

**weather report**

92°



noon Monday

**Today**

- Sunset, 8:06 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 5:41 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:06 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 80 degrees
- Humidity 30 percent
- Sky Clear
- Winds Calm
- Barometer 29.93 inches and falling
- Record High today 111° (1940)
- Record Low today 51° (1924)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Sunday	92°
Low Monday	67°
Precipitation	—
This month	.64
Year to date	12.25
Below normal	.76 of an inch

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Partly cloudy, high near 98 and low near 68. A 20 percent chance showers and thunderstorms.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: Partly cloudy and hot, high near 98 and a low near 63. A 20 percent chance of showers before 2 a.m. Thursday through Saturday: Partly cloudy, highs in the low to mid 90s, low around 64

(National Weather Service)  
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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

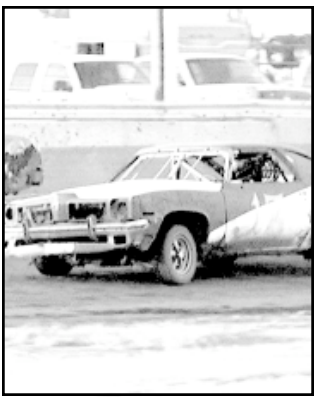
**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$4.57 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$4.58
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Corn — \$2.07 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.95
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 1¢
  - Milo — \$1.77 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$4.96 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$4.93
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Millet — \$5 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$9.30 cwt.
  - NuSun crop — \$10.30
  - Confection — Call
  - Pinto beans — \$15.50 (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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**Racer OK after crash**

Ricky Pummer, 27, of Goodland, (car 13) rolled six times in a pileup in the Econo class main event Saturday, said Alex West. West said Pummer was taken to the hospital. "He was OK," West said. See photo on Page 10.

## Candidate forum at 7 tonight

A forum for the four Republicans seeking the nomination for the District 1 county commissioner seat will begin at 7 p.m. tonight at the Goodland High School auditorium.

The forum, sponsored by the Sherman County Farm Bureau, will give voters a chance to hear the candidates in the only major local race before the primary election next Tuesday.

Amy Sederstrom of the Sherman County Farm Bureau said the forum has been expanded to include at least one of the Republican candidates for the District 5 state Board of Education.

Sederstrom said she has invited Connie Morris of St. Francis, who is seeking reelection to the state board, and Sally Cauble of Liberal, who is running against Morris. Sederstrom said Cauble said she would be here, but Morris said Monday she would not.

The forum will be rearranged to accommodate the state board candidates, Sederstrom said. She said



Hurd



Neufeld



Thomas



Enfield

Cauble — will go first. There will be an opening statement followed by five set questions dealing with the board's duties and issues.

Sherman County commissioner candidates will follow, Sederstrom

said. Each candidate will have an opening statement, she said, and there will be six questions for each. She said cards will be passed out to the audience to submit written questions.

The Republican candidates are Larry Enfield, who farms north of Ruleton; Chuck Thomas, a farmer near Edson and incumbent commissioner; Curtis Hurd, a retired contractor and former city commissioner; and Darin Neufeld, an engineer for Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates.

The district covers all of Goodland Ward 3, Ward 4 south of Sixth Street and Iowa, Itasca, Union and Washington townships. Only Republicans registered in that district — or unaffiliated voters who want to declare as Republican — can vote for commissioner in the primary.

Here are capsule interviews with the candidates:

**Curtis Hurd**

Curtis Hurd, a retired contractor and former city commissioner,

says he wants to help guide the county's economy.

"I want to be part of the economic changes in the county," Hurd said "I feel there needs to be a change in the county commissioners.

"I think we will see the greatest progressive change in the county that we've seen for many years since the start of irrigation in the 1960s. Irrigation could become a thing of the past."

Hurd wants to continue cooperation between city and county, keep county business local if possible and promote new business.

He said he's glad that local people have invested in the Goodland Energy Center.

"The energy center will bring in other things," he said, "and I want to be part of that. There'll be more jobs and higher income for people."

Hurd still does a little construction work, including volunteer work for the Sherman County Historical Society. He graduated from Sherman County Community High

School in 1951, and served on the Goodland City Commission from 1999 to 2003.

His wife, Beverly, also is retired. They have three daughters and two step-children. Debra (Don) Roggen lives in Salina and has a son. Lisa (Joe) Hoffman lives in Brighton, Colo., and has a daughter. Cynthia (Brent) Todd also lives in Brighton and has two sons. Curtis Barnes lives in Hutchinson and has a son. Sheryl Davis lives in Goodland and has four grown children.

The Hurds have nine grandchildren and six great grandchildren. — Pat Schiefan

**Larry Enfield**

A native of Sherman County, Larry Enfield, 48, grew up north of Ruleton in the same area where he farms today. Now he'd like to serve as a Sherman County commissioner.

"This is the first time I have ever

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## Goodland youth named national president

By Pat Schiefan

The Goodland Star-News

Michael Smith of Goodland has been elected as the national president of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

Smith was chosen at the 2006 National Leadership meeting Sunday to Thursday, July 9 to 13, at Nashville, Tenn. His advisor, Sarah Short, received the 2006 Spirit of Advising Award, given to an outstanding advisor from each state.

