

weather report



45°
10 a.m.
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 6:22 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:48 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:21 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 62 degrees
- Humidity 51 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds north 16 mph
- Barometer 30.37 inches and rising
- Record High today 95° (1947)
- Record Low today 50° (2001)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 90°
Low Wednesday 43°
Precipitation none
This month trace
Year to date 8.61
Below normal 8.65 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain after 11 a.m., a high near 48, winds out of east at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 30. Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a 60 percent chance of rain before 1 p.m., a high near 40, winds out of the east at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 26.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a widespread frost before 9 a.m., a high near 55 and a low around 34. Monday: Sunny with a high near 67 and a low around 41. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 66 and a low around 42.

(National Weather Service)

Flatlander Festival



The Northwest Kansas Bike Show had numerous of entries this year and proved a big draw to the Flatlander Festival. In addition to having bikes on display, the show included motorcycle games, skills demonstration and a parade in conjunction with the car show. **For more Pictures, see Page 6**

County hires ambulance director

By Kevin Bottrell

The Goodland Star-News

The Sherman County Commissioners have hired a director for the ambulance service when it takes over the department in January.

Dwayne Wright, who currently works at Goodland Regional Medical Center, was hired to oversee the department at a special

meeting Tuesday morning.

The commissioners had appointed a three-person interview committee consisting of local rancher and businessman Ken Klemm, Burlington Ambulance Director Ted Foth and Mike Dorman, also of Burlington. Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said all three were chosen because of their experience with hiring, and that no Kansas emergency medical

personnel were chosen because of possible conflicts of interest.

The board interviewed candidates on Sept. 28. The commissioners called the meeting then recused themselves from the interviews. After the interviews, the board recommended hiring Wright because of his administrative experience. He also has teaching credentials and can get his emergency medical technician

teaching credentials as well. At the special meeting Monday, commissioner Larry Enfield made the motion to hire Wright, which Strnad seconded. It passed with two yes votes. Commissioner Max Linin was absent from the meeting.

The commissioners then called Wright on

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City clean-up week



This week was city clean-up week. Crews hauled away junk free of charge. Sherman County has also declared a clean-up week extending to next Friday. Fees will be waived at the landfill for any county residents with county tags on their vehicle. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Schools, college to share track

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Northwest Tech about the use of the track by the college at its regular meeting on Monday night at the administration building.

During the voting for the memorandum Board Member Diane Stiles left the meeting due to conflict of interest.

The college Athletic Director Rex Branum represented the college for the meeting. He told them he was pleased the college could move forward on a track program. Branum offered new lights for the track or the football field which were donated for the soccer field but at the present time the college will not be able to use them. With more lighting at the track the hours practices can be scheduled would

be increased.

It was talked about whether to use the new lights at Cowboy stadium and move those lights to the track or just to install the new lights at the track.

The school board continues looking at options to improve the facilities of the district and make them more energy efficient. The district hired the architectural firm of Gibson, Mancini, Carmichael and Nelson. The first plans the architects game up with for North Elementary, West Elementary and Goodland High School had a projected price of \$16.9 million.

The board thought that the price tag was a little high and wanted the architects to come up with some cheaper plans. The first revised plan brought the projected cost down to

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local markets

10 a.m.

Wheat — \$8.31 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.37
Corn — \$7.53 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.47
Milo — \$7.23 bushel
Soybeans — \$14.67 bushel
Posted county price — \$14.85
Millet — \$14 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$27.20 cwt.
Confection — no bid
Pinto beans — \$28
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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District to offer screenings next week

The Goodland School District will hold its early childhood screenings for infant, toddler and preschool aged children from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 16 and 17, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 307 W. 13, Goodland. To make an appointment call Paula Geist at West Elementary

890-6163.

Children will be screened in four developmental areas: how well your child talks or communication development, how well your child sees and hears, how well your child learn or cognitive development and how well your child moves or fine motor skills.

Three flu clinics planned

This year the Sherman County Health Department will be holding several walk-in flu clinics in October at their office, 1622 Broadway.

The first clinic will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Oct. 15 and 16. Another clinic will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 23 and 24. A student walk-in clinic will be held from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 26.

Regular flu vaccines are \$25. High dose vaccinations for those over 65 \$40 and flu mist, which is a live vaccine, and available for those from two to 49 is \$25. The flu clinic price is the same as the 2011 rate. The department will bill your insurance, but you must present your insurance card at the time of

registration.

To help with shorter wait times at the walk in clinics, the health department is asking everyone who has computer access to log onto www.dispenseassist.net. Click on the influenza link, fill out the form, print and bring with you to the clinic.

Online registration forms are new this year, said Donna Terry, administrator of the Sherman County Health Department. This online tool that can be used in mass dispensing emergencies and the department would like to get the community familiar with the process in case we are ever in an emergency situation where we would have to dispense to mass numbers.

For information call 890-4888.

Making a donation



The Red Cross was at the Northwest Kansas Technical College Student Union on Wednesday collecting blood. Students and instructors waited their turn. The blood may be used by people who are having surgery or have been in accidents. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News



Cowgirls win league

The Goodland High School varsity girls golf team won the Great West Activity Conference meet on Monday at Garden City.

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