

weather report



34°
noon
Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 7:26 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:06 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:27 p.m.
- Midday Conditions**
- Soil temperature 47 degrees
- Humidity 96 percent
- Sky cloudy and rainy
- Winds southwest 15 mph
- Barometer 29.72 inches and falling
- Record High today 92° (2002)
- Record Low today 20° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 66°
- Low Wednesday 38°
- Precipitation 0.11
- This month 0.15
- Year to date 1.77
- Below normal 0.82 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with a high in the upper 50s, very windy with wind out of the northwest at 30 to 40 mph and a low in the upper 20s. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high in the mid 60s and a low in the upper 30s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Partly cloudy with a high in the mid 60s and a low in the upper 30s. Monday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of light rain showers, a high in the lower 60s and a low in the mid 30s. Tuesday and Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of light rain showers.

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

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$7.29 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$8.06
 - Corn — \$6.74 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$7.25
 - Milo — \$6.61 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$11.98 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$12.83
 - Millet — \$5 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$31.55 cwt.
 - Confection — no bid
 - Pinto beans — \$18 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Goodland wins meet

Goodland freshman Dax Ruhs prepared for the start of a relay race at the 9-10 track meet held on Monday. The boys were first and the girls second. See photos, results on Page 11.

District superintendent resigns

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board at its regular meeting accepted the resignation of Superintendent Shelly Angelos as of June 30 after two closed executive sessions on Monday night.

The board also hired Michael Hubka as the new Goodland High School Principal. Hubka currently is the high school principal at Medicine Lodge.

Teresa Sieck was selected by the board to finish out the rest of the Andrew House's term



Angelos

on the board. Board member John Hendrich nominated her and Mike Cochran seconded the motion. House was killed in a pickup accident last fall. The board had decided earlier that the top vote getter for school board at the general election that was not already on the board would finish out House's term.

West Elementary Principal Jim Mull said they had 251 out of 268 parents show up for parent teacher Conferences. Mull said they had lots of testing to finish before the end of school. He said the

first grade would have their music program Tuesday night.

Central Elementary Principal Harvey Swager said they had 100 percent participation in parent teacher conferences. He said 98 percent showed up for the night of the soup supper. The site council's soup supper served 170 people.

Swager said he had been worrying about the fourth grade's test results and he was so pleased when he got the preliminary results. They had scored 98 percent on the reading assessment and 96 percent on the math. The fifth grade would finish their testing this week and the third grade would start this week. Today

one grade will go to the Shrine Circus. On Wednesday one will go to Conservation Day in Colby and Friday, April 29, the other class will go to the Natural History Museum at Denver.

Verna Milnes reported that 11 people were completing English as a Second Language certification. The Title Academy continues. On Wednesday will be the Hispanic Supper.

Goodland High School Principal Sharon Gregory said they had about a 60 percent turn out for the parent teacher conferences. She said that music students got 10I's, 15II's and five III's at music festival.

Superintendent Angelos said that she was checking with the state to see if Title money for the Title Academy could be used again next year.

She said that the district has heard from Blue Cross Blue Shield that the rate increase for the district would be less than one percent.

- In other business the board:
- All six board members were present.
 - Paid bills of \$211,065.
 - Accepted the resignation of Angela Ferguson as a fifth grade teacher at Central Elementary School.
 - Accepted the resignation of Jonathan Whisnant as the seventh grade assistant football coach.

Spring storm brings some relief



A spring storm rolled through the area on Thursday bringing some welcome relief from the dry conditions with a combination of rain and some soft hail that covered cars on Main Ave. in the morning. The Sherman County Commissioners had extended the countywide burn ban at their meeting on Tuesday for at least a week. They will review the burn ban again on Tuesday. The National Weather Service in Goodland is forecasting a possibility of more moisture including the possibility of wet weather including snow and thunderstorms for the next several days.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Commissioners hear development update

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Sherman County commissioners got an update on what has been happening with the economic development efforts over the past month, and discussed the micro loan program on Tuesday.

Michael Solomon, city economic development director, presented the county commissioners with a similar update about the last month activities as he had presented to the city commissioners on Monday.

Strand told Solomon about the visit from Randy Whitmore about the PBR, and said the commissioners were leaning towards possibly giving nothing from the county. She said the city and economic development had donated last year.

Solomon said he was not sure what Whitmore was asking for.

Commissioner Max Linin said the county would like to have the event be self funded. He said they are selling out, and feels they ought to raise ticket prices. He said it would be better to get the event to be self funded, or not have it if the people won't support it.

Solomon said he felt it was a neat event and would be talking to people about the money.

In his monthly update Solomon said he has not recently talked to the Motel 6 people, but they are working on their motel.

He said the company that is looking at an expansion is working on a site plan.

He said on the grocery store he and Larry Keirns met with Sam Mancini at his office in Denver and said the project continues to look promising. He said Mancini said he had some tough things happen and he has changed construction companies.

