

weather report

62°

noon
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

MIDDAY CONDITIONS

- Soil temperature 72 degrees
- Humidity 90 percent
- Sky cloudy, light rain
- Winds north at 10 mph
- Barometer 31.01 inches

and steady

• Record High today 107° (1952)

• Record Low today 41° (2001)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 62°
- Low Thursday 59°
- Precipitation 1.02
- This month 1.23
- Year to date 7.69
- Below normal .78 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers before noon. Partly cloudy, high near 79, low around 60.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 85, low around 62. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 90, low around 60. Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, high near 81, low around 57. Tuesday: Partly cloudy, high near 79, low around 59. Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high near 87.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Rainy Flag Day project

Members of the Family Career Community Leaders of America braved the light rain Thursday morning, which was Flag Day, to place American flags at each home on Center and Broadway as part of a joint project with the Goodland Elks Lodge.

On Center the FCCLA members were State President Brennan Clouse, District President Halli Stone and Julica Bonsall. On Broadway the FCCLA members included Chelsea Gausman, Jena McCall, National President Michael Smith and Shelby Herl.

Zona Price said this is the second year for this program and she thinks they have handed out over 200 so far each year.

She said the money for the flags comes through the Elks National Foundation, and she hopes to continue the program to cover all the homes in the city.

She said there was a letter with the flag saying that it was being given to the homeowner, and asking them to put the flag out on patriotic holidays.



District President Halli Stone (left) and State president Brennan Clouse (right) of the Family Career Community Leaders of America placed flags at every home on the west side of Center Avenue to mark Flag Day on Thursday morning. FCCLA member Julica Bonsall (not pictured) was on the east side of Center Avenue. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Old U.S. 24 reopens through Edson

By Tom Betz

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Old U.S. 24 should be open through Edson by today, and depending on the weather, the milling of the road west of town to Kanorado should be done, the Sherman County commissioners heard on Tuesday.

Jerol DeBoer, owner and engineer for Penco Engineering of Plainville, said the project is going great and that the work at Edson should be completed this week and the first lift of pavement to the Thomas County line should be done.

He said the milling work on the

section west of town should be completed by the end of the week, and the APAC paving crew will jump over to the west next week.

He said the base layer should be completed on all 35 miles of the road by the end of June. He said the plan is to wait until after the wheat har-

vest to do the second lift followed by the shoulder work.

He said there were two spots in the section east of town where the milling machine went a bit too deep, and the contractor will have to fix those.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked DeBoer if the area in Edson where the subgrade modification was done was as bad as had been thought?

"It was soft," DeBoer said, "but I think we could have done it with four inches of asphalt. It was not that bad."

"I hope the rest is better than that," Commissioner Mitch Tiede said.

Curt Way, public works manager, said the corner on the east edge of Edson where the trucks turned was the worst spot.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said a citizen asked him if the county was going to strip the road when it is finished.

Way said that has come up before, and the state law says the county does not have to stripe the road, but that if you decide to do it you have to keep it painted. He said that was a question asked years ago when the

county began the chip seal projects, and the painting cost was considered too high.

DeBoer said the plan is to have the base layer of paving done in the next two weeks, and they will be off for two weeks and then come back and do the second lift.

"May sneak in before wheat harvest," Thomas said.

"I think we may catch some the last week," DeBoer said.

DeBoer said they will use a pilot car when APAC is doing the shoulders. He said they use a shoulder machine, and it is a safety factor.

Tiede asked DeBoer if he is progressing on the design of the one-mile section of County Road 16 that runs past the Sugar Hills Golf Course.

DeBoer said he was getting it done and has an idea of how to make it a bit easier. He said the best plan would be to move the south end of the road 10 feet to the east. He said moving the centerline would mean they would not have to take out any trees and make the railroad crossing

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local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$5.51 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.33
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Corn — \$4.05 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.83
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Milo — \$3.75 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$7.35 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$7.22
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - NuSun crop — \$17.50
 - Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

