

weather  
report

67°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:38 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:24 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:37 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 42 degrees
- Humidity 18 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds west southwest 10 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.60 inches and falling
- Record High 83° (1934)
- Record Low 16° (2000)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 73°  
Low 34°  
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low near 40, winds west 10-15. Tomorrow: partly sunny, high 70-75, low mid 30s, winds southwest 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly cloudy high mid 50s, low 30-35. Monday: partly cloudy, high 50-55. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high 50-55, low 25-30 m.p.h. Wednesday: partly cloudy, high mid 50s, low lower 30s.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.13 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.22  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$2.54 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.25  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Milo — \$2.21 bushel  
Soybeans — \$5.20 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.08  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Millett — \$14.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$12.35 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$18  
(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.

Council OKs  
new Iraq plan

UNITED NATIONS — The Security Council unanimously approved a tough new Iraq resolution today, aimed at forcing Saddam Hussein to disarm or face “serious consequences” that would almost certainly mean war.

President Bush threatened Saddam Hussein with “the severest consequences” if he fails to disarm. “The outcome of the current crisis is already determined. The full disarmament of weapons of mass destruction will occur. The only question for the Iraqi regime is to decide how,” he said in the White House Rose Garden.

“His cooperation must be prompt and unconditional or he will face severest consequences,” Bush said.

The vote came after eight weeks of tumultuous negotiations and was seen as a victory for the United States.

# Fewer birds equals fewer hunters

By Rachel Hixson

*The Goodland Daily News*

Twenty years ago, every motel room within 200 miles of Goodland would be filled and some hunters would be sleeping in cars during the first weekend of pheasant hunting season, said Mike Hopper, Sherman County game warden.

But times have changed.

Hopper said the night before pheasant hunting kicked off last year, he visited every motel and hotel in Goodland looking for hunters. He said he probably couldn't have filled one entire

hotel here with the number he found.

“That's how bad it's gotten,” Hopper said, adding that wildlife surveys show the pheasant population has dropped again this year, which will mean fewer hunters.

Pheasant hunting season starts on Saturday and while hotel clerks say hunters have booked rooms and are starting to arrive, there are still many vacancies in town.

Edith Linebaugh, the front desk clerk

at the Howard Johnson on K-27, said about 24 of the hotel's 70 or so rooms have been reserved for the weekend and hunters started arriving on Thursday. It will be a good weekend, she said, considering that during most recent weekends only 10 to 12 rooms have been filled.

“We haven't been doing too good,” she said.

John Salinas, the front desk clerk at the Super 8 on K-27, said all but 10 of the motel's rooms have been reserved for the week-

end, and he estimated about half of those are for hunters.

Although the number of hunters coming to Goodland has dropped in the past 20 years, Salinas said pheasant hunting season is still one of the busiest times of the year. He said he's expecting as many or perhaps a few more hunters this season.

Hopper said the pheasant population in northwest Kansas has been steadily dropping for the past 14 years, and that means fewer hunters.

“If the pheasants aren't here,” he said, “the people aren't going to come

hunt them.”

Twenty years ago, Hopper said, many business owners could count on bringing in a good portion of their annual profits during the second weekend in November, but that's not true anymore.

“It affects restaurants, convenience stores, hotels,” he said. “Everyone is affected by the wildlife population.”

So what's happening to all of the pheasants?

Hopper said because of drought and

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## Smoothing the way



Glen Holcomb, owner of Holcomb Construction, smoothed out a new sidewalk on Ninth Street near Broadway this morning. With help from Ron Holcomb and Joe Russell, Glen said he was installing the new

walkway for a homeowner. He said they moved the sidewalk from the center of the front lawn to the edge of the street and they had been working on the project on and off this summer.

Photo by Rachel Hixson/The Goodland Daily News

## County approves plan for casino by speedway

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — Wyandotte County officials are pursuing an agreement that would allow an Indian casino to be built near the Kansas Speedway, contingent on congressional approval.

The Unified Government Commission passed a resolution authorizing an agreement with the Wyandotte Tribe of Oklahoma, the commission announced

Thursday, two days after the action was taken.

Public notice of the unusual special meeting at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday wasn't posted until after 6 p.m. Monday.

Hal Walker, legal counsel for the unified government, said the commission simply had to act on short notice.

“Congress goes back into session next week,” he said. “We've got to get

out part of this done before Congress will consider this. We didn't have the luxury of waiting for a regular meeting.”

He said announcement of the Election Day action was delayed to avoid the news being “buried in an avalanche of political news.”

Walker said terms of the agreement weren't yet final, and copies of the pro-

posal have not been made public. He said commissioners had approved his oral outline of the deal and authorized administrator Dennis Hays to sign it.

In return for being allowed to build a casino in Edwardsville, the tribe would drop a lawsuit claiming land rights to nearly 2,000 acres of prime industrial real estate in northeast Kansas City, Kan.

## Ballot canvassing



Sherman County commissioners Chuck Frankenfeld, Mitch Tiede and Kevin Rasure compared ballot lists this morning while County Clerk Janet Rumpel wrote the figures in the official election book and commissioner-elect Chuck Thomas listened as his vote totals were recorded. Out of 24 provisional ballots in Sherman County, the commissioners agreed to count 13. Governor-elect Kathleen Sebelius gained a vote against Tim Shallenburger 7-6, but Shallenburger was able to hold onto his slim margin to win the county by 5 votes. In the attorney general race, Phill Kline gained 10 votes to 3 for Chris Biggs.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

## Holiday closings

The following will be closed Monday in observance of Veterans' Day:

- ✓ City and county offices
- ✓ The United States Postal Service
- ✓ U.S. Department of Agriculture office
- ✓ County landfill
- ✓ City trash service — Dumpsters regularly scheduled to be picked up on Monday will be picked up on Tuesday.
- ✓ Some private offices and businesses. Contact individual businesses for information.

## School meeting

At its meeting Monday, the Goodland School Board will:

- Hear a report on the Edson gym, which the board has agreed to sell to two Goodland business men if the district can rent back the facility at a fair price.
- Get an update on the 99-year lease agreement between the district and the Northwest Kansas Technical College. The school board agreed to give the college a long-term lease on the district-owned college administration building in exchange for college-owned land near the high school track.
- Hear monthly reports from Superintendent Marvin Selby and school principals.
- Possibly go behind closed doors to discuss personnel matters.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the administration office on Main.