

weather report

73°
noon
Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 7:35 p.m.
Saturday
• Sunrise, 5:54 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:36 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 58 degrees
• Humidity 36 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds north 15 to 22 mph
• Barometer 29.71 inches
and falling
• Record High today 88° (1981)
• Record Low today 22° (2002)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 76°
Low Wednesday 42°
Precipitation none
This month 1.10
Year to date 2.03
Below normal 1.06 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 62, breezy with winds out of the north at 15 to 40 mph and a low around 36. Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers after noon, a high near 61, breezy with winds out of north at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 29.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 66 and a low around 33. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 66 and a low around 33. (National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

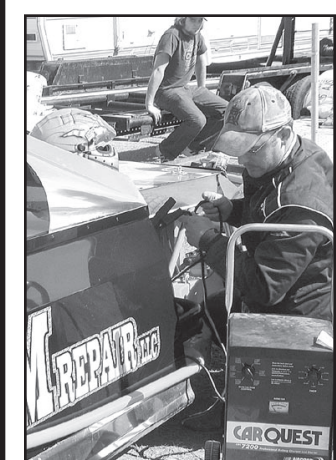
local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$7.88 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.83
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$5.45 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.11
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$5.05 bushel
Soybeans — \$12.16 bushel
Posted county price — \$12.71
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$11 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Race season first results

Mark Carmichael of Goodland prepared the S&M Repair modified for the first race of the season at the Sherman County Speedway Saturday. See story, photos on Page 12.

Cemetery chimes to go digital

By Tom Betz

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Sounds of carillon bells will return to the Goodland Cemetery with a new digital sound system approved by the City Commission on Monday.

City Manager Wayne Hill said the outdated tape system at the cemetery had quit working and the tape had melted into the head. He said Kevin Zimmerman, maintenance person who has the contract for the cemetery, had tried to get it fixed.

Zimmerman said he had contacted the Schulmerich Co., which built the original system, but a representative in Colorado told him it was probably one of three of the old

systems still being used in the country.

"He said the old system was probably not worth messing with," Zimmerman said. "He said it would be hard to get parts and would be expensive to fix. He said that most of the places using this type of chimes have gone to digital machines."

Zimmerman said the Schulmerich representative gave him a bid of \$8,100 for a new system, not including replacing the speakers.

Zimmerman said he contacted a local company about the chimes, but they did not want to bid. He said he contacted two more firms, but one had not returned any of his calls.

He had a written bid from the Verdin Co.

of Cincinnati, Ohio, for \$5,300. Zimmerman said company representative Jim Lauwerens felt the existing speaker would probably work with the new system, and that he could advise Zimmerman on how to install it.

Zimmerman said the system is a small unit and will fit in the lock box in the chapel. It has a three-year warranty.

Commissioner Dave Daniels asked if the chimes would be on a timer. Zimmerman said it would turn on in the mornings and play about three minutes every hour, then shut off at night.

Zimmerman said if the speaker won't work, the bid for a new one is \$1,360.

"I don't think there is a speaker prob-

lem," he said. "It was working until the tape broke."

Daniels asked if there were other companies the city should contact. Hill said he felt getting the information from the two companies was sufficient.

"I don't want someone locally to come and say I could have done that," Daniels said.

When assured local contacts had been made about the chimes, Daniels made a motion to buy the digital system from Verdin. The motion passed 4-0 with Commissioner Josh Dechant joining Fairbanks, Daniels and Mayor Rick Billinger in favor. Commissioner John Garcia was absent.



First grade reading students (above) Zachary Hunter, Shay Dudley and Bruce Raby were part of the group that presented "Return of the Dinosaurs" Friday afternoon at West Elementary. Other first graders (left) Chief Grunt (Bryson West) and Unca Grunt (Joseph Tompkins) stood behind George (Teresa Schaffer) a newly hatched dinosaur in "Little Grunt and the Big Egg."

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

First graders learn about dinosaurs

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When a little Grunt brings home a big egg and it hatches to reveal a baby dinosaur things change in the cave for the Grunt family as shown in the play "Little Grunt and the Big Egg" presented by a first grade reading class at West Elementary on Friday afternoon.

The reading class of Shelley Kirk presented a reading and a play to an audience of parents, grandparents and friends on Friday afternoon.

In the play the Grunt family sent Little Grunt, played by Jade Artzer, out to find an egg for dinner and she

brings back a huge egg. The Grunt family thinks this is great and have many plans for how to serve the egg, but that night as they sleep the egg hatches revealing a baby dinosaur. Little Grunt begs to keep George the dinosaur (Teresa Schaffer) and the family finally agrees, but as he grows things get crowded and the family is forced to have George leave the cave.

When a volcano erupts and traps the family George comes to their rescue, and they move into a cave next to George. The family discovers more large eggs and decides that George should be called Georginia.

The characters in the play wore caveman costumes and the men had the traditional club for defense.

Papa Grunt was Christopher Berls; Mama, Katelynn Frazier; Aunt, Ashley Brown; Unca, Joseph Tompkins; Granny, Ella Ihrig; Chief, Bryson West; and the narrator was Madison Studer.

Before the play others in the class read the book "The Return of the Dinosaurs," including Kayli Allen, Shaylena Dudley, Jessi Duell, Zachary Hunter, Robert Lawson, Kayla Pyle, Bryce Raby, Mardy Rodgers, Ben Roeder, Tony Urbana and Jayden Vallejo.