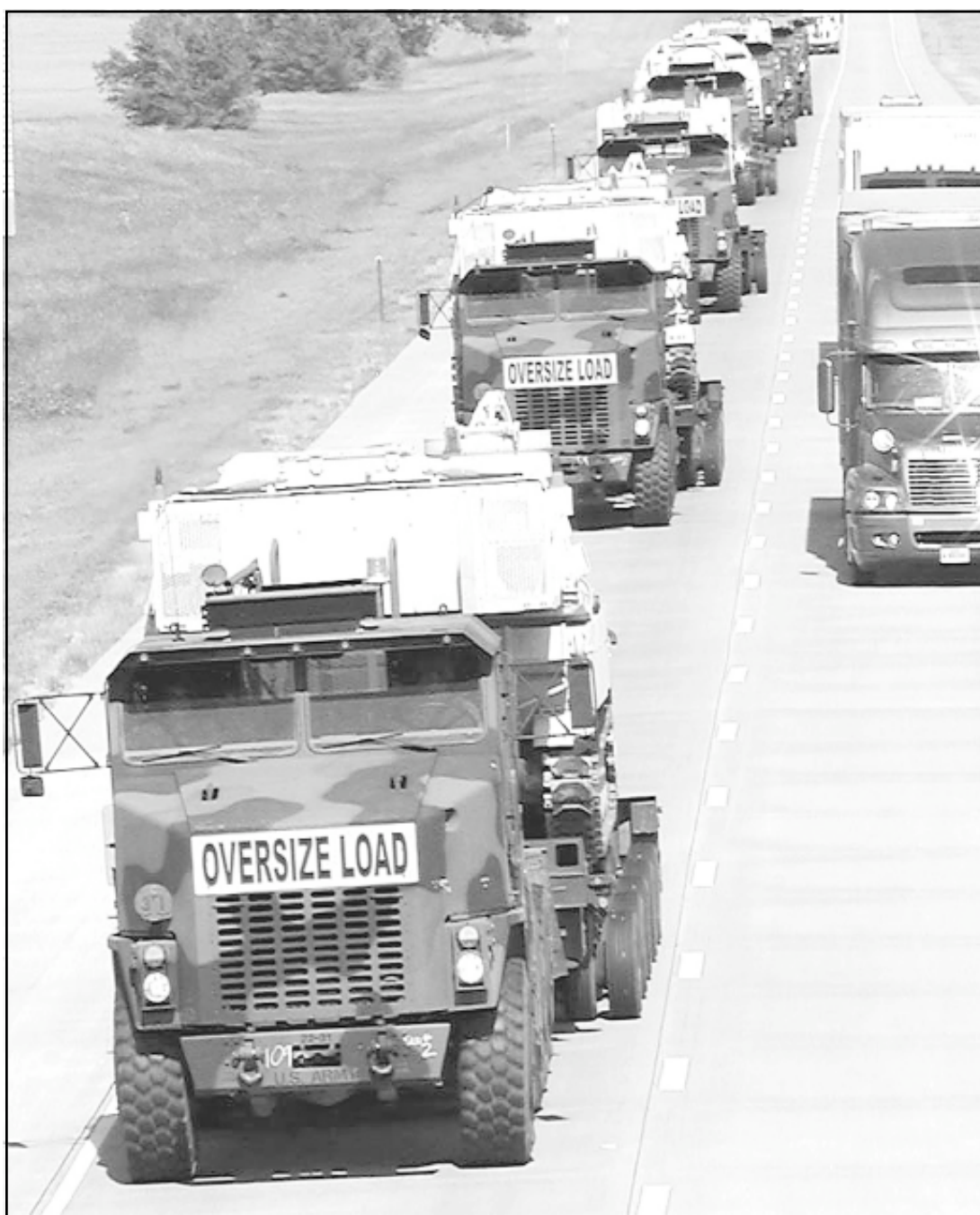
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Elks K-18 wins two

Michael Pettibone (left) ran home to score on a wild pitch in the bottom of the second inning of the first game the Elks K-18 baseball team played on Monday against Oakley. Goodland won both of games. See photo, story on Page 12.

"We got us a convoy..."



The Kansas National Guard is on the move, and 36 trucks from the 129th Transportation Company convoyed down I-70 and stopped over in town on Monday. The loaded trucks were on their way to the National Guard training facility in Guernsey, Wyo., about 130 miles northeast of Cheyenne. Lt. Cheryl Hawk of Newton was in charge of one of the three sections of the convoy and said the trucks were hauling equipment of the Kansas National Guard, and they would be bringing them back later in the month. The trucks on Monday were carrying motorized 109 mm guns, ammo carriers and firing command vehicles from the 1st Battalion of the 130th Field Artillery Brigade. One of the drivers, Sgt. Timothy Lilich, is familiar with Goodland as his parents Gene and Amy Lilich live here. The trucks left early Tuesday morning, but Lt. Hawk said they would be coming back through on Thursday bringing another Kansas National Guard unit's equipment back from training. She said the trucks would go back to Guernsey to haul the armor unit's equipment back at the end of the month.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Kids' report cards won't show 'A-F'

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland School Board adopted new grade cards that have no letter grades for elementary students in kindergarten through fourth grade Monday night at their meeting. The new grade cards will give parents a better idea of how their students are doing.

For example the Kindergarten grade card lists all the letters of the alphabet and has boxes for the teacher to rank from one to four the student's ability to know the letter, write the letter, know the letter's sound and know the letter's upper and lower case. Numbers are set up the same way. There are categories on the back to let parents know if students do what they are told and how they act in the class room and with the other kids. What the student should learn changes as they advance through the year and through the grades.

The changes were supported by the site councils. The grade cards will reflect year-long progress from the beginning, reaching goals and assessment points.

High School Principal Sharon Gregory said there is still work to be

done on the assessment side.

It would be a plus for the grade cards to lead to a better discourse with parents, said board member Andy House.

The board adopted the student handbooks for the high school, junior high and elementary students as presented with changes.

Gregory said the changes made were mostly updating, adding new policies of the board and cleaning up the language.

Language would be added to reflect a new state law, which allows a superintendent to send names of kids with severe drug problems, weapons and severe fighting to the county sheriff. The sheriff can then turn the names over to the Division of Motor Vehicles and they will suspend those kid's licenses.

Steve Raymer, Grant Junior High principal, said their handbook would need to have class schedules adjusted and language would be added about bullying. The junior high's handbook is handed out to the students to take home and be signed by their parents.

North Elementary Principal Jim

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