

weather report

59°

noon Monday

Today

Sunset, 6:51 p.m.

Wednesday

Sunrise, 6:32 a.m.

Sunset, 6:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 68 degrees

• Humidity 37 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds north west at 14 mph

• Barometer 31.12 inches and rising

• Record High today 99° (1935)

• Record Low today 32° (1971)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 68°

Low Monday 35°

Precipitation —

This month .34

Year to date 18.54

Above Normal 1.44 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny, high near 77, low around 45, and a south wind between 5 and 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high near 82, low around 46, south wind 5 to 10 mph, 20 percent chance of precipitation.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near 72, low around 43.

Friday: Partly cloudy, high near 60, low near 43.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 69, low around 42.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 80.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.03 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.18

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.22 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.02

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.81 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.65 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.65

Loan deficiency pmt. — 4¢

Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

NuSun crop — \$11.50

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

More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News

Cowboys defeat Hoxie

Cowboy T.J. Hawkins (on the bottom) put the team on the board with a two-yard run to make the score 8-6 in the third quarter Friday at Cowboys Stadium. The Cowboys won 17-8. See story, photo on Page 10.



Aerial shot taken in 2004 for the City of Goodland of old barrel hangar and city sign east of Caldwell, built in 1935 as a Works Progress Administration project.

Historic hangar facing demolition

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News

The paint is peeling, and pieces of tar paper from the roof litter the ground around a 72-year-old hangar at Renner Field the city has decided is unsafe and should be torn down.

The so-called barrel hangar, the one closest to North Caldwell Ave., had an addition on the east side that was the office and apartment of the fixed-base operator who managed the airport for the city.

Some thought the old hangar was a pre-war Works Progress Administration project, or that it was built in 1942 when the Army Air Corps had a glider-pilot training program at the airfield.



Historic barrel hangar was built in 1934. It is made with half-circle steel trusses on top of steel columns. The concrete block walls are not supporting the roof. In recent years, the old wooden doors were replaced with aluminum doors.

Photos By Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Records show the hangar was built as a WPA project in 1934 during the Depression. It was used by the Army glider pilots during the few months they were at the airfield in the summer of 1942.

The hangar has been in use since the airport opened in November 1934, and at that time it was designed to hold up to 15 “ordinary planes.”

In the past 10 years, the condition of the hangar has come up at city commission meetings, with members debating whether the old building is worth saving, and if so how much would it cost.

Former City Commissioner Curtis Hurd remembers bringing up the question while Ron Pickman was city manager.

Pickman said if the city wanted to save the hangar, it needed a new roof, which he estimated at \$50,000. Pickman said then he did not think the city should spend the money, and recommended it be torn down.

City Manager Wayne Hill, who replaced Pickman about a year ago, brought the question up in July, saying he felt the building was unsafe and should not be used to store planes.

He told the commissioners he had looked at the building, and did not feel it was something the city could afford to save.

The commission asked if the Airport Advisory Board had been asked about the hangar. Hill said the airport board felt it was not historic enough to spend the estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000 needed to bring it up to a safe, usable condition.

Hill told the commissioners he and Rich Simon, public works manager, would work out a plan later this year for the city crew to tear the hangar down.

Darin Neufeld, an engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, who has an office in the nearby terminal building and does work for the city, said Pickman had asked him to look at the hangar and to estimate how much it would cost to make it safe.

Neufeld said the biggest problem



From the air the GOODLAND sign looks better than up close. The old sign, built in 1934 along with the barrel hangar, is faded, and there are weeds growing around some of the letters.

is the roof, which he said would cost over \$100,000 to replace. He said the walls are not in good shape, but that is less of a problem because they don’t support the roof.

Six large steel trusses and supporting steel columns hold up the roof, Neufeld said. The concrete block walls are not load bearing, but Neufeld said the walls are weak, especially the ones on the east side.

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Planning committee asks for citizen input

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News

A committee is asking for your input, and yours and yours ... to know how to work toward a better future for Sherman County.

The steering committee for the Sherman County Strategic Plan is asking people to fill out a survey and attend a “community conversation” to give their views on how the county is doing and what could be done better.

Donna Price, director of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau and a member of the committee, said the survey is going well so far. There has been a lot of positive feedback, she said.

The survey is available at all four Goodland banks, Price said, at the Goodland Family Health Center and Frontier Equity Co-op. You can complete it on-line at www.goodlandchamber.com, but it needs to be done by Saturday, Sept. 30.

It is important for everyone to fill out the survey, Price said, so the committee gets ideas from as many people who live here as possible.

“We need to know what we’re

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The Goodland Star-News

Filming is complete for a public television program highlighting Sherman County’s attractions, and a brochure encouraging people to stay here “for a night or a lifetime” is being distributed at the State Fair this weekend.

A crew from the western Kansas Public Broadcasting Service affiliate came here during the Sunflower Celebration for two days, said Donna Price, Convention and Visitors Bureau director.

They shot scenes in Goodland and around the county, she said, and the footage has been sent to Kansas State University and PBS for editing.

The bureau board voted in March to pay the crew’s mileage, hotel rooms and meals. The station plans to film shows around the state highlighting Kansas tourism opportunities.

Sherman County was one of the first areas filmed, Price said, and the only one in northwest Kansas chosen for the shows. The station hopes to broadcast the

program in the spring, she said, but that could change.

A Sherman County tri-fold brochure has been completed by Consolidated Printing of Salina, she said, and some will be distributed this weekend at the State Fair in Hutchinson. They will be available at the bureau office next week and will be in information kiosks along I-70 from Limon, Colo., to the Missouri line.

The Kansas Travel and Tourism Division is giving Sherman County and the Northwest Kansas Travel Council three days at the State Fair, Price said; usually a community only gets one day, but since representatives have to travel so far from this area, they were generous with booth time.

The county brochure has photos of the VanGogh sunflower painting and the Ennis-Handy House on the front and says, “Beauty on I-70.” Inside, it says, “Stay a night or stay a lifetime,” encompassing the aims of the bureau, Chamber of Commerce and Economic Development Council in distributing it.

doing well and what needs work,” she said.

It does no good to be working on a project, she said, if it’s not what people want.

The survey asks everyone to rate the county on such things as community pride, willingness to invest in the future, support for education, presence of traditional institutions integral to community life and cooperative community spirit.

The “community conversation” will begin with a free dinner at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 17, at the Goodland Elks Lodge. Consultant Terry Woodbury and other members of the committee have been interviewing people from around the county to prepare for the meeting, Price said.

Others on the committee are Shelly Angelos, superintendent of Goodland schools; Jessica Cole, co-owner of Cole Farms and Coles’ Corn Maze; Jay Jolly, hospital administrator; Brian Linin, chief financial officer at Frontier Equity; Andi Nelson, Chamber of Commerce director; Roberta Normandin, an accountant at Kennedy and Coe; Drew Pilger, insurance agent at Farm Bureau; Steve Rains, pastor of the Calvary Gospel Church; Alan Townsend, a farmer; and Tiffani McMinn, economic development director.

Members were chosen to represent the four sectors of the community that Woodbury refers to as the “public square,” Price said, business, government, education and health and human services.