

weather  
report

89°  
at noon

Today

• Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:33 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 80 degrees

• Humidity 36 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds south at 18 mph

• Barometer 29.82 inches and rising

• Record High 106° (1925)

• Record Low 52° (1990)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 97°

Low 69°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 60 to 65, south winds 15 to 25 mph.

Friday: partly sunny, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high near 90, east winds at 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday through Sunday: chance of thunderstorms, lows near 60, highs near 90.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$1.98 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.87

Loan deficiency payment — .58¢

Corn — \$1.64 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.54

Loan deficiency pmt. — .45¢

Milo — \$2.05 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.62 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.60

Loan deficiency payment — 1.29¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.36

Oil new crop — \$7 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.

Rail hopper admits guilt

HOUSTON (AP) — The rail-hopping fugitive who triggered one of the largest manhunts in recent history abandoned his alias and appeared anxious to acknowledge guilt — even before prosecutors accused him of a ninth slaying.

Police say Angel Maturino Resendez has not confessed to any killings. But the 39-year-old Mexican drifter seemed resigned Wednesday after Harris County prosecutors described a bloody killing during a bail hearing.

“Can all this be done very quickly so I can say I’m guilty?” Maturino Resendez asked District Judge William Harmon, who told him no plea could be taken yet and denied bond.

It was unclear whether Maturino Resendez was specifically addressing the burglary charge or the more serious allegations against him.

# Reunion is starting to ‘baseball’

By Keith Lippoldt  
The Goodland Daily News

In what was originally perceived to be a small reception has snowballed, make that baseballled, into a full-scale reunion.

In conjunction with the newest display at the High Plains Museum, “Goodland Baseball in the 1940s and 1950s,” officials from the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, the Sherman County Historical Society and the museum had planned a gathering of former players.

The response has been overwhelming to say the least, including positive replies from at least five former major leaguers.

“We didn’t really know what to expect,” said Judy Siruta, assistant director of the convention and visitors bureau. “We already have 65 confirmed RSVPs and we expect that number to grow. The response has been great.”

So far, Siruta has received messages from former players who now live in Kansas, Colorado, Montana, Maryland and New York. Former Major League players Lennie Green, Paul Distefano, Ollie Leiker, Jack Labonde and Paul Ciberay are among those attending.

In an era when baseball was king, as many as 10 teams were playing at one time, eight in the county plus the Goodland Tigers, who had former New York Yankee player and manager Billy Martin on their roster, and the Goodland Bears. One-time rivals will now have the opportunity to sit down and visit with each other and rehash old times.

A mailing list was compiled with the help of the Historical Society, and former player Jim Erfurdt, now of Denver, was especially helpful because he had several detailed scrapbooks of articles from when he played.

“Anybody who played during the 1940s and 1950s is invited,” Siruta said. “We sent out several hundred invitations but if you know of somebody who was missed, please tell them that they are invited. We have had several names added to the list since we started this.”

The organizers have scheduled the reunion for Sunday, Aug. 15, at the museum, beginning at 2 p.m. Two large canopies, donated by the First National Bank of Goodland, plus 200 chairs will be set up outside the museum for the afternoon festivities.

Several activities are planned including a flag ceremony by local Boy Scouts, the National Anthem by local performer Julie Mann, a first pitch ceremony by the oldest pitcher and catcher in attendance and the introduction of players as well as a refreshment table.

“This is the first time we have done something for this age group and they are getting so involved,” Siruta said.

The public is invited and welcome. There will be no charge for the activities but donations are welcome at the museum. For information, call Siruta at (888) 824-4222 or 899-3515.

# Church benefits from Eagle rank

By Janet Craft  
The Goodland Daily News

Alex Evert, 17, is working toward earning his Eagle Scout rank. It’s the highest rank attainable for a boy in the Boy Scouts organization. It’s been 10 years, since any Boy Scouts have earned this rank in Goodland.

Nearly two years ago, when Alex reached the Life rank, which is the rank just below Eagle Scout, he started thinking of what kind of project he could do to earn this rank.

With the help of his parents, Steve and Marcia Evert, Alex decided to put in a handicapped accessible entrance at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. They decided to do this because Alex’s mother knew that Father Daryl Olmstead, priest at the church, had helped other scouts with their Eagle Scout projects, where he had lived before.

Churches aren’t required by the American Disabilities Act to have handicapped accessible entrances, but Evert thought it would make it nice for anyone coming to church who was in a wheelchair.

Before Evert could get started on the project, it had to be approved by his Scoutmaster, who is Dennis Saint; the Troop #142 committee; and the District Advancement Chairman in Colby, who is Bill Weishaar.

After Weishaar approved the project, then Evert could start the work, whenever he was ready to. However, one requirement was that the project

had to be completed by his 18th birthday. For Evert that would be Nov. 6.

As far as Evert knows, there is no limit on how much the project could cost. The scout just needs to know how it will be paid for. In Evert’s case, the church will be paying for the project. But some scouts have had to raise the money to pay for their projects.

The scout can either do the work on the project or have it hired done. Evert chose to do the work, because as he said, “I thought it would save the church money and I would get more recognition with the church.”

