

weather
report

92°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:27 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:11 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 73 degrees
• Humidity 16 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds southwest 15-23
• Barometer 30.12 inches
and falling

• Record High 102° (1960)
• Record Low 45° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

High 90°
Low 56°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 60s,
south winds 5-15. Tomorrow: Mostly
clear, high 90s, low 60s, winds south-
west 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday and Thursday: dry,
high 80s, low 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.60 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.57
Corn — \$2.02 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.87
Loan deficiency payment — 12¢
Milo — \$3.25 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.39 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.28
Loan deficiency payment — 64¢
Millet — \$3.85 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.20 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$7.30 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.15
Confection current — no bid
Pinto beans — \$16 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco
Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century
Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press



1 p.m.

Unemployed
father wins big

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — A di-
vorced father whose unemploy-
ment benefits were about to run out
decided to gamble on the \$294.8
million Powerball jackpot. He
says his wager paid off.

David Edwards, 46, said one of
the eight tickets he bought about an
hour and a half before Saturday
night's drawing was one four that
matched the Powerball drawing.

"I figured I had nothing to lose
and everything to gain," Edwards
told The Daily Independent of
Ashland, Ky., on Sunday.

Kentucky Lottery officials
would not confirm the name of
their state's winner but said it was
a man who talked to the lottery
president by phone on Sunday.

Winning tickets also were sold
in New Hampshire, Delaware and
Minnesota but winners had not
come forward in those states by
Sunday.

Gas prices soar

Big jump surprises motorists

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Startled motorists found gas prices
shooting up here and across Kansas on
Friday, in some cases by more than 30
cents per gallon.

Oil companies blamed production
problems and high demand, but ob-
servers noted that prices always seem
to go up before major holidays.

Prices at the pump in Goodland and
Colby were shooting up along with the
rest of the state, though in the Denver
area, prices remained lower.

The average reached \$1.65 in
Goodland by this morning, and \$1.71
in Colby. Love's in Colby was as high
as \$1.79.

At 4 p.m. Friday, a check in Good-
land had Cowboy Loop at \$1.53;
Frontier Equity at \$1.52, and Presto
Phillips 66 the lowest at \$1.50. Work-
ers there said they expected the price
to increase by Saturday. Meanwhile,
Conoco Travel Shoppe and the Good-
land Sinclair station were already at
\$1.67.

At 7 a.m. this morning, the price at
Frontier Equity was changing to
\$1.65, and Phillips 66 had reached
\$1.65 as well. Cowboy Loop was still
at \$1.55, but a new load of fuel was
pulling into the station, and at 10:30
a.m. the price had jumped to \$1.83.

The Kansas AAA said the state's
average price for regular unleaded
was \$1.48 early Friday morning. By
late afternoon, it was pushing \$1.80.

"We've had a lot of people com-
plaining about it today," said Dustin
McKean, who works at an Amoco sta-
tion in Kansas City, Kansas. The
station's price for regular unleaded
went up from \$1.46 to \$1.79 per gal-
lon.

In Wichita, Joanne Spickler, owner
of Ed's Express Total Petroleum, said
customers reacted angrily when the
price per gallon went from \$1.56 to
\$1.79.

Mike Right, a spokesman for AAA
Missouri, said several factors have
combined to drive up prices, but
added, an increase of more than 30
cents per gallon is "outrageous."

Some refineries are shutting down



Gas prices shot up beginning Friday, but Frontier Equity waited until
this morning to raise the price to \$1.65 per gallon as Wayne Sparks
placed the new prices.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

for routine maintenance, Right said,
while others are preparing to switch
some capacity over to home heating
oil for the cooler months.

Citgo Petroleum Corp. said it will
take it 20 to 24 weeks to restart its
160,000-barrel a day refinery in
Lemont, Ill., after a recent fire.

The Lemont plant is a main source
of gasoline and diesel supply for the
Chicago area, and lower supply there
could be having a ripple effect on
prices throughout the region, Right
said.

"I can't see that Kansas would be
immune to that," he said.

Faxes with the new prices flooded
out from wholesalers Thursday and
Friday.

"We were surprised," said Trisha
Carter from Cowboy Loop, about the
higher price, "but that was the cost
they gave us after filling the tanks this
morning."

Buddy Williams, convenience store
manager at Frontier Equity in Good-
land, said the wholesale price had
gone up last week, but they had stayed
down over the weekend.

"We were a bit late going up," Wil-
liams said today.

Asked if he expects the price to go
higher, Williams said, "It seems likely
from what I hear."

A check of stations in Burlington
found prices as high as \$1.76, but as
of Sunday Denver AAA showed an
average price there at \$1.49. A call to
Fort Collins showed the price as of
Sunday holding at \$1.50.

Cherie Sage, public affairs coordi-
nator for Kansas, AAA said the infor-
mation on the auto club's web site was
lagging behind the sharp rises in price
because the figures are based on Visa
transactions and are usually about 24-
36 hours behind. She said there was no
update over the weekend, and the next
update on Tuesday morning will prob-
ably reflect more of the increases.

"I have been calling my stations,"
Sage said this morning, "because at
this time the figures posted on the web
site do not reflect the reality we see at
the pumps."

Figures on the AAA web site for
Kansas show that prices have gone up
about 3¢ a gallon in the past two days,
and are up 24¢ from last month, when
the statewide average was \$1.26. Prices
in Kansas had previously
peaked at an average of \$1.72 before
Memorial Day in May. The highest
recorded state average reported by
AAA was \$1.80 on June 12, 2000.