He said a sign has gone up at the site and Mancini said he hope to have work begin in about 30 days.

He said The Basement is open and Rusty Fritz is trying to rent other spaces in the building.

On the laundromat project Solo-

mon said the person is doing due diligence and putting together a business plan.

He said a lady from Nebraska came to talk to him about the potential for a wind farm. He said she was contacting people in western Kansas about wind farms and wondering where there might be some good locations.

He said another local company is looking at building a new building, but that may take some time to get through the corporate process.

Another possibility Solomon has been talking about is a guy from Denver who is looking at doing concrete and asphalt recycling. He said the company has worked with the city and county before and takes old asphalt and makes it into gravel.

He said all their equipment is mobile. He said they were talking about locating here and want this to be their base of operations. He said the plan is to sell decorative rock and I suggested working with a company that wants to put in a greenhouse.

Solomon said he was glad the county was willing to work with Northwest Tech about the telephone building as part of the iPad and application development program. He said he thought that was a great deal for the college and the city and county.

He said he did a customer service training event and had about 50 people involved. He said he would like to do more of these.

On the micro loans Solomon researched this and found the county has six judgements out on the early loans. He said they started with \$90,000 and some of the early loans were made to companies are not in business now.

He said the program has about \$28,000 now, and there are five businesses paying back regularly with a total of about \$30,000 out. He said the program has gained a little money and his recommendation is to hold onto the money for awhile.

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Good Samaritan Society director updates commissioners

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The interim director of the Sherman County Good Samaritan Society told the county commissioners on Tuesday she is glad to be in Goodland, and the biggest thing she sees for the future is upgrading the heating and air conditioning for the 40 older units.

Mary Ann Schmidt, who has been in Goodland for more than a month, said she wanted to get a chance to meet the commissioners. She said she had been in Sharon Springs for 10 years and most recently in Ellsworth, but when Pam Black was diagnosed with leukemia she was asked to come to Goodland and said Yes.

"I wanted to at least meet with you and see what you felt you need from me and go from there," she said.

"We want absolutely good care

for the residents," said Commissioner Cynthia Strnad. "I talk to some of the nursing staff the other day about some training."

Strnad said the Good Samaritan staff is working with the Goodland Regional Medical Center on some training.

Schmidt said she is a registered nurse, and that helps her know what is going on and what training is needed.

Strnad said she is a registered nurse, and that Commissioner Max Linin had lost his Mother recently who had been a Good Samaritan resident.

Schmidt said maintenance man Neil Starr has a couple of projects he is planning to work on and one is to finish the sidewalk work around the building.

She said she knew the county had done the parking area on the east, but

Starr is talking about working on the sidewalks around the building.

"We are going to need new heat and air conditioning for the older part of the building," she said.

Strand asked Schmidt to get that information to the commissioners as soon as possible as they are working on the heating and air conditioning for the courthouse.

Schmidt said she is talking about individual units in the rooms, and not a central system.

"I felt it would be better to do the individual units in the rooms," she said. "It is not critical right now, but we need to plan for the future."

She said she would work at getting some bids, and talk to the Good Samaritan Society people about what they may have in their vendor buying network. She said she could

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City, county, rural fire continue looking for countywide fire service consultant

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The next step in looking at the fire fighting services in Sherman County is getting proposals from at least two consultants willing to help lead the city and county to find the best program for Sherman County.

Darrel Cloyd, chairman of the Sherman County Rural Fire District board, was at the commission meeting on Monday and reported he had contacted Harold N. "Skip" Starling, president of National Fire Services Office of Savanna, Ga., who had been hired to do a survey of fire services in Sherman County, and two others about getting a proposal to help lead the discussion between the city and county on the fire service options.

He said he expects to have at least two proposals by the next meeting.

City Manager Doug Gerber said he was going to talk to another person, and hopes to have it by the next meeting.

Cloyd said one of the things brought up in conversation was whether the city would be willing to serve the Paxton and Armstrong Additions as part of the 5-mile radius.

Gerber said he had not really looked at it, but that Fire Chief Brian James was nodding. Gerber said another piece is that people in the city pay for fire protection and those outside the city pay for fire protection through the fire district property tax.

He said a question about coverage will include how that might be paid for.

Cloyd said the Sherman County Commissioners

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Two big Prom events in town on Saturday

Proms will be center stage in town on Saturday with the Goodland High School and the Northwest Technical College Endowment Association both holding prom events.

The Goodland High School Prom will be held at the Goodland Elks at 6 p.m. and the annual Promenade will be at 7:15 p.m. at Max Jones Fieldhouse where family and friends can see all the special gowns and suits.

The Northwest Tech College Endowment Association Prom Past and Present dinner, dance and auction will be at 6 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars at 824 Main Ave.

The Third Annual Tea Party will take place from 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday at Gulick Park.

Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and Rep. Rick Billinger are among those expected to speak.

