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weather report

Today

• Sunset, 8:05 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.

Sunset, 8:06 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Soil Temperature 62 degrees

- Humidity 23 percent
- Sky sunny • Winds northeast 12-13 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.01 inches
- and rising
- Record High 96° (1934) • Record Low 39° ('946)
 - Last 24 Hours*

92° 60° Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low near 60, winds southeast 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high around 101, low around 61, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms at night, winds south 5 - 10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: mostly sunny, high around 98, low around 61, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Sunday: chance of thunderstorms.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Noon

Wheat — \$2.51 bushel Posted county price — \$2.48 New Crop — \$2.56 Corn — \$1.89 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.89 Loan deficiency payment — 10¢ Milo — \$1.59 bushel Soybeans — \$4.30 bushel Posted county price — \$4.39

Loan deficiency payment — 53¢ Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$9.85 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.00 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. — 15¢ Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt. Pinto beans — \$27

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)



Late news from the Associated Press



Bush endorses FBI changes

WASHINGTON — President Bush gave a resounding endorsement today to sweeping changes at the FBI, saying the bureau "didn't meet the times" in the run-up to the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Bush's support came as the Justice Department loosens restrictions on domestic spying, handing the FBI authority to monitor Internet sites and libraries.

"We intend to honor our Constitution and respect the freedoms that we hold so dear" and "we want to make sure we do everything we can to prevent a further attack, to protect America," Bush said amid changes announced by FBI Director Robert Mueller.

"I appreciate Director Mueller's reform measures," he said.

The American Civil Liberties Union criticized the loosening of restrictions on spying, saying they could renew abuses of the past.

Grant writer hired to find money

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Penny Nemechek, administrative assistant at Goodland Regional Medical Center, has been hired to find grant money to pay for city, county and school district projects.

Earlier this year, the three entities pitched in \$12,000 each to create a one-year grant writer program. Aboard was formed to run the program and hire a full-time grant writer, whose job will be to find and secure grant money, which the city, county and school district will use for specific projects.

Schyler Goodwin, a board member who first applications for the grant writer job, all from of that money to pay for office and travel expenses people who live in the Goodland area. Nemechek, he said, was the most qualified.

writing grants," Goodwin said, noting that Nemechek has taken several grant writing classes and has secured grants for the hospital.

"She'll hit the ground running," he said.

Goodwin said Nemechek was hired on Tuesday, but won't start work until July 1, the start of a new fiscal year for many government entities.

proposed the idea, said the board received six an independent contractor, will have to use part progress. and health insurance.

Goodwin said she will also receive a portion of "It came down to she has had a lot of training in every grant she brings in.

> A 6 percent administrative fee will be extracted from each grant, he said, and that money will be split equally between the city, county and school

The board's job, Goodwin said, will be to find out what projects the city, county and district want completed, help Nemechek figure out which ones

He said she will be paid \$36,000 a year, but, as will likely bring in grant money and monitor her

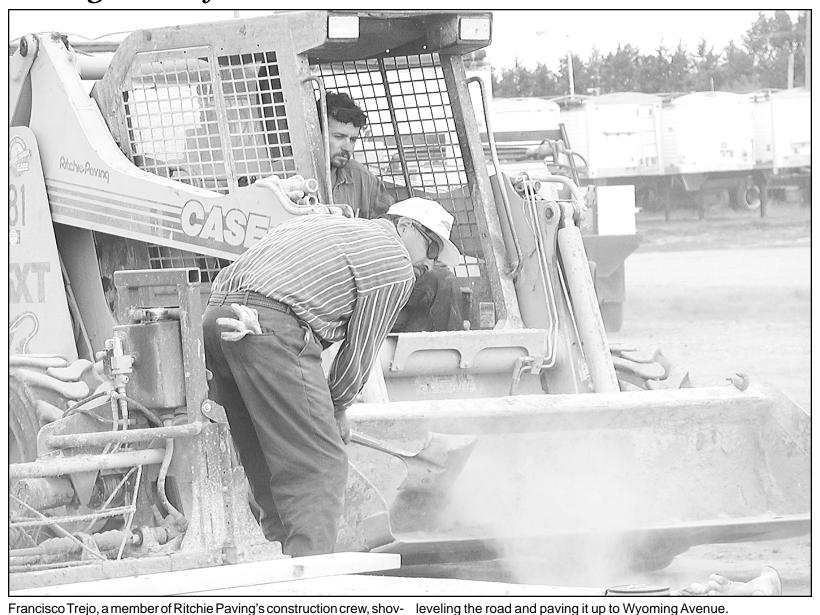
Now that the board has hired a grant writer, he said, the next step is to ask city, county and district officials to come up with top 10 lists of projects they want completed.

Goodwin said it will probably take longer than a year to see significant progress.

The entities have only agreed to pay for the program for one year, but officials said they would be willing to keep it going if it is successful.

Nemechek was not available for comment Thursday because she is on vacation.

Paving the way



eled dirt into a front-loader Wednesday on 19th street. The company is

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Paintball to fulfill fantasies, combat boredom

By Rachel Miscall The Goodland Daily News

There is a place west of Goodland where people can bring their battle fantasies to life. Groups can declare war on each

other, arm themselves with guns filled with paint and try to take out the opposition. But it's a lot more fun than a real battle, because no one is injured or

Goodland's first "Paintball" playing field opened Saturday one mile west of town on Eighth Street and 1/4 mile north on Road 18. The owner is Schyler Goodwin, a Goodland native who moved back from Denver last year.