Sage said there is a pattern to the
increases, but that they are based on
demand.

"We do see increases before Mem-
orial Day, which is the start of the sum-
mer driving season," Sage said, "and
again at Labor Day which is the heav-
iest travel weekend of the year, even
higher than Christmas."

The Associated Press contributed to
this report.

Schools ready for first day

Principal addresses remodeling problems

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

The smell of fresh paint, carpet
shampoo and floor polish hangs in the
shiny hallways of Goodland's five
schools, where things were pretty quiet
today except for an occasional teacher,
administrator or secretary bustling by
with a stack of papers.

It'll be a different scene in the morn-
ing, when more than a thousand el-
ementary, junior high and high school
students tromp into classrooms that
have been empty for three months,
ready — or not — to start another
school year.

Administrators say they expect the
first day to go smoothly — even at the
high school, where a remodeling
project has shut down second-floor
classrooms, plus restrooms and lock-
ers.

While students have been shopping
for clothes, school supplies and alarm
clocks, teachers have been writing les-
son plans, setting up classrooms or
moving, and talking with adminis-
trators and other teachers. Principals at
each school say they're excited about
a new beginning.

"Education is one of few professions
where you get to start new every year,"
said Sharon Gregory, Central Element-
ary School principal. "I'm always real
excited to get there and I'm always ex-
cited to see it end. But I get to start new
every year."

Gregory and other principals say the
district's summer crew and mainte-
nance workers spent the last couple of
months painting hallways, classrooms
and buildings; shampooing carpets;
polishing floors; and generally spruc-
ing up the schools.

Renovation reached a different level
at Goodland High School, where con-
tractors are building new science rooms
and remodeling other classrooms and
restrooms. The project, which includes
putting in new walls, doors, windows
and ceilings, isn't expected to be done
until December, forcing teachers to
share rooms and move into the teach-
ers' lounge, the old props room and
hallways and locker rooms at Max
Jones Fieldhouse.

Harvey Swager, Goodland High
School principal, said teachers are ap-
proaching the challenge with good at-
titudes and are working with adminis-
trators to solve potential problems.

"I'll tell you the teachers know
there's not much they can do about it,"
he said. "They're just going to work
hard to make it work. We're pretty for-
tunate there. There are some problems
we may have overlooked, but we'll be
able to deal with those when they come
up."

Swager said the remodeling may

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Leader evaluation on agenda

The Goodland School Board plans to
pay contractors for remodeling work at
the high school and do an oral evalua-
tion of Superintendent Marvin Selby at
its meeting today.

The board will meet at 5:30 p.m. at
the district office, 1312 Main Ave, for
a short session, then will adjourn to see
a show by Billy Riggs, a motivational
speaker and illusionist from Texas, at
the high school. Riggs' show, which
starts at 7:30 p.m., is part of pre-school
activities, as classes will begin on Tues-
day.

After approving payments to Miller
Construction of Goodland and Hicks-
Ashby for work on the high school's
second floor, where three new science
classrooms are being built, the board
will go behind closed doors to evaluate
the superintendent.

Apartment complex set to open in February

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The Westside Apartments on
Cattletrail Ave., financed partly with
tax credits and a grant, should be avail-
able to low and very-low-income
households by February.

Contractors are planning to be fin-
ished by their deadline, with the elec-
trical, plumbing and drywall being in-
stalled and one building done except for
interior painting.

That building is nearly ready to be
lived in, said Larry White, owner of
W.W. Contractors, as he and his crew
installed drywall in another building
Thursday.

The complex will include nine du-
plex buildings for a total of 18 apart-
ments, said developer Kathy Mesner.
Half will be targeted for very-low-in-
come households.

To qualify as a very-low-income,
Mesner said, a family's income must be
less than half of median income for the
area where it lives. Median income for
Sherman County is \$39,300 per year,
she said.



Larry White and grandson Malcom installed drywall at the Westside Apart-
ments Thursday. The units, targeted for low-income families, should be
ready by February.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

This means that half of the apart-
ments will be for households with less
than \$19,650 in annual income. The

other half will be for households with
less than 60 percent of median income,
Mesner said, or \$23,580. There are re-

Sharon Springs newspaper employee buys publication

The Sharon Springs newspaper, *The
Western Times*, came out under new
local owners last week.

The paper had been owned by Walker
Publishing and Barry and Jackie
Walker since April 1, 1994.

Julie and Dale Samuelson make up J
& D Publishing, and Julie is the editor
and publisher.

She had worked for Morford Pub-
lishing for a year and then for Walker
Publishing until she purchased the
newspaper effective Aug. 1. She has
been office manager, proofreader, ad
designer and photographer, and had
been general manager since the Walk-
ers moved to Lynn County, south of
Kansas City.

The Samuelsons have been working
on the purchase since last December.

They have three daughters, Yvonne
Kirk and husband Thom of Cotton-
wood Falls, Becky Cloyd and husband
Lenny of Sharon Springs, and Sunny a
student at Colby Community College.

"I wasn't even considering the pur-
chase for a long time," Julie said. "My

husband and our daughters were very
encouraging. I hope we can do our com-
munity and the newspaper the justice
they deserve. The support has been
overwhelming."

She said she doesn't expect staff
changes at this time. *The Western Times*
is printed by Nor'West Press at *The
Goodland Daily News* plant.