

weather report

76°

noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 7:44 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:42 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 73 degrees

• Humidity 44 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds east at 10 mph

• Barometer 30.25 inches

and falling

• Record High today 106° (1937)

• Record Low today 49° (1978)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 79°

Low Monday 66°

Precipitation .01

This month 1.85

Year to date 14.65

Below normal .46 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, high near 84, low around 62.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High of 88 and low of 63. Thursday through Sunday: Partly cloudy, highs in the 90s and lows in the 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.05 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.12

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c

Corn — \$2.05 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.90

Loan deficiency pmt. — 6c

Milo — \$1.70 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.66 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.64

Loan deficiency pmt. — 5c

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.35 cwt.

NuSun crop — \$10.35

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.)

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Sprint cars run Saturday

Stock cars raced down the straightaway under the green flag at the Sherman County Speedway on July 22. Saturday, the 14th running of the Bill Gray Memorial will feature the 305 Sprint Car series. See photo on page 12.

Talking, dancing spark reunion

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Former students of Goodland High School, Edson, Kanorado and Ruleton danced, talked and cruised their way through the All-School Reunion on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Dale Schields, president of the Sherman County Alumni Association, said 1,200 people had preregistered, but the number reached around 3,000 by Saturday.

An alumni golf tournament led off at Thursday day at Sugar Hills Golf Club and continued on Friday.

Friday afternoon, one of the big events was a “meet and greet” with teachers and former teachers at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall, 824 Main. The main room was filled with old friends and classmates greeting each other and catching up on each other’s lives.

Friday evening featured a street dance, beer garden and Karaoke in the parking lot behind Bankwest. There was a square dance at Edward Hall, 2431 Walnut. Individual class parties were held Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Schields said



The crowd gave a standing ovation Saturday to Mazie Sutton (in center) and Carroll Mogge (left of center) as the reunion queen

and king during the Sherman County Alumni Association Assembly at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Photo By Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

the street dance was well attended.

He said new events scheduled included the street dance and beer garden and a barbecue at Gulick Park

on Saturday afternoon.

Saturday morning, an assembly at Max Jones Fieldhouse honored the Class of 1956. Jolene Ochsner Ellis

spoke for the class. Alumni King Carrol Mogge and Queen Mazie Sutton from the Class of 1936 were introduced along with their royal

court members from the schools at Ruleton, Edson and Kanorado.

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Classmates, teachers reminisce about school days

By Pat Schiefen

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Old classmates got to visit with each other and their teachers at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall Friday afternoon.

Elizabeth Conover Taggart, who taught sophomore and senior English at the Goodland High School from 1954 to 1958, said her students had tracked her down on the Internet and told her she should come.

“I haven’t been back since 1958,” Taggart said. “It has been fun. I recognized some things on Main.”

After she left Goodland, Mrs. Taggart said, she taught at Topeka High, now Topeka Central. She married a professor and they made their home in Wichita, where he taught at Wichita State University.

Taggart said she is retired and her husband is dead but she is busier now than when she was teaching. She is active in the Episcopal Women’s Guild, a study club, and serves as a docent at the history and



Taggart

art museum in Wichita.

She said one of the biggest changes in education is discipline and political correctness. Students are harder to handle with little sup-

port from most of their parents. By political correctness she said people seem to be afraid to call a spade a spade. When she became the head of the faculty wives group she didn’t want to be called chairwoman so she went by chair.

At the Veterans Hall, old friends were hugging each other, smiling with recognition. Some families have more than one generation of graduates from Goodland High School.

The teachers were supposed to go in the back room at the hall, but everyone stayed and mingled in the main area.

Some graduates also made a side trip to the cemetery.

Current teachers from the school district were there, including Elaine Felver, Mary Porterfield and Jacquie Elliott. Retired teachers were in-

cluded Ron Barkley, John and Sharon Palmquist, Charlie Bray and Janie Wineholt Montgomery.

“You couldn’t hear yourself think at the VFW,” Sharon Palmquist said. “I saw a lot of former students and talked nonstop for three hours.”

She said she and her husband came to Goodland in 1960 straight from college and taught in the junior high, which at that time was in the same building as the high school. John taught seventh and eighth grade math and she taught seventh and eighth grade English.

John started teaching chemistry in the high school in his second year, she said, as well as eighth grade math.

She said the classes in the early 1960s were large. In one class, she had 34 eighth graders.

“The discipline was so good at that time you could manage a class that size,” Palmquist said. “The parents backed up the teachers and there was a lot of administration support.”

One thing she remembers the first year was when a girl in one her classes asked, “Mrs. Palmquist,



Gordon Smith of Elizabeth, Colo., leaned close to talk to Luella Scarrow Neely of Northglenn, Colo., at the “meet-and-greet” Friday afternoon at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. Smith, from the class of 1946, and Neely, class of 1948, and talking about their years in high school. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

when you were young...?” She said her students. it surprised her because she at that time was not that much older than

“We had a good time,” she said.

Carhops renew friendships from working at A&W

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Jo Mann kept a promise that if she was alive for the All-School Reunion in 2006, she would have another get together for her former employees at the A&W Drive-In.

She told about 20 former carhops Saturday at her home at 1619 Caldwell that if she’s still around for the next reunion, they’ll do it again.

Mann ran the A&W from 1963 to 1974, on U.S. 24 at what is now an empty lot east of Truck and Tractor Repair.

The grown women ate brunch and laughed about their memories.

“My girls worked so hard,” Mann said, “but we also had fun.”

She talked about Joy Hayden’s “10 Commandments for Car Hops” posted on a door at the drive-in. The first commandment was “Thou shalt not flirt with another car hop’s boy friend.”

Hayden and the other girls said they thought of Mann as a second mother.

Maxine Howard from Tribune said if you needed money, you could



Baylee Hillmer, grandson of Mollie Hillmer, and Presley Gauthier, great granddaughter of Esther Elliott, entertained themselves while the adults got ready to take group pictures at a reunion of

get an advance on your salary from Jo.

Mann said at that time the Vo-Tech students were willing to do just about anything to earn a little

money. She said they would peel potatoes for French fries and dump 100-pound sacks of sugar for them.

Hayden said they would make the root beer from 120 pounds of sugar,

former car hops for Jo Mann at the A & W Drive-In on Saturday morning. The women had a good time talking about the work and fun that they had. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

30 gallons of water and three gallons of root beer syrup. She said she remembers that they had to stir hard for a long time.

Toni Hoss remembers slipping on

the syrup and falling with a pie in her hand, but landed without dropping the pie.

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Engineers report good news on roadbeds

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County Commissioners got good news Tuesday when engineers reported that the base under the major roads the county is planning to rebuild over the next two years is in good shape.

If the contractor doesn’t have to dig out the base and do a lot of dirt work, they said, the county could save money, helping it keep to the budget for the \$10 million joint road project.

The two engineers provided an update on the projects, which in-

clude old U.S. 24 across the county, Eight Street (County Road 65) west of K-27, County Road 14 at Ruleton near the Northern Sun plant and the new Goodland Energy Center, and a one-mile section of Road 16 that runs past the golf course. The road work is part of the joint city-county

program being paid for through a one-cent sales tax that went into effect in July.

Darin Neufeld, engineer for Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson and Associates, said the design work on concrete paving for Road 14 is moving ahead and should be ready for a

state Department of Transportation field check in the next month.

Neufeld said he and Jerry Nemechek, an engineer technician in the Goodland office, did nine core samples of the existing road.

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