

weather
report

79°

noon

Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 7:19 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:16 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:18 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil temperature 68 degrees

• Humidity 53 percent

• Sky partly sunny

• Winds east at 8 mph

• Barometer 30.01 inches
and steady

• Record High today 103° (1939)

• Record Low today 42° (1956)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 85°

Low Thursday 54°

Precipitation —

This month 4.02

Year to date 16.82

Above normal .51 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, high near 70, low near 50 and an east wind switching to north around 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 72, low near 49, north wind between 5 and 15 mph. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 76 and low near 50. Labor Day: Mostly sunny, high near 78 and low around 52.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.21 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.35

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.19 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.99

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.79 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.51 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.57

Loan deficiency pmt. — 12¢

Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

NuSun crop — \$11.25

Pinto beans — \$15.50 (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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Cowgirls
begin season

Nicolette Clancy, (7) went for a kill against seniors Kaylee Billinger (2) and Emily Murray (10) during the Cowgirls' volleyball scrimmage on Tuesday. The Cowgirls will host a meet at 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday. See photo on Page 12.



Goodland students do a complicated dance twice a day in front of Grant Junior High, where those from the country switch buses for the high school and grade schools, then the reverse in the afternoon. Tuesday, Superintendent Shelly Angelos (far right, left photo) watched as the students changed from the bus that

brought them from their school to the ones that will take them home. Angelos, former principal at West Elementary, talked to one of her old students, Calliste Garrett (right photo), a third grader at Central, who pressed her nose against the glass as the bus headed back out.

Photos By Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



District student numbers down

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland School Board heard Monday that a drop of 45 high school students will mean a cut of about \$100,000 in money the district had planned on for the year — and maybe three times that next year.

The loss of students could mean a drop of nearly \$300,000 for next year with the loss of the state per-pupil base and money received for the special at-risk, free lunch, vocational, bilingual and transportation programs.

No one showed up to talk about the budget during a formal hearing. Board President Jane Philbrick opened the meeting and asked if anyone in the audience was present to protest the budget as published in *The Goodland Star-News* on Aug. 18.

Board tables virtual school issue

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Should a student who is doing most of his class work through a virtual school, attending Goodland High for an hour or two a day, be eligible to go out for sports or other activities?

The school board wrestled with the question for half an hour on Monday, but decided it needed more time to think about the alternatives. The board tabled the matter until the next meeting at 7 p.m. on Sept. 11 at the district office, 1312 Main.

Superintendent Shelly Angelos said the question

came up with a home school student who takes a couple of classes, but has not been considered eligible to participate in activities.

She said Kansas State High School Activities Association policy now says if the student is attending a virtual school and passing his or her classes, they may be eligible for activities.

“We are talking about a student who is taking all core classes through a virtual school and taking two classes in our high school,” Angelos said. “We get

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“No one has ever come to protest the budget in all the years I was superintendent,” said Marvin Selby, now the financial advisor for the

district, “but I am here to do that. Actually, what I have is mostly bad news about it.”

Selby said the student count from

the first day of school is way below what he had counted on, though the grade school numbers are close to the estimates Selby had estimated

the grade school enrollment would be 530

He said the elementary grades from first to eighth are up from the end of last year by 17 students, from 523 to 540. The kindergarten is down 5 with 85.

However, he said the high school is down by 45 students. The high school had 317 students last year and has 272 this year.

Total estimated full-time enrollment is 862. Kindergarten students count as half of a full time student for the budget, Selby said, even though they go to school all day in Goodland. He said some of the Kindergarten students, who may be involved in special education programs will count as a full time student.

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Cowboy new corn maze challenge



The Goodland Cowboys logo dominates the corn maze this year on Bryce and Jessica Cole's farm on the east edge of the town. Cole said the maze will open on Saturday, Sept. 16, and be open Saturday and Sunday through October and on Halloween. “It is going to be a little more challenging than last

year,” Cole said. He is planning to have some additional features for the kids and a couple of towers so people can get a look at the overall maze. He said the maze will be open until dark, but there will be an opportunity to go through with a flashlight at night.

Photo by Evan Barnum/The Goodland Star-News

Emergency care policy gets OK

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

An agreement approved by the Goodland Regional Medical Center board Monday aims to ensure that patients get continuous quality care from the scene of an accident, in the ambulance and into the emergency.

The board approved an agreement between the Northwest Kansas Emergency Medical Service and Sherman County to ensure seamless transfer of patient care from rural firemen at the scene of an accident or fire to ambulance service crews.

Firemen trained as emergency medical technicians or paramedics

often arrive first at a scene, but weren't covered by hospital rules and protocols for treatment. The hospital runs the county ambulance service under contract, while the fire departments are run by the city or the county.

The board reelected officers for the next year at a brief organizational meeting: Lynn Hoelting, chair; Joyce Moore, vice-chair; and Darin Neufeld, secretary and treasurer.

The finance committee will include Moore, chair, and Patty Eckhardt, Mary Volk and Steve Riebel, a new board member.

The professional committee will be Neufeld, chair, and Doug Irvin, Lynn Hoelting and Jacque Drennan, a new member. Gennifer House and Larry McCants have finished their terms on the board.

The board approved the agreement on emergency medical services, a contract between the county and the hospital to provide county-wide treatment.

The agreement says that the hospital is responsible for liability and costs in operating the service with any exceptions being outlined in the contract. It provides protocols regarding the equipment to be used

and to be sure that patient care is continuous regardless of the certification level of the providers.

Among the reasons for the agreement, said hospital Administrator Jay Jolly, is to be sure the equipment being used by those on the scene is compatible with what is in the ambulance and to be sure that if a paramedic starts care at the scene and someone with lower certification responds, the patient can continue with the care by the paramedic.

If a paramedic starts drug therapy in the field, Jolly said, and an EMT basic responds, the paramedic has to ride along to continue care.

Labor Day
to delay paper

Labor Day marks the end of summer with a three-day weekend, and all government offices, banks and financial institutions, all schools and many stores will be closed on Monday. There will be no mail service on Monday.

The City Commission will meet at 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

The Goodland Star-News will be closed on Monday, and the Midweek issue will be printed on Tuesday and delivered in the mail on Wednesday, one day later than usual.