-time basis for two years before that.

"I have a fantastic staff and such a positive working climate," Angelos said.

The school district here has many of the same problems as the rest of the nation's schools, she said. There are money issues, problems dealing with at-risk students and trying to meet the No Child Left Behind requirements of the federal government, Angelos said.

"I have found the Kansas education system to be forward thinking," she said. "I am very impressed with Fort Hays State University, with their quality of course work and education."

"My biggest challenges will be declining enrollment, funding and meeting the No Child Left Behind goals."

Angelos said she grew up with teaching and teachers. Her father had his first superintendent job at 28 and her mother ran a Montessori preschool. She said she is the oldest of eight children and six have teaching credentials. Their father is president of the Utah Superintendents Association and the executive director of the Utah Association of School Boards.

Angelos said she spent three years teaching in Gujarat, India. Her husband, Scott, was a chemical engineer in California working for a glass manufacturing company and got a chance to go to India.

Gujarat is the same state in India that Ghandi came from, she said. When they got to India, she said, her children's school needed a teacher, so



Shelly Angelos, principal at West Elementary School, will be the new superintendent of Goodland schools starting in July. She visited last Tuesday with teachers at West, who were working on a presentation for the school board when it meets at the school this month.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News.

she went to work. They were living in a rural area.

The school was an English medium school, where they taught in English, and she taught kindergarten. People speak many dialects in India and English is used as the common language, she said.

The school was British style and very struc-

tured, with rigorous academic study. The kids had lots of homework. They are expected to work hard because not everyone has the chance to go to school, she said, adding that she was the only American teacher.

Her children went to school with Indian nationals, Angelos said. Dance was a big thing in India. Her children also had classes in Hindi and Sanskrit.

Her students' parents were thrilled to have an American teacher, she said.

"I had a hard time getting them to go home after they had brought their children for the first day of school," she said, adding that day is her favorite memory from teaching in India. Teachers are very respected in India, she said.

"It was very challenging to cook in India," Angelos said. "I usually went to the market with an Indian friend because I did not want to pay double for the food I bought. There was not a set price for the food; people bartered for the cost. We liked the food, but I really did not learn how to cook Indian food."

When the family got ready to come back to the U.S., she said, Scott's brother-in-law, who owned McDonald's restaurants, offered him a job. Scott worked for him for six years but he wanted to have his own restaurants.

She taught fourth grade in Heber City, Utah, east of Salt Lake City, from 1996 to 1999. She was an administrative intern for the school district for Wasatch County in 1999, where she worked with all school levels. She then became the assistant principal for a year before she and her family moved to Goodland.

They moved to Goodland in July, 2001, and own the McDonald's in Goodland, Burlington and Lamar.

Students plan paper recycling

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Student leaders at Goodland High School want to recycle paper, and Friday asked the City Commission to help buy a paper container for the project.

Kali Reitcheck, vice president of the Student Council, told the commissioner she had been researching what needed to be done to start a paper recycling program at the high school.

She said the idea is to recycle class papers, computer paper and other recyclable paper that is now being hauled to the landfill.

Reitcheck said she had called Ray Lariviere of the East Central Recycling Group in Lamar, Colo., to find out what they would need, and if the agency could add another stop in Goodland to the current route.

She said she suggested a two-cubic-yard container that could be placed at the high school, adding there would not be a problem adding a stop. She said the student council plans to purchase containers to be put in the classrooms for the students to put the paper in. Those would be carried out to the recycle center.