

## weather report

39°

at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 5:19 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:41 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:20 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 31 percent
- Sky partly cloudy to mostly cloudy
- Winds north 10-15 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.32 inches and falling
- Record High 78° (1962)
- Record Low -11° (1948)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 71°  
Low 28°  
Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low 11-16, winds west 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, breezy and mild, high lower 50s, winds southwest 15-25 m.p.h., low mid 20s.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy and windy, high near 50. Friday: mostly clear, high upper 50s, low upper 10s. Saturday: partly cloudy, high lower 60s, low mid 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets



### Noon

Wheat — \$2.62 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.55  
Corn — \$1.91 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.82  
Loan deficiency payment — 17¢  
Milo — \$1.63 bushel  
Soybeans — \$3.75 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.69  
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.23  
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$8.95 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 69¢  
Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$25

(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.

## Liberal wins pancake race

**LIBERAL** — Physical-education teacher and track coach Melissa Hurla gave Liberal its fourth straight win in its annual International Pancake Race rivalry with Olney, England today.

Hurla, 31, ran the 415-yard course in 60.65 seconds, beating Olney's time of 64 seconds by Juliet Minter.

Hurla pulled away early in the homestretch, taking the lead out of the second turn of the zigzag course, and cruised to the win 12 yards ahead of kindergarten teacher Christy Lyddon. Patty Rutledge, a late entry, stayed with Hurla through much of the race but finished third. Today's races were the 54th in a series of friendly competitions across the Atlantic.

Minter, 29, finished ahead of the pack in the 415-yard dash from The Bull pub to the ancient Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.

# Staff, coaches on list of cuts

## District may trim to save

By Rachel Miscall

*The Goodland Daily News*

No matter how you figure it, the Goodland School Board will most likely have a lot less money to spend on educating Sherman County students next year, with some major cuts possible in teachers and staff, coaches and programs.

Depending on the education finance package state lawmakers finally pass this year, the district's budget could be between \$90,000 and \$400,000 less than what it was this year.

Legislators are debating whether to give schools more, less or the same amount of money per student. No matter what, the Goodland district will have a smaller budget.

The root of the problem is declining enrollment. Superintendent Marvin Selby said Goodland schools have lost about 40 students since the year began, and state money is tied to enrollment. Student numbers have been dropping for several years.

He said board members have two choices: Raise taxes or cut staff and programs.

With the country in a recession, they don't want to add to taxpayers' burdens, so for the past month, the board has talked about ways to save.

In January, Selby gave the board a list of 15 cost-saving ideas from teachers, who had been asked for suggestions.

The list included reducing the number of administrators and cutting the superintendent's salary, switching to a four-day school week, cutting sports and coaches, closing a building, charging a textbook rental fee, offering older teachers retirement incentives, eliminating the elementary counselor, having only one instrumental music teacher, selling the district-owned gym in Edson and having all-day kindergarten classes every other day.

Members eliminated a few suggestions they said were unreasonable and asked Selby to find out how much money each of the remaining items would save.

The board reviewed the superintendent's findings at a meeting Monday, but had little discussion and

didn't make any decisions. Selby went over why the district needs to save money and shared his opinion of which cost-saving ideas will impact students the least.

With enrollment declining each year, members said, at some point they're going to have to cut programs and let coaches and teachers go. They said they want to make it as painless as possible.

"We know it's inevitable," said Dick Short, board president.

A three-page handout Selby gave members showed how much money 12 suggestions will save the district.

1. Reduce the number of administrators and superintendent's salary.

Eliminating one administrator would save \$64,448, but Selby noted that all principals are under contract next year, which means the board would probably still have to pay them. Members didn't discuss reducing Selby's salary, which is \$95,000 a year.

2. Reduce one instrumental music teacher.

That would save \$54,331, including salary and benefits, but Selby said the job may be more than one person can handle. Since the board suspended Paul Garrison earlier this year, Deandra Wirth has been the only instrumental teacher. Selby said she's been working 12 to 14 hours a day covering both jobs. The board gave him permission to advertise for a part-time music teacher.

3. Have larger class sizes, but keep 18 or below in kindergarten to third grade.

Eliminating one teacher in the first, third and fifth grades would save \$119,787. Selby said the district would probably be laying off non-tenured teachers, who would be considered for openings in the future. He said the cuts would be in the lower grades because that is where the district is losing the most students. The superintendent also suggested cutting a part-time tutor and the elementary counselor, saving \$66,000.

4. Reduce number of sports/activities and assistant coaches.

The handout showed that the district

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# Endorsed map puts legislators together

By Joshua Akers

*Associated Press Writer*

**TOPEKA (AP)** — After weeks of deadlock, a committee swiftly endorsed a proposed new state Senate map that places two northwest Kansas incumbents in one district.

The Senate Reapportionment Committee took less than five minutes Monday to approve the map revising the 40 districts' boundaries and send it to the full Senate. The plan is similar to one drafted last year by Republicans on a special redistricting committee.

Reapportionment Committee Chairman David Adkins described the latest proposal as a "polished version" of the earlier committee's work.

"This is an issue, I'm sure, the whole Senate has interest in," said Adkins, R-Leawood.

Lawmakers are redrawing congressional, legislative and State Board of Education districts to reflect shifts in population according to the 2000 census.