He said he opened the field because that is growing more popular — and

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Negotiations over next year's

teacher contracts ended Wednesday

night, with school board representa-

tives agreeing to give teachers a \$450

raise and erase one day they're required

During the 3 1/2 hour meeting, nego-

tiators for the teachers union proposed

a \$1,000 raise, saying the district should

have extra money next year because it

won't replace seven teachers who re-

School board negotiators said the

district will not have enough money

next year to give teachers a \$1,000

raise. Because of state budget problems

and declining enrollment, the district's

budget will likely be \$200,000 smaller

Kathy Russell, head of the board's

By Rachel Miscall

to be in the classroom.

tired or resigned.

Teachers to get raise;

workday eliminated

figured it would give families something to do over the weekend.

On Saturday, Goodwin also held a grand opening for his home-based business, Cherokee Extreme Sports, which sells paintball equipment and supplies. The opening was smooth, he said, but

there wasn't a large crowd because it was Memorial Day weekend. Goodwin said the playing field con-

sists of two one-acre arenas, each featuring 15 round hay bales and 200 wooden palettes.

The field will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. each Saturday, he said, adding that groups of 6 or more can reserve the space during other days of the week. Goodwin said he has to be present while he enjoys playing paintball — a sport people are playing for insurance rea-

team, said because the district won't

have to pay as many teachers next year,

it will have about \$59,000 in extra

spending money. However, she said,

the district will have to spend about

\$100,000 more on raises for employees

who aren't teachers, health and car in-

surance increases and to help teachers

move. She said no administrators will

raise, which Russell said would cost the

district \$43,332. She said the district

could cover that with the extra money,

but will have to make cuts to come up

with the \$100,000 needed to pay for the

raise and proposed reducing the num-

ber of days teachers are in the class-

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The teachers came back with a \$700

The board team proposed a \$200

get raises next year.

The field fee is \$3 per person, he said, mas and Wallace counties. and for \$12, players can rent a paintball gun, safety mask and tank of air. Anyone who is a member of the paintball league Goodwin is forming will receive a discount on the field fee.

The cost of paint depends on how much people buy, Goodwin said, noting that insurance requires players to buy paint from him to make sure they are not shooting harmful objects. He said he checks players' bags to make sure they are not bringing in other objects to shoot.

Goodwin said he is planning to hold an all-day paintball tournament on Sunday, June 23, to raise money for the Quad County Narcotics Task Force, which includes law enforcement officers from Sherman, Gove, Logan, ThoHe is asking teams of five to register

for the event by Friday, June 14. The registration fee will be \$60 per team, he said, with \$50 going to the task force and \$10 to pay for tournament ex-

Goodwin said he got the idea for the tournament when he heard that the task force needs money to continue operat-

"They need the money," he said, "and it's a good cause.'

Goodwin said it will be a single elimination tournament and the winner will receive prize money. He said he will also give away door prizes.

Goodwin said he is also planning to hold a large tournament in August to make money to operate the field.

Mr. Ed?



Audie, a middle-aged farm horse, waited patiently for his driver to check on an air conditioner last week in town before heading off to his homestead north of Goodland.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Stretcher symbol of lost

Silent tributes end ground zero search NEW YORK (AP) — With the peal

of a Fire Department bell and the departure of an empty stretcher, the victims of the World Trade Center's unspeakable horror were remembered today in a ceremony without words. The solemn service marking the end

of 8 1/2 months of cleanup began with a bell sounding out the 5-5-5 fire code — four sets of five rings, in memory of 343 fallen firefighters lost at ground The first bell rang at precisely 10:29

a.m., the time that the second tower collapsed in a screech of twisting steel and falling concrete Sept. 11. The empty, flag-draped stretcher

symbolizing the missing was carried up a 500-foot ramp from the pit where workers labored around the clock. The stretcher was loaded into an

ambulance as a dozen pallbearers saluted. As the ambulance and a truck carrying the last beam from the site drove up the ramp, only the wind and the rumble of vehicles was audible at The crowd stood mutely during the

grim procession. The sounds of taps, played by police

and fire buglers, floated across the warm May morning before bagpipers played "America the Beautiful." "This is the closest point I guess I can

get to being with him again," said David Bauer III, whose father — a Canton Fitzgerald worker — was one of the more than 1,700 victims for whom no remains have been identified.

Thousands gathered at the site, now a seven-story pit and once the basement of the twin skyscrapers that anchored lower Manhattan. Mayor Michael Bloomberg and his predecessor. Rudolph Giuliani, were among the many public officials at the event.

"It was tough to come here every day and now it's tough to leave," firefighter John Keating said.

As the ceremony concluded, the crowd burst into spontaneous applause for the parade of police officers. firefighters and construction workers exiting ground zero. Some tossed flowers into the void where the towers once "We will never forget," a banner

read. In the crowd, family members held photographs of their loved ones pressed over their hearts. Some wiped

In Washington, President Bush thanked workers who cleaned up the site and added that the country must

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Notice: TV guide delayed

Due to electronic transmission problems, this week's Television Guide will be published in Friday's edition of The Goodland Daily News. We're sorry for the inconvenience.