

weather report

72° at noon



Today

- Sunset, 8:16 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 5:29 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:15p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 82 degrees
- Humidity 55 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds north at 20 mph
- Barometer 30.21 inches and rising
- Record High 105° (1938)
- Record Low 45° (1959)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 97°  
Low 65°  
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low 55 to 60, north winds 5 to 15 mph.  
Saturday: sunny and dry, low mid 50s, high mid 80s, north winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Monday: dry, lows near 60, highs in the 90s.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.02 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.94
- Loan deficiency payment — .51¢
- Corn — \$1.44 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.54
- Loan deficiency prmt. — .45¢
- Milo — \$1.98 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$3.47 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.44
- Loan deficiency payment — \$1.45
- Millet — \$4 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt.
- Loan deficiency prmt. — \$2.36
- Oil new crop — \$7.00 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. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Critics delay next execution

STARKE, Fla. — As electricity coursed through the body of Allen Lee Davis, blood gushed from the mask covering his face, poured over his collar and chest and then oozed through the buckle holes on the chest strap holding him in Florida's brand-new electric chair. The execution horrified death penalty critics, who moved to protect other condemned inmates from what they called the barbarity of Florida's electric chair. "His death was neither instantaneous nor painless," read a petition to the state Supreme Court that won a delay of the next execution. "It was certainly the kind of 'savagage and inhuman' spectacle forbidden by the Eighth Amendment." The high court delayed Thomas Provenzano's execution, which was scheduled for today, until Sept. 14.

Police acquiring nice bike selection

By Keith Lippoldt

The Goodland Daily News

If you have come up missing a bicycle in the past year or so, chances are the Goodland Police Department may have it their storeroom.

The department has 22 unclaimed bikes that have been found abandoned in alleys, bushes or in yards. Most presumably have been stolen, but, the police have no cases pending that match these bikes.

"We have bikes that ranging in all sizes, kinds, colors and price ranges," said Police Chief Ray Smee. "We have been matching up reports with bikes and we haven't been able to place many."

One match was made Thursday morning. Tamara and Adrienne West discovered their bicycles missing on Saturday and they quickly reported the loss. The girls were notified Thursday of a possible match to one of the bikes that had been found abandoned in a back yard on the 1400 block of Kansas Avenue.

Escorted by their grandpa, Fred Kirby, they were met at the holding facility at the airport, where bicycles was identified.

After filling out the proper paper work, the bike was returned to its owner.

Leann Taylor of the Municipal Court office said that 18 bicycles have been reported stolen in 1999. Of those, four have been recovered and returned to their owners.

"If you have a bike stolen, you need to contact us," Smee said. "If a bike is found and we don't have record of it,

we can't contact the owners. We have a lot of them in storage right now and we are running out of space."

Just Wednesday, an officer found three bicycles abandoned in an alley on the 400 block of Center Street, but nobody has called to report them missing.

Smee recommends that people record all pertinent information about a bicycle and store it in a safe place.

"It is just like any other property you have," he said. "You need to write down the make, model, color and serial number and put it in a safe place. You should do that with everything, televisions, firearms or anything else that is valuable."

"You need something to give to law enforcement."

A perfect example of this practice came into play last weekend, the chief said, when a law enforcement agency in Texas contacted the Goodland Department with information about a stolen gun.

The gun, reported missing seven years ago, was still on the 'hot sheet,' allowing the owner to be found.

Police are still investigating several reports of stolen bicycles and, as with any case, would appreciate a call if anyone has any information.

If you do not want your name to be made public, contact the Goodland Area Crimestoppers "Look Line" at 899-5665. If the information you give results in an arrest or conviction of those involved, you could be eligible for a reward of up to \$1,000.

In the meantime, if you have a bicycle, missing, call the department at 899-4570. They may just have it.



Goodland Police Cpl. Bill Fulcher got a bicycle from the storage facility Thursday morning to return it to Tamara West (left of door). Her bike, along with another, had been reported missing on Saturday. With Tamara were here brother Ray (far left), sister Adrienne (far right), Grandpa Fred Kirby (inside door) and Job Corps worker Emmanuel Young (back middle).

Photo by Keith Lippoldt/The Goodland Daily News

Trusses, joists finally arrive at fieldhouse

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

At last the steel floor joists and roof trusses have arrived for the Max Jones Fieldhouse addition, and workers have begun setting them in place after a nearly three-week delay.

Delivery dates have been scheduled and missed since around June 20, said school Superintendent Marvin Selby.

