

weather
report

90°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:11 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:36 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 76 degrees
• Humidity 37 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds south at 10
• Barometer 30.07 inches
and falling
• Record High 106° (1934)
• Record Low 52° (1950)

Last 24 Hours*

High 92°
Low 65°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, low near 65, south winds 5 to 15 mph .

Tuesday: partly sunny, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 90 to 95, south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Friday: dry, lows near 65 to 70, highs near 95.
(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$1.97 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.86
Loan deficiency payment — .59¢
Corn — \$1.62 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.51
Loan deficiency pmt. — .48¢
Milo — \$2.01 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.57 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.54
Loan deficiency payment — 1.35¢
Millet — \$4 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.85 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.62
Oil new crop — \$6.90 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.

Two soldiers
killed in accident

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP)— In the first deaths of American peacekeepers in Kosovo, two U.S. soldiers were killed and three suffered minor injuries when their armored personnel carrier overturned, a spokesman for the peace-keeping force said today.

The identities of the soldiers were not immediately released. Under a peace accord, Serb forces pulled out of the province and alliance troops began moving in last month.

Lt. Commander Louis Garneau, a spokesman for KFOR, the international peacekeeping force, said the accident occurred Sunday about nine miles west of Gnjilane, the southeastern Kosovo town where U.S. forces are based.

Officials said the two soldiers died of their injuries after the accident, in which their armored vehicle overturned after losing a track.

Divers search waters for JFK, Jr.

AQUINNAH, Mass. (AP)— With the flag still flying at full staff at the Kennedy compound, divers set out in boats today and a high-tech vessel scoured the ocean floor for the wreckage of the plane that carried John F. Kennedy Jr., his wife and her sister.

Divers planned to search at least two locations pinpointed by the Rude, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration research vessel with side-scan sonar.

Ten state police divers in gray shirts and blue shorts boarded two boats about noon at Menemsha Harbor, on the west end of Martha's Vineyard. A third vessel left carrying air tanks and dive suits. "We're on our way out," said state trooper Blake Gilmore, a dive team leader.

In Hyannis Port 30 miles from Menemsha, Ethel Kennedy and other relatives remained in seclusion today at their compound. They celebrated Mass again and kept the flag at full staff a day after the Coast Guard changed its mission from "search and rescue" to "search and recovery."

In the waters off the Vineyard this morning, visibility was about a mile, less than the previous two days because of thick haze and fog. Seas were calmer, however, with waves 2 to 3 feet, compared with 10- to 12-foot seas on Sunday.

The search, which has covered almost 9,000 square miles, produced no major finds Sunday but

authorities were focusing on "a couple of targets" identified by the Rude's sonar. Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabee said.

"These are simply potential targets and don't necessarily represent an aircraft or part of it," he said. He said the targets were in water 60 to 80 feet deep. The Coast Guard wouldn't say whether the Rude (pronounced Rudy) had found anything else overnight.

Late Sunday, the Coast Guard announced it was now conducting a "search and recovery" mission, meaning the three on the plane were presumed dead.

"I have spent some very painful moments with the families tonight," Larrabee said. "I think they understand. They have been very appreciative of what we have been trying to do."

The plane piloted by Kennedy, 38, and carrying his wife, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy, 33, and her sister Lauren Bessette, 34, was reported missing early Saturday.

Kennedy took off from New Jersey on Friday night on a trip to his cousin Rory's wedding Saturday on Cape Cod. The plane was to make a stop on Martha's Vineyard to drop off Lauren Bessette before continuing to the Cape.

The wedding was postponed after the plane was reported missing.

Larrabee noted it would be difficult for a person

to survive more than 18 hours in the area's 68-degree waters.

"We know that the aircraft was not equipped with any survival equipment," he said.

Investigators had few clues. The search has turned up bits of debris, including a piece of Lauren Bessette's luggage, but no substantial wreckage. A radio signal that searchers had hoped was an emergency beacon from the plane turned out to be a false alarm.

As the nation agonized over the fate of the glamorous son of America's political royal family, hundreds of people used airplanes, boats and all-terrain vehicles to search for any evidence of the plane or its occupants.

