

weather report

87°

noon
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 7:40 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:03 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:38 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 73 degrees
- Humidity 42 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds light and variable, 5 mph
- Barometer 30.04 inches and falling
- Record High today 103° (1934)
- Record Low today 50° (2002)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	87°
Low Thursday	64°
Precipitation	.03
This month	1.88
Year to date	14.68
Below normal	.67 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, high near 90, south wind between 5 and 10 mph. A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2 a.m. Patchy fog after 2 a.m.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 82, north wind between 10 and 15 mph with gusts as high as 30 mph. Sunday: Partly cloudy, high near 85 and a low near 60. Monday: Mostly sunny, high near 89 and low near 62.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.03 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.11
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
 - Corn — \$2.02 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.92
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 4c
 - Milo — \$1.67 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$4.63 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.66
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 3c
 - Millet — \$6 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$9.35 cwt.
 - NuSun crop — \$10.35
 - Confection — Call
 - Pinto beans — \$15.50 (new crop)
- (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Races feature Sprint cars

Jon Johnson, No. 86, Sprint car driver from Utica, will try to maintain his lead in the United Rebel Sprint Car series during the races at 6:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Speedway on Saturday. See story, photo on Page 12.

School staff excited to begin year

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

New Superintendent Shelly Angelos told the Goodland School Board on Monday that she and staff were excited and looking forward to the school year, which begins on Wednesday.

The goals set during a board training session were narrowed to three on Monday. They were setting up a five-year plan for capital improvements and prioritizing an annual plan, setting up a five-year plan for curriculum updates and deciding which is most important each year, and establish a rotation for aging vehicles.

Superintendent Shelly Angelos, Central Elementary Principal Sharon Gregory, North Elementary Principal Jim Mull, West Elementary Principal Verna Milnes, Grant Junior Principal Steve Reamer,

Plan could keep students safer

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

The city's engineer asked the Goodland School Board on Monday to support application for a grant to encourage kids to bike or walk to school — and be sure they're safe — from the Kansas Safe Routes to Schools program.

The board agreed.

Darin Neufeld, engineer for Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, said the city would need a letter of support and possibly some time from staff

for a couple of meetings to create the plan.

The school district could do its own plan, Neufeld said, but since the city needs to run phase 2, which covers any construction.

The federal program is designed to cut down on traffic and pollution and promote health by encouraging kids to walk or bike to school, he said. It tries to educate people on the benefits of walking or biking and that it can be fun.

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Goodland High School Principal Harvey Swager and high school Activities Director Don Smith all said the maintenance staff had done a great job getting the buildings ready and Transportation Supervi-

sor Bob Harking had also done a great job on the vehicles.

Superintendent Angelos said the facilities had survived the all-school reunion. She said alumnae Rita Horta Elston had given the district

\$1,000 for the English as a Second Language program and said they would give \$250 each year in memory of her mother.

The district is in the middle of a the annual audit by Adams, Brown,

Beran and Ball, a certified public accounting firm in Colby. Angelos thought they would be done on Thursday.

She said 14 teaching positions had been filled this year. On Thursday, Aug. 17, she said, the Kansas Highway Patrol will be here to inspect the buses.

In the financial reports, Angelos reminded the board that money from the local option budget would come in Saturday, Sept. 30. The local option budget money comes from the country and is paid to the school five times a year.

North Principal Mull said he was looking forward to all the new staff and that enrollment was looking better every day.

Central Principal Gregory said they had moved a lot of staff around

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Medical student returns to early home

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

She was once a little girl who played doctor; now she isn't playing.

Jessica Gannon, a former Goodland elementary student, now a fourth-year medical student at the University of Kansas, has returned to her hometown for four weeks as part of the school's Kansas Rural Preceptor Program.

She is working at the Goodland Family Health Center this month with Dr. David Younger, a volunteer mentor with the program, which places all fourth-year medical students in rural towns across Kansas. The program aims to introduce students to primary care practice and make them aware of professional opportunities in rural areas.

Jessica is the daughter of former State Sen. Richard Gannon and the granddaughter of Bill and Geraldine Gannon, who have a family farm south of Ruleton. Fred and Sharon Hall of rural Sherman County are her aunt and uncle.

She attended kindergarten and first grade in Goodland and then went to school in Topeka, since her family was there during Legislative sessions. Eventually, the family moved to Topeka, and the aspiring doctor graduated from Topeka High School in 1992.

She went to Wellesley College outside of Boston and then KU Medical School, but she still calls Goodland home.



Dr. David Younger and Jessica Gannon, a fourth-year medical student, delivered Dr. Travis and Melanie Daise's daughter Allison on Tuesday, Aug. 1, Gannon's first day working with Younger.

"I'm really proud of being from out here," she said. "In Boston, people would say, 'Didn't you

graduate from Topeka?' And I'd say, 'Yeah, but I'm really from western Kansas.'"

Gannon's interest in medicine started when she was 3.

"Mom has an auto immune dis-

ease," Gannon said, "and we always had to take her to KU Med and to see specialists.

"I was around hospitals a lot and got a lot of good tours of hospitals from residents."

She started playing doctor, and it turned out, her interest and her abilities went together.