The steel workers who are installing the big, heavy pieces, are from Garden City, and had to go home to find other work to fill in while awaiting delivery of the steel.

"When we got word from the manufacturer that the steel was on its way," said Selby, "the (steel) crew called the company that is hauling it to find out that it was indeed on its way."

The steel arrived Thursday, and the crew used an 85-foot crane to unload the trusses. They will use the crane to place the 60-foot trusses on the weight room and dressing rooms, then they will return to Garden City until the block work on the auditorium building is complete and ready for the trusses.

As soon as the trusses are put in, the plumbers and electricians will be able to get inside to complete their work. The heating and air conditioning equipment are on site and can also be installed as soon as the roof goes on.

The weight room floor will be covered with thick mats. These 90-pound mats have been delivered and are in storage until the facility is ready and they can be laid in.



Workers from Panhandle Steel unloaded the long-awaited steel trusses for the Max Jones Fieldhouse addition Thursday. The 85-foot crane can handle up to 60 tons, so the 6,000-pound pieces were a breeze.

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Koss will continue with I-70

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Koss Construction of Topeka has won the bid for the eastbound lanes of I-70 from Goodland to Edson, and the firm is working with the state to see if the project can be completed this year.

Donna Binning, construction engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation, said Thursday that no decision had been made about whether the second half of the I-70 project can be started this season. Koss is halfway done paving the westbound lanes.

"The department has not made a decision on this yet, but we are looking at the possibility," Binning said. "We expect to make a decision on whether we will allow the contractor to proceed with the eastbound lanes next week."

A proposal to begin the eastbound project this fall has been sent to the state, said Bill Montgomery, Koss Construction office manager in Goodland. He said the plan would be to complete the westbound lanes and then begin the removal of the concrete and grading on the eastbound lanes, with work continuing over the winter.

"The concrete plan would be to finish the eastbound lanes in the early spring, weather permitting," he said.

State plans had called for the opening of the westbound lanes this fall, and keeping the eastbound lanes intact until spring, when they would be replaced in much the manner as the westbound has been done this year. That way, the freeway would be open for four-lane traffic through the winter. Chriss McDiffett, district engineer for the transportation department, says he worries about allowing head-to-head two-way traffic in bad weather.

While the Koss plan would involve two-way traffic over the winter, construction would continue and the full project would be completed by early next summer.

Montgomery agreed it costs quite a bit to move the large concrete paving machines this year and bring them back in the spring, but says since Koss has their own fleet of trucks, moving equipment is just part of doing business. "We do this all the time," he said.

Included in the project will be re-

Goodland celebrating Bastille Day Wednesday

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

What is Bastille Day and why are we celebrating it here on Wednesday?

It's a long story, but you can get coffee and a donut if you want to hear it.

Sherman County's Bastille Day celebration, which is being organized by the Goodland Ambassadors, will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the county jail, with coffee and donuts for the public.

Bastille Day is the great national holiday of France, corresponding to our Independence Day. It is celebrated on July 14, because on that day in 1789 the people of Paris rose up against the monarchy of Louis XVI and took the

Bastille by storm. Its capture symbolized the new spirit of freedom which swept through France and led to the formation of a popular government.

Bastille is the French word for a strongly fortified structure. Charles V built the Bastille of Paris around 1370 as a city fortress. Later it was used as a prison for people who displeased the kings or their courts. Consequently, when the French Revolution began, the first thing the people did was storm the Bastille and free the political prisoners.

The reason we have a Bastille in Goodland goes back to World War I. A man by the name of John Toelkes was stationed in Paris and while he was

there, he visited the Bastille.

Toelkes came to Goodland in 1924 and went to work for the Goodland Police Department in 1937. At that time the jail was an older structure than what you see today. When Toelkes became sheriff in 1944, he had painted on the building the name, "Sherman County Bastille."

Eventually, that building got too old and in 1972, the Sherman County commissioners had a new Bastille built. They wanted to use the same name, but the surface of the new facility was hard to paint on.

So, some people in Sherman County, came up with the idea to make a sign to

put by the building, which said Sherman County Bastille - Sheriff's Dept.

In 1989, when Sherman County celebrated the 200th birthday of Bastille Day at the Bastille here, the massive wooden sign seen today was dedicated. It was built by Lavern Nelson, and the letters on it were engraved by Dick Brock, both of rural Goodland.

Two years ago, Doug Whitson, present Sherman County Sheriff; Cary Amos, a detention officer; and one of the inmates moved the sign from where it was originally placed at the southwest corner of the building to the right of the front doors where it would be more visible.