The Kennedys stayed close to their Hyannis Port compound. Some walked on the beach Sunday afternoon. Ethel Kennedy, widow of Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, joined other family members who went boating.

Kennedy's sister, Caroline Kennedy, 41, waited out the search with her husband, Edwin Schlossberg, and their three children at their home on New York's Long Island.

She had been extremely close to her brother. As children together in the brief years of John F. Kennedy's administration, they were about 6 and 3 years old when their father, the nation's 35th president, was assassinated in 1963.

The disappearance of JFK Jr., publisher of George magazine, sparked the same type of emotional, around-the-clock news coverage that accompanied the death two summers ago of Princess Diana.

Mourners left flowers at the Brookline, Mass., birthplace of his father, at the John F. Kennedy Library and Museum in Boston and on the steps of John and Carolyn Kennedy's apartment building in New York City.

Some experienced aviators said that a relatively new pilot like Kennedy—who received his pilot's license last year—may have been ill-advised to fly at night, while others said it was routine.

A source friendly with the Kennedy family told The Associated Press that Kennedy had intended to fly earlier in the day, but his sister-in-law, an investment banker, had to work late.

Jim Hall, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, said Sunday the crash investigation could take six to nine months.

Linda Tilden, who was vacationing on Martha's Vineyard, remembers watching images of John F. Kennedy Jr. as a little boy in a short coat, saluting his father's casket in 1963.

Now she must explain to her two school-age daughters what happened to Kennedy, just as her parents explained the assassination of his father to her.

Budget
questions
facing
county

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

A number of people will appear, beginning at 8 a.m., Tuesday morning to discuss the year 2000 budget with the Sherman County Commissioners at their regular meeting.

The commissioners will talk to Bonnie Selby, newly hired as deputy county attorney with the resignation of Mike Irvin, about next year's budget for that office, and then they will talk to Terry Ballard, assessor who has questions about next year's budget.

It is possible representatives of the Heritage Group will be present to discuss upcoming projects, and there will be a request for money from the Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council.

Dave Warren of Chapman Securities will be present to present the resolution to move forward on the highway project and the bridge replacement project. The resolution will authorize the county to issue bonds for both these projects, and is expected to be about \$400,000 total.

The next regular county commission meeting will be 8 a.m., Friday, July 30, in the commission room on the first floor of the Sherman County courthouse.



Highway 24 between Edson and Goodland is starting its second childhood. Dustrol, Inc., a company out of Towanda, is completing its hot in-place recycling process. Three propane-fueled preheaters pass over the pavement and heat it up to over 300 degrees. The hot asphalt is broken up, ground up and mixed with an oil to rejuvenate the old material. The same machine then lays the rejuvenated asphalt down, and the highway is ready to be sealed.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

City chip seal project
set to begin on Monday

The City of Goodland's annual chip sealing program will begin Monday, July 26, according to Public Works Director Ed Wolak.

About one-third of the city streets receive this treatment each year Wolak said. People will be asked to keep their cars off the streets to be chip sealed as the crews move into the areas. At this time it is not known exactly where the contractor will begin, but he hopes to have more information by Friday.

Most of the streets are in the west and northwestern part of the city, but there are a few in the south and east portions.

This is a listing of the streets to be sealed:

16th Center to Cattletail; 15th Sherman to Cattletail; 14th Wyoming to Cattletail; 12th Center to Cattletail; 16th Caldwell to Broadway.

7th Washington to Eustis; 7th Main to Kansas; 8th Main to Kansas; 8th Kansas to Texas; 8th Texas to Cattletail.

9th Syracuse to Montana; 6th Washington to Harrison; 6th Arcade to Harrison; 6th Main to Caldwell; 6th

Center to Kansas.

14th Harrison to Alley; 4th Caldwell to Arcade; 4th Arcade to Eustis; 4th Broadway to Sherman; 2nd Caldwell to Kansas; 1st Kansas to Grand; 5th Caldwell to Kansas.

11th Harrison to Arcade; