

weather report



42°

10:30 a.m.
Monday

Today

- Sunset, 6:13 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:53 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:12 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 51 degrees
- Humidity 46 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds north 17 mph
- Barometer 30.05 inches and rising
- Record High today 93° (1996)
- Record Low today 22° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	65°
Low Wednesday	28°
Precipitation	0.00
This month	0.24
Year to date	8.85
Below normal	8.73 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a chance of a thunderstorm. High around 64. 50% chance of rain. Friday night, overcast with thunderstorms lows around 50, breezy. Chance of rain 60%.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high of 66 and breezy. Saturday night partly cloudy and lows of 41. Sunday: Partly cloudy in the morning then clear. High of 73. Clear in the evening, then partly cloudy. Low of 45. Monday: Overcast, high of 73.

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Harvest rolling along



The corn harvest is in full swing in Sherman County a little earlier than last year. On Wednesday the field south of U.S. 24 was being cut. The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Crop Statistics Report estimated that among the 18 top corn producing states, 94 percent of the corn has been harvested as of last week. In Kansas, 82 percent had been harvested by Sunday, up from 62 percent at this time last year and from the average of 56 percent. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

County to accept bids for remodel

By Kevin Bottrell

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At their end-of-the-month meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 31, the Sherman County Commissioners will be taking bids on remodeling the old IGA building into an ambulance and fire station.

The commissioners discussed the project with architect Dan Hall, new Ambulance Director Dwayne Wright and City Manager Doug Gerber at their regular meeting Tuesday.

There will be a public bid letting at 10 a.m. that day in the commissioner meeting room at the county courthouse. The commissioners will accept the bids from any company present and then open and review the bids.

Hall said the commissioners should not take any bids that walk in the door after 10 a.m. exactly.

Hall presented some nearly final plans and bid documents. The plans call for ripping out the asphalt curb on the north side and replacing it with a concrete ramp. The concrete on

the east side between the building and the parking lot would have to be rebuilt as well.

Hall said there will be an alternate bid to put a new six-inch concrete floor under all of the truck bays. The main bid includes the six-inch floor only under one bay where the heaviest truck would be parked.

Wright said the ambulance department will need a heavy-duty hopper sink, and there will need to be eyewash stations in the truck bays.

The city and county are also in the process

of drawing up a contract for use of the building.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Re-instituted a burn ban. The commissioners had lifted the burn ban several weeks ago. They agreed to revisit the ban at the meeting Tuesday and lift it if there has been sufficient moisture.
- Waived fees at the landfill on Nov. 7 for Goodland High School students, who are

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Talking about 4-H



Sherman County 4-H clubs held an open house on Saturday at the 4-H building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. The 4-Hers showed off their projects and spoke to visitors about the clubs and the activities they do. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Women arrested in liquor theft case

Two women were arrested this week on suspicion of smashing a window and stealing alcohol from Kear's Quality Liquor on Sunday.

Rachel Crus was booked into the Sherman County Jail on Monday on charges of burglary and theft. Marieta Young was booked Tuesday on charges of burglary, theft and obstruction. Both are being held without bond.

On Monday, the Goodland Police Department received a complaint that the front window of the store had been smashed. Officers responded to the scene and spoke with owner Andy Kear, who believed the window had been broken sometime the night before.

Later that day, officers were contacted by the Northwest Kansas Technical College administration, who said that a broken liquor bottle had been noticed outside one of the

dormitory doors. Officers determined the bottle was the same type taken from Kear's and they initiated an investigation.

The two arrests were made Monday and Tuesday and the investigation is still ongoing. The police are requesting that anyone with information about the incident contact Assistant Chief Joni Showalter at 890-4570.

"I'm pleased that my officers were able to quickly apprehend the perpetrators of this crime," said Chief Cliff Couch. "Residents and business owners in Goodland have the right to feel secure and know that their property is safe. They shouldn't have to put up with conduct such as this and I'm glad that we will be able to hold the people responsible accountable for their actions."

local markets

10:30 a.m.

Wheat — \$8.56 bushel	Posted county price — \$8.13
Corn — \$7.64 bushel	Posted county price — \$7.35
Milo — \$7.34 bushel	
Soybeans — \$14.69 bushel	Posted county price — \$14.69
Millet — \$14 hundred weight	
Sunflowers	
Oil current crop — \$27.35 cwt.	
Confection — no bid	
Pinto beans — \$28 (new crop)	(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

Republicans plan trip to Colorado

A trip to Colorado is being held by the local representatives of the Romney-Ryan Campaign. Those who wish to attend should meet at 7 a.m. Saturday at the Walmart parking lot.

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Cowgirls win regionals

The Goodland High School varsity girls golf team won the regional competition on Monday and will be sending six golfers to the State Competition next week. See Page 10

Hunter ed course scheduled for Oct. 27

A hunter education course is scheduled from 12:30 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 27, at the Murray Center on the Northwest Kansas Technical College campus.

The course is a two-part process. Hunters must complete the online independent study portion of the course prior to Saturday's field day and testing session. Pre-registration is required before taking the online portion and class size is limited. To register contact Troy Mannis at 821-

1838 or Mike Hopper at 899-5199.

The program is designed to cover the information needed before going hunting. In order to receive four hours credit, all students will be tested on the internet course material. The test will be given at the beginning of the field day. A passing score of 22 correct answers out of 25 questions is required to proceed with the rest of the course. Students failing to achieve that will be dismissed from the class.

Nominations open for conservation awards

The committee for the Conservation Awards Program is seeking nominations for this year's program. Nominations can be made by any person in the county. They should be sent to the NRCS office by Friday, Oct. 26.

The purpose of this program is to stimulate a greater interest in the conservation of the agricultural resources of Kansas by giving recognition to those farmers and landowners who have made outstanding progress in the establishment of soil

and water conservation on their farms. Included in the awards program are a soil conservation award and a windbreak award.

The program is sponsored by the agricultural committee of the Kansas Bankers Association. Committee membership includes board chairs of the Extension Service, FSA, Soil Conservation District, the District Conservationist and the Agricultural Extension Agent. Last

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Duncan Kroskey (from left) Ryan Volk, and Manten Crow shot their shotguns at the state qualifying match on Aug. 19 at the Goodland Gun Club. Photo courtesy Julie Crow

4-H shooters to compete at State on Saturday

Four 4-H shooters from Sherman County will be attending the Kansas State Shotgun Match on Saturday in Augusta.

Jonah McClung, Koal Artzer, Ethan Black and Evin Bergquist qualified for the state match by shooting 30 out of 50 targets at one of several state qualifying matches.

On Aug. 19 the Sherman County 4-H Shooting Sports held its first state qualifying match at the Goodland Gun Club. 23 shooters from Cheyenne, Sherman, Thomas, Kearney and Steven counties participated. Competitors

from Sherman County were Artzer, McClung, Black, Bergquist, Manten Crow, Ryan Volk, Duncan Kroskey, Dalton Belshe and Tavean Belshe. McClung and Black qualified at that match.

Some of the competitors were in the juniors division and were not eligible to compete at the State level. In that division Dalton Belshe placed first; Kroskey, second; Crow, third; and Volk, fourth.

Shooters from Sherman County also competed in a

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