

weather
report

71°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:18 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:18 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 74 degrees
• Humidity 42 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds northwest at 21 mph
• Barometer 30.08 inches
and rising
• Record High 106° (1970)
• Record Low 43° (1985)

Last 24 Hours*

High 82°
Low 62°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 55 to 60, winds southeast 5 to 15 mph. Tomorrow: partly sunny, 20 percent of thunderstorms, high near 80, southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Thursday: dry, highs near 80 to 85, lows near 60.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon Prices

Wheat — \$2.33 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.17
Loan deficiency payment — 28¢
Corn — \$1.74 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.84
Loan deficiency prmt. — 15¢
Milo — \$2.47 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.86 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.89
Loan deficiency payment — \$1
Millet — \$4 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.35 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$2.07
Oil new crop — \$7.65 cwt.
Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$13 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain,
Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op
and Prairie Pea and Bean.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.

Two rescued
from flood

McLOUTH — With the rain hammering their slickers Sunday night, firefighters in a rescue boat reached two people trapped between rising creeks in northeast Kansas and brought them to safety.

About 50 miles to the northwest in Nemaha County, emergency workers piled sandbags around homes as the Nemaha River crept up their lawns.

Heavy rains, sometimes falling more than an inch an hour, crossed the state Sunday, raising creeks and causing widespread flash flooding, the National Weather Service said. No injuries were reported.

The two trapped between the creeks had tried to drive across a water-covered road north of Kansas 92 near McLouth, north of Lawrence, and their car either stalled or was swept away, stranding them on a narrow strip of land.

Early morning
wreck claims life

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

A fatal accident in the early hours of Saturday claimed the life of Goodland resident Gary Neville.

The accident happened sometime between midnight Friday and 6:30 a.m. Saturday on southbound Road 11, about 1/2 mile south of Road 54.

Neville apparently lost control of his vehicle going into a curve, said Sheriff Doug Whitson. The vehicle rolled over and landed on top of Neville.

It is not apparent if Neville was thrown from the vehicle, said Whitson.

"He could have been going a little too fast going into the curve," he said, "we won't be sure until the test results are in."

Whitson also said the weather service indicated that there could have been fog in the area, but that no one else had passed by that area at that time to confirm or deny it.

Neville apparently was headed

home, the accident occurred about two miles south of his home.

Stan Purvis was the first to discover the accident early Saturday morning, he called the Sheriff's office around 6:40.

"There was no alcohol found at the site", said "Whitson, and the test results aren't in at this time."

Neville was born in St. Francis and graduated from school there. He moved to Goodland and attended the Northwest Kansas Technical School, completing the Diesel Mechanics course in 1997.

After graduating he worked on Dennis Shank's farm.

Neville was born July 15, 1955, in St. Francis, the son of Robert Wayne and Lou Ann (Shirley) Neville.

He is survived by two children, Michael Paul and Kori Lynn, both of Watson, Colo; his mother, two brothers, Keith Neville, Benkelman, Neb., and Kevin Neville, Dallas,; and a sister, Carla Phillips, Globe, Ariz.

City audit unveils
impressive results

By Keith Lippoldt

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland's 1998 audit report shows spending was held below budget in each department of the general fund, increasing a city surplus which has grown to over \$8 million.

Jim Von Feldt, a certified public accountant with VonFeldt, Bauer and Von Feldt of Larned, summarized the findings to city commissioners at their meeting Monday.

"This proves that the City of Goodland has good money managers," Von Feldt said to the commissioners. "You should be proud of the staff that you have and be proud of the job that they have done."

For the year ending Dec. 31, the city had budgeted \$2,388,225 for the general fund. During that same year, the departments under the general fund — including fire, police, public works and other general service — spent a combined \$1,964,286, or \$423,000 under budget. The surplus came from an increase over projected revenues, interest on investments and by watching expenditures closely, said Goodland City Manager Ron Pickman. That money is then carried over, providing revenue cushion for the next year.

"Each year we try to increase this figure," Pickman said. "Our job is to manage in the most efficient way and still take care of necessary projects."

Since 1992, Goodland has seen a dramatic increase in cash reserves. In 1992, the city had just over \$2 million.

After 1997, unencumbered cash — basically the city's savings account — stood at \$7,407, 261. This figure has continued to grow to \$8,324,321.

Goodland City Clerk Mary Volk said that this money has grown through interest on investments.

"This looks like a lot of money but most of it is already committed to projects," she said. "We are able to do more projects without having to increase the tax burden significantly."

The 2000 budget will be approved by August and several factors must be weighed out while figuring dollar needs. Among these factors are weather, construction, general trend of the economy and legislative mandates.

"Weather is a factor because if we have a cool, wet spring people don't need to run the air conditioning or water their lawn," Pickman said. "When there is construction taking place, less money is being spent because people can't get around as well. We also have to try to forecast economic conditions. Legislative decisions may have more impact than any other factor. A lot of times those decisions are made after the budget has been approved."