City gives right of way to clean up corner

By Tom Betz

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People who plan to buy property at 19th and Cherry Ave., along the southeast entrance to downtown, say they want to clean the area up if a title issue involving a 1922 county right of way can be cleared up and the sale goes through.

The Goodland City Commission approved assigning the right of way to the new owners on Monday after being assured the change would not effect city easements and drainage along the side of the property, which is a block south of the railroad yards and west of Cherry.

Attorney Jeff Mason said his appearance at

the commission meeting was a little unusual because he was representing Terry Selbe and his mother, Charlene Friedel, who are trying to buy the property and storage sheds from Kendal Cooper.

Mason, who is the city attorney, said he was working through Sherman County Abstract Company. In doing the title work on the property, he said, they found an old 1922 right of way deed to Sherman County by William J. Keeran. He said the right of way became part of the city when the city limits were moved south to Business U.S. 24.

"We are asking the commission to assign the right of way to the Friedel Trust," Mason said. "It is not a plated street. It is a right of

way, and when they purchase the land the right of way goes away."

He handed the commissioners a map showing the area in question — about 311 square feet — along the east side of the tract that runs along the west side of Cherry. He said it appeared the land was given to Sherman County by Keeran before the wye was built.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks asked if this would cover all the right of way along Cherry.

Mason said it would not change utility easements along 19th or Cherry. Since this right of way had been deeded to the county, he said, he would be making the same request to county commissioners at their meeting on

Tuesday, April 29.

Terry Selbe said his family wants to clean up the area, and would be replacing the fence. Once the right of way issue is solved, he said, they will have the surveyor put new boundary pins on the property.

Commissioner Josh Dechant said since it would not affect city utilities, he would make a motion to assign the right of way to the Friedel Trust.

Selbe said part of the property is where Sherman County has the household hazardous waste program, and he has talked to Commissioner Mitch Tiede about efforts to clean up the land.

Kansas Profile: Now that's rural

By Ron Wilson, director

Huck Boyd National Institute

"Buffalo gals, won't you come out tonight?" said the old song. Today, instead of buffalo gals, we're going to learn about buffalo guys. In fact, the name of this business is literally The Buffalo Guys. These guys are producing buffalo meat for customers all across the nation, while being based in rural Kansas.

Ken Klemm is the co-founder of the business known as The Buffalo Guys. Ken was managing ranches in Colorado when he started working with buffalo. In 1999, he and his wife Laurie and family bought a place called the Homestead Ranch in Sherman County, Kansas and started raising buffalo of their own. But two things promptly happened: A drought hit, and the buffalo market broke. Ouch.

So Ken started seeking alternative ways to market his buffalo by

reaching directly to customers. First it was in selling locally to farmers' markets. Then he tried selling buffalo meat to four- and five-star restaurants. Then he set up a Web site and started shipping buffalo products directly to people's homes.

Today the biggest part of the business is supplying buffalo products to grocery and health food stores. Ken's partner is Peter Thieriot, who had buffalo ranches in Wyoming, but has since bought neighboring ranches to Ken's place in Kansas. Together, they are The Buffalo Guys.

The Buffalo Guys offers USDA-inspected All Natural Buffalo Hot Dogs, Buffalo Sausages, tasty Buffalo Jerky, Buffalo Steaks, Buffalo Burgers and Buffalo Roasts. These are truly all natural products. They come from range-raised buffalo without antibiotics. The Buffalo Guys do not feed animal byproducts

or use growth hormones or artificial preservatives.

The first product that The Buffalo Guys developed had a catchy name: Buffaloaf. It sounded to me like a lazy bison, but it was actually a flavored meat loaf. Although the product did not catch on and was discontinued, Ken says that they still get calls for it two years later. Meanwhile, demand for their main buffalo products continues strong.

Buffalo meat is lean, and as a result it scores favorably lower on cholesterol, fat and saturated fat when compared to beef, pork, skinless breast of chicken and even most fish. The health appeal of the product and the environmentally friendly production methods have contributed to the demand for buffalo meat.

In addition, The Buffalo Guys offer ribs, tenderloin, and many packages of cuts. Then there are all the additional items, such as dog bones, recipes, seasonings, and even official t-shirts, gloves and aprons.

Today, The Buffalo Guys are

shipping their products coast to coast, mostly to health food stores and upscale mom-and-pop natural food stores. In Ken's office is a map of the U.S. with pins showing the locations of stores to which they deliver across the country. There are some 1,200 pins all across the country, with an additional 20 or 30 being added each month. Wow.

About half the buffalo is produced on Ken and Peter's ranches, and the other half is produced by growers who raise them to The Buffalo Guys' specifications.

Ken says, "The business really started in my basement out at the ranch, but when I needed to hire somebody to help me, I figured that they didn't want to go out to my basement." That's when Ken moved the office to Goodland.

Ken also offers buffalo hunts on his ranch in rural Sherman County where a person can participate in an escorted hunt for trophy bulls, prime cows, or more. The ranch is 18 miles

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Home show this weekend

KLOE/KKCI/KWGB Radio's Home and Garden Show will be Saturday and Sunday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

The free event will feature booths of more than 20 businesses and a women's health conference put on by Goodland Regional Medical Center with help from the University of Kansas Medical Center.

The conference, "Women and Cancer," will include six 30-minute sessions from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, covering uterine, ovarian, lung, colorectal, cervical and breast cancer.

There will be programs both days presented by members of the Master Gardeners volunteer program through the Sunflower Extension District.