The bill would give Johnson County another district, so that it would have five completely inside its lines and share another two.

Sens. Stan Clark, R-Oakley, and Janis Lee, D-Kensington, would both be placed in the redrawn 40th District, which would have 17 counties and cover about one-fifth of the state.

President David Kerr said last week that he would like to have the bill debated in the Senate by Wednesday.

Senate Minority Leader Anthony Hensley, D-Topeka, who voted against the bill Monday, said the map had already been decided and he would save his comments for Senate debate.

Republicans hold a 30-10 advantage in the Senate.

"It is pretty clear that the handwriting is on the wall," Hensley said. "I'm going to reserve my right to offer amendments on the floor."

But Sen. Ed Pugh, R-Wamego, who also voted against the plan, said there wouldn't be much debate in the Senate.



Alan Birt, collection truck driver for Southeast and East Central Recycling, put a decal on a paper recycling container delivered Monday to *The Goodland Daily News* as part of the county's new recycling program. Ray Lariviere, executive director of the program, hauled the containers in on a trailer so they could be set in place.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran / The Goodland Daily News

# City ready to recycle

## Sites opened on Monday

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Daily News*

Monday morning, a big yellow truck from Southeast and East Central Recycling arrived in Goodland hauling a trailer full of containers to establish the recycling sites in Sherman County.

Three sites in Goodland will join a site in Kanorado that has been operating for over two years.

Ray Lariviere, executive director of the recycling program from Lamar, Colo., said the new containers should make it easy for citizens to join the recycling effort.

The first four containers were set out at Wal-Mart near the big sign on the northeast corner of the parking lot. The containers were placed under the watchful eye of Wal-Mart Manager Brad Koza, and Ed Wolak, city public works manager.

The second site is at Rasure Lumber, on the south side of the building on Seventh Street. The third is east of the county shop on Arcade, north of 18th Street in the same place where the city has had cardboard and newspaper containers over the past several years.

Each container is labeled with what should be placed inside and has access holes on both sides of the container. There are four containers per site, one for clear glass, brown glass, aluminum and tin cans, and one for newspaper, magazines and office paper.

"We hope people will use the recycling containers," said City Manager Ron Pickman, "because every ton they remove from the solid waste stream is less cost to the city for the tipping fee."

The county opened a new landfill about three months ago, and insti-



Ed Wolak, city public works director, watched placement of the aluminum and tin can recycling container Monday at the Wal-Mart site.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

tuted a tipping fee on the commercial haulers to help cover the costs of the operation.

"Every ton we don't have to bury is a plus to us because the landfill will last that much longer and we will have less chance that it will be contaminated," said Curt Way, Sherman County public works director. "The groundwater contamination at the old city/county landfill is what caused it to close four years ago."

Lariviere said acceptable office paper for the recycling bins includes computer paper, legal and letter sized paper and all white envelopes. He said this does not include shredded paper, which the recyclers will not take because they do not know where it came from.

"People think it is easier if they give us shredded paper" Lariviere said, "but the mills will not accept shredded paper and we have to throw it out as trash."

The recycling effort is a joint city and county program with the city paying for the containers, and the county paying

the annual fee to have the material collected. Alan Birt, driver of the recycling truck, said he will be picking the containers up early each Monday. He has been making weekly trips all across eastern Colorado, from I-70 south and east of Colorado Springs, for nine years. The expansion of the route worked out well, he said, because they already had the containers in Kanorado.

The containers will be available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and the city will be placing cables around them to prevent them from being blown over. The sites are the first part of the city-county recycling program. The county is working on a grant to establish a cardboard recycling program which they hope to begin later this year. Another effort is to work with Thomas County household to collect and dispose of household hazardous wastes, such as paints and pesticides, from Sherman County homes.

# Ag Expo sponsors expect more than a thousand spectators

The 10th annual Hi-Plains Ag Expo will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, and sponsors expect more than a thousand people to show up.

Marty Melia, owner and manager of KLOE, KKCI and KWGB radio stations, co-sponsor and creator of the expo, said it is a different kind of farm show.

There will be five speakers, a free lunch and a wide range of agriculture exhibitions.

"It is the only show of its kind in northwest Kansas," Melia said.

The stations started the expo, Melia said, to showcase agriculture in our area.

He said a smaller version was held for several years at the Elks Lodge, but with Max Jones Fieldhouse there is much more space for exhibitors.

Nobody else does a agriculture trade show in the area, Melia said. The expo is much like the

three-day Home and Garden Show the stations sponsor in April.

Speakers include Mary Knapp of Kansas State University Weather Data Library, who will discuss weather trends in our area. Troy Pool of Gray County Wind Farm will discuss giant windmills and how the energy they generate can affect farmers.

John Donnelly of the Kansas Beef Council will discuss the latest promotions of the beef industry.

Connie Fisher of the Kansas Department of Agriculture will talk about the state's efforts to promote agriculture and about ethanol. Ron Myer, a Colorado State extension sunflower specialist, will talk about sunflower farming.

Ron Schilling, who hosts the farming commentary radio program, "The Cow Guy," will do a stand-up routine of "the Best of the Cow Guy" during the free lunch sponsored by the 21st Century Bean Alliance and the radio stations.