The handicapped ramp will be located at the east entrance of the church. It will be on the south half of the sidewalk, with an aluminum handrail in the middle. The north half will not be wheelchair accessible and will have a four-inch step at the end of the six-foot landing in front of the double doors.

Concrete from the existing sidewalk was broken out Tuesday by Evert, his father, and some other scouts, with a jackhammer, which was rented from Rhoads Construction. On Wednesday, the forms were built, and sand was spread in preparation for pouring the new concrete.

Conduit was also put down, in case the church would like to install an automatic door opener in the future. The handrail will be put in later.

After the work is completed, Evert will have to summarize his project and send that information along with his application to the District Advancement



Alex Evert (back) and David Russell, both Boy Scouts, shoveled sand into the forms where concrete will be poured, for the new handicapped ramp at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church. Evert is doing this project to earn his Eagle Scout rank in Boy Scouts.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

ment Chairman, who then sends it on to the Coronado Area Council Boy Scouts of America in Salina. From there, the information will go to the National Boy Scouts of America in Texas. If Evert receives approval from all three of these places, then he will receive his Eagle Scout rank.

When Evert was asked if he was excited about his achievement, he said, “kind of excited, but glad to be getting done.” He remarked that it would look good on a college data sheet.

“Being dedicated enough and doing it,” he said.

# The ‘wrong fish’ causing problems

By Charlie Baker  
The Goodland Daily News

Lots and lots of fish doesn’t seem like it would be a problem, but when they are the wrong kind, and all of them small, then it does become a problem.

The board that oversees Smoky Gardens, in cooperation with the Kansas State Fish and Wildlife agency, have found just that situation at the lake.

“Over the past several years we have noticed a serious lack of bigger fish at the lake,” said board member, Kenny Sanderson.

Board members and biologists have been surveying those fishing at the lake to see what kind and the size of fish being taken.

They have also electro-shocked the lake, which is zapping the water with electricity that temporarily stuns the fish and makes them float to the surface.

“What we have is a very large concentration of small game fish,” said Sanderson. “There are also a lot of carp,” he said, “which is not good for the lake either.”

The facts indicate that the lake is suffering from the fishing pressure, said Sanderson. “People are taking under-



The feeder at Smoky Gardens that board members hoped would attract mostly carp, so far, has done the opposite. But, members hope as the water warms, the carp will become more aggressive and take the feeder over, allowing them to put the poison pellets in the feeder and control the carp population.

Photo by Keith Lippoldt/The Goodland Daily News

size fish,” he said, “they have to be taking everything they catch.

“When we electro-shocked the lake last month, there were only two bass over 15 inches,” he said. “That was out of 300 bass.”

The numbers are similar for the channel catfish also, said Sanderson. There are an abundance of smaller fish, but hardly any fish even close to the legal limit. “About 90 percent of the fish we saw were under 10 inches,” he said.

To control the carp, they decided to install a fish feeder that they hoped would attract mainly carp. Then, about once a week, they would put poison food in the feeder to eliminate the carp.

After feeding the fish for three weeks, they shocked the water, and found that there were mostly game fish feeding there, said Sanderson.

“We hope as the water warms, and the carp become more active, they will take over the feeders and drive the game fish away,” he said. “Then we will be able to poison the carp, and not be in danger of losing many game fish.”

Another type of control the board is considering is a carp derby. “We would like to have a small entry fee,” said Sanderson, “there would be prizes given for the biggest carp caught.

“We could use the money to stock the lake and eliminate some of the carp problem at the same time.”

Sanderson said they would like to do the derby around the third week of August, but nothing definite has been set yet.

The board has placed about 40 cedar trees in the lake to increase habitat for the fish. They also plan to remove about 50,000 to 75,000 cubic yards of silt from the lake bottom. They hope to have that done by fall, said Sanderson.

“I hope that everyone appreciates the job our grounds keeper, Bob McClure, is doing,” said Sanderson.

“He has done a great job it just gets better every year. It used to be all weeds, now he has planted grass all around. “It really looks fantastic.”

# Stop, in the name of the law

If your travel plans take you around the intersection of 16th and Cattletrail take note of some new stop signs recently installed at the intersection.

In the past, the intersection had stop signs for traffic traveling north and south. For the next 30 days the intersection will be converted into a four-way

stop. After 30 days the traffic moving north, south and west will have to stop but the vehicles headed east off of K27 will not have to stop.

The Goodland Police Department wants you to be aware of the new signs and alert you to the fact that they will be ticketing violators.

# Boston changes quota plan

BOSTON (AP) — The city that became a national emblem of fury over court-ordered busing has decided to stop using racial quotas in determining which schools children attend.

The Boston School Committee’s 5-2 vote came 25 years after the city erupted in violence over an order to desegregate public schools.

The order ignited huge protests,

staining the city’s reputation as white parents hurled rocks and epithets at buses that brought black children into their neighborhoods, then refused to let their own attend black schools.

A federal judge had ruled then that Boston discriminated against black children. But a quarter-century later, a federal lawsuit accuses the city of discriminating against whites.

# Lemonade brigade



Alicia (left to right) and Christy Studer, and Kali Rietcheck, operated a lemonade stand on the corner of 13th Avenue and Caldwell. The girls, who had sold some 30 glasses of the cool refreshment, said they set their stand up every once in a while, when they aren’t busy with their other summertime activities.

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