To apply for a national office, Smith said, you have to be a state officer, and Smith was state President for 2005-2006. The process



Smith



Short

includes three days of behavior interviews, a dinner interview and an essay, he said. Behavior interviews focus on how you have been a leader, Smith said. The committee that does the interview decides if

and what office you get, he said; you don't campaign.

Smith said after he started high school and found out about FCCLA, he thought, "One day I want to be national president."

FCCLA, he said, is the only club that has its focus on family values.

Smith also is active in the Scholars Bowl team, Xpressos and high school musicals. He is the son of Celia Smith and the grandson of Margaret Diaz of Goodland and Reggie Smith of Chicago.

He will help plan the focus and content of the 2007 National Leadership Meeting on July 8 to 12,

2007, in Anaheim, Calif.

During the year, Smith and Short will travel to the national headquarters in Reston, Va., to attend training and program planning sessions. He will help set policies and develop future goals as a committee member of the national board. He and the other national officers will lead workshops and give speeches in different parts of the country.

At the national meeting, the Goodland High junior parliamentary procedure team competed in the Students Taking Action with Recognition events and received a gold medal. The team comprises Courtney

Sheldon, Brennan Clouse, Shelbi Herl, Rory Kling, Chelsie Gausman, Julica Bonsall and T.J. Freeman.

Parliamentary procedure shows that a chapter has a working knowledge of parliamentary law and can conduct a meeting, Short said. The team received a score of 99 out of 100. Aaron Duell, 2006 graduate, and Smith helped the team prepare for competition at the district, state and national level, said Short.

"This team set a goal to compete at national level and they reached that goal by the determination to continue to improve each time," Duell said.

## Heavier cable needed at speedway, inspector says

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

County commissioners agreed Tuesday to work with the Sherman County Racing Association to put larger safety cables in front of the grandstand.

Alex West, president of the group, told the commissioners a recent inspection of the track by an inspector from Allied Specialty Insurance, out of Treasure Island, Fla., which insures the racing association for the season, found the cables in front of the grandstand were 1/2 inch and they need to be 5/8 inch.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked if the cables had to be new. West said the only requirement was to have the larger cable.

West asked if the county would help pay for the cable. He said they

## County extends postal-machine lease

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Three years ago, Sherman County leased a new mailing machine, and commissioners decided Tuesday to sign a new five-year lease that will save the county the cost of supplies.

Signing the lease will keep the cost down, com-

missioners were told, and supplies will be covered in the lease for three years.

Pat Retzlaff, a sales consultant from Business Office Systems of Kearney, Neb., said the commissioners had three options, to upgrade to a better machine,

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have some time, but need to get it done before the end of the race season in September. Commissioners Kevin Rasure suggested that West find out how much cable they need and what it might cost, new or used.

West asked if the county could give the association some help with the Flatlander races this year. West

said the races have been pretty good this year, and they are not running in the red. Thomas asked if it was a better season than last year. West said the car count was up this year.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Reviewed and approved three Neighborhood Revitalization

projects from the county assessor. One is a house remodeling by Gary and Sharon Gregory. The other two were from Goodland Energy Center for the E. Caruso ethanol plant valued at \$22 million, and the Kanza Energy biodiesel plant valued at \$15.5 million. These projects are part of the property tax rebate program

the county started last year that will entitle the people or company to a rebate of up to 90 percent of the property tax over a 10 year period.

• Held a closed-door session with County Attorney Bonnie Selby on a legal matter for three minutes. No action was taken when the commissioners reopened the meeting.

• Checked with Curt Way, county public works manager, about a purchase made in Burlington. Rasure, who owns a hardware store, asked Way about the county buying spikes from Burlington Home Center. Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he had checked the purchase out and had no problem with it. Way said Marshal Siruta and a helper were working on a bridge south of Kanorado and needed the seven-inch ringed spikes.

"Nobody had any," Way said. "So he (Steve Goodman, road and bridge superintendent) called Burlington Home Center. They had them. We would have bought them here if they had been available."

Way said Goodman then ordered two more boxes, as the price quoted in Burlington was \$30 cheaper than here in town, but when the boxes came in they were at a bit higher price.

"We did not run over there to get the two boxes we ordered," Way added. "We waited until we had another reason to go to Burlington."

Rasure said he could accept that it was closer to go to Burlington if the workers were south of Kanorado, but wondered if the Goodland businesses had been asked their price by the box or by the pound?

Way said he did not know, but that the crew did try to buy as much in the county as possible.

County invoice records checked with the help of County Clerk Janet Rumpel show that Goodman signed for 50 spikes at 80 cents each on May 11 for road and bridge; signed for 50 spikes at 80 cents each on May 24 for the landfill; and signed for 100 spikes on June 2 at a cost of \$1.25 each for road and bridge.

A check by Rumpel of other purchases in Burlington in May and June do not correspond to any of the dates when purchases were made at Burlington Home Center

## Blood drive celebrates Red Cross' 125 years



Dick Brock, a retired Goodland building contractor, held still for Paula Allison of Wichita at the Red Cross blood drive Wednesday at the Fellowship Hall of the First United Methodist Church. Brock said he was filling his fourth blood donor card. Jeannie Pyles, drive coordinator for Goodland, said this

was a special collection and donors received T shirts and cake because the Red Cross is celebrating 125 years of service. Martha Gunderson, Sherman County Red Cross worker, said 158 people came to the drive, which collected 135 good units, just over the goal of 130.

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