The goal of Pickman, Volk and all other department heads is to get enough funds in reserve to where the city could operate for 30-60 days in an emergency situation.

"We're not there yet, but we are a lot closer than we were in 1994 (when the reserve was near \$3 million)," Pickman said.

Head first



Tanae Garrett dives off the low board at the Goodland Pool Friday. She was attending the level five swimming lessons at the pool.

Photo by Charlie Baker/Goodland Daily News



Cy Paxton, gave Jimmy, a golden Labrador mix, a drink of water at the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter's "Dog Day of Summer" on Saturday. He was helping his mother, Lisa Paxton, who is a foster care giver for the shelter.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

'Dog Day' of Summer provides
animals a chance for adoption

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

It was a warm morning, and more than a dozen dogs were scattered about under the trees for some shade.

Neatly groomed and ready for adoption, with collars on and their leashes attached to stakes, some were lying down, while others were either walking around or being petted.

Signs pounded into the ground told their names, ages, breeds and other information. Water bowls and biscuits were available. Their "foster care" givers were close at hand and the friendly pooches were accepting of any visitor's attention.

And while only one found a home during the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter first "Dog Day of Summer" on Saturday, two had already been given away during promotion for the event.

It was a time to give people an opportunity to see the dogs that are available for adoption, animals which either had been rescued or given up by their owners for various reasons.

The event was held at the shelter's future building site, the old roadside park) on the east edge of Goodland

along Business U.S. 24. There were 14 dogs at the site, though that's not all that the shelter has to be adopted. The shelter has a harder time getting people to adopt the larger dogs, so they were the ones that were shown on Saturday.

The shelter, unique in that it is run entirely by volunteers who keep adoptable animals at their homes, had never attempted something like this before. The dogs, mostly males, normally don't get along the greatest, but it worked out well, said Jamie Helmut, board member and organizer of the event.

Sandy Rodgers, chairman of the foster care committee, said she had some reservations about how the event would go, but she was very pleased with the result.

"I was just so pleased at the dogs," she said. "The dogs didn't act aggressively."

Rodgers said that the foster care givers do a good job of taking the dogs for walks and playing with them, so the animals are in as close to a home setting as they can be while waiting for adoption.

"Everything we have now would make a good pet," Rodgers said. "They are all adoptable. Our intention is to never send any out that aren't."

The shelter tries to have all the animals either spayed or neutered before adoption, depending on time and finances. But if not done, then one of the conditions for adoption is that the family agrees to have the surgery performed, so as not to contribute to the overpopulation of pets.

About 20-30 people showed up to see the dogs.

One female dog, a black labrador mix, about 5-6 months old, was adopted after the event, and the shelter found homes for two dogs before the show. Volunteers said they are happy with placing three in one week. In their first year, they have found homes for over 200 dogs and cats.

"We're all really pleased," Rodgers said, speaking for all the shelter board members. "It's very rewarding. It's a lot of fun. It's a lot of work, but we're getting more help."

Kathy Weis, owner of the Paw Wash, let the shelter use their facilities to get the dogs cleaned up on Friday.

Cutting just around the corner

By Keith Lippoldt

The Goodland Daily News

The combines are inching their way closer and, after a stressful spring and early summer, area farmers should soon be breathing easier with another wheat crop stored safely in the elevators.

Combines have been busy south and east of Sherman County the past few days but cutting in the county will not be in full swing until at least mid-week.

"We have had some wheat brought into our elevators in Brewster and Bird City, but nothing in Goodland yet," said Dale Hazuka, crop production manager for Frontier Equity Co-op in Goodland. "My first load may come in this afternoon, but I don't expect to be in full swing until Wednesday."

Audrey Hines of Continental Grain

of Colby says activity has been slow so far but that should be changing soon.

"We had a few light loads over the weekend but nothing much," she said. "We are expecting things to get going by Wednesday as long as we don't get any more rain."

Area farmer Doug Irvin is looking more towards the end of the week before he can get into his fields and start cutting.

"We still have some green in our fields," Irvin said. "I don't know exactly when I might get into the fields. It depends on how hot it gets and if it stays dry. It will probably be Thursday or Friday at the earliest."

The Goodland area received anywhere from .20 of an inch of rain at the airport to .30 of an inch south of town. The forecast is calling for a slight chance of thunderstorms today and Tuesday with highs in the low 80s. The National Weather Service is predicting dry weather on Wednesday

Thursday with highs of 85 and another chance of thunderstorms Friday and Saturday with highs around 90. The 6-10 day outlook is calling for normal temperatures with above-normal precipitation.

"I saw some combines running north and south of town," said Lynn Hoelting of Mueller Grain. "The wheat does look good. Now if we can just get by the next week to 10 days, we will be in good shape."