"I was always good at science," she said. "My parents supported me."

While in college, Gannon gained new direction for her career when she discovered an interest in psychiatry, particularly in helping people with mental disabilities and severe mental illness.

"I was involved in activism in college," Gannon said, "working to destigmatize depression."

She said she worked with student government to give a voice to students with mental illness and worked closely with a lot of people diagnosed with depression and other mental illnesses.

Then while working at the KU Medical Center, she became interested in working with people with developmental disorders.

"I really enjoy inpatient psychiatry as well," Gannon said.

Gannon said she is enjoying her time at the Goodland Family Health Center.

"This has been good," she said. "It has exposed me to a wide variety of things."

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County approves Penco inspection contract

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners Tuesday approved an inspection contract with Penco Engineering for the state Department of Transportation repaving project on North Caldwell Avenue.

Curt Way, county public works manager, said the state was planning to let the bid on the project on Wednesday. He said the project is to extend the approaches to the bridge with concrete, and to mill and overlay the stretch of the road from where the state tied in to the north for K-27, and south to the entrance to the airport.

Way said the county share of the cost would be about \$78,000, about 20 percent of the total project cost estimate at \$390,000. He said the amount could change depending on the number of bidders.

The inspection contract with Penco is estimated to be \$55,170, Way said, and the county would pay 20 percent of that, or \$11,034.

Way said the state agreement with Penco needed the signatures of the commissioners.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked if the county would get an outline of the timetable on this project.

"I have given all that to (County Attorney) Bonnie Selby," Way said. "Or you can stop out at my office and I can show you. It is a long process. I keep it in a file, and I went through that at length with Bonnie on this."

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked when the project would be done.

"It depends on the number of people bidding," Way said. "It might be next March or it could be this fall. The state could let the contractor start 30 days after the bid award."

"Looks like there might be six bidders. Penco was hoping to get more bidders to keep the cost down."

"Will we get a progress report from Jerol (DeBoer, of Penco) as this goes along?" Rasure asked.

"This is a state project," Way said, "and not

the same as the others we are doing. It is a KDOT project and they oversee all the inspections."

"When Darin Neufeld and (Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates) do Road 14, it will be like this?" Commissioner Mitch Tiede said.

"Yes, it will be the same," Way said. "Once it becomes a KDOT project, we do not have a lot of control. KDOT runs the show and we pay 20 percent."

Tiede asked if the state could decide to change how the project is being done.

"If they want to tear it all and redo it, can they do that?" he asked.

"The decision is up to you in the beginning," Way said. "If you have the money, you can do whatever you want. You have to have the 20 percent match up front."

"You could have more than one project going at one time. It depends on having the 20 percent up front."

"If the county pulls out of the five-year plan, we lose the money and our place?" Tiede asked.

"The county loses the authority, and it would take years to get back in," Way said.

"It almost happened because we did not have one to list until we decided to do this project. We have to keep something flowing through. It is a long, lengthy process to get any of these done. These are small projects like the bridge on Eighth Street and the two bridges on old U.S. 24 at Caruso and Kanorado."

"It is a lot of paperwork with the state. The state likes to see them (projects) so they can get the federal money."

"Will we end up getting copies of what we need on this project?" Rasure said.

"I am not following what you are saying," Way said.

"The things that Penco provides to KDOT," Rasure said.

"Yes, we get all those copies," Way said. Tiede said the state sends the project reports to Way.

"I remember getting letters on the bridge projects," he added.

Beer garden for Flatlander Festival on Monday agenda

City commissioners Monday will consider changing a city ordinance to allow beer to be sold and consumed in parks with a special permit.

Organizers asked to have a beer garden in Chambers Park at 13th and Center during the Flatlander Fall Festival, but the current ordinance prohibits all alcohol on the city property with the exception of the Carnegie Arts Center and the terminal building at Renner Field.

Lincoln Wilson, a representative

from the Flatlander committee, made the request at the Aug. 7 meeting to allow the committee to have a beer garden in two locations during the festival on Sept. 23-24.

Wilson said the beer garden on Saturday would be south of Murray's Custom Body and Paint, 1507 Main. He said Sunday beer garden would be at Chambers Park, and that both would be open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Commissioner John Garcia said he was not in favor of beer in the park

because it was so close to three churches which would be having services that morning.

Commissioner Josh Dechant said he thought it was a good idea, and asked if it should be set up for all city parks to allow beer with a special permit with the approval of the commission.

Mayor Rick Billinger said he thought it was something to consider since there were already two exceptions to the ordinance.

In other business, the commission will:

- Consider an ordinance raising electrical and water tap fees to pay the cost of the meters, and possibly the labor to install them.

- Consider an ordinance updating the traffic regulations and incorporating by reference the 2006 edition of the Standard Traffic Ordinance for Kansas Cities.

- Consider a resolution to apply for planning money for Kansas Safe

Routes to School projects in Goodland through the state Department of Transportation. The federal program can be used for safety issues at elementary and junior high schools.

- Hear a presentation from Trevor Linton of First National Bank about a city employee retirement plan.

The commission meets at 5 p.m. on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th. To enter, push the button on the west wall inside the first set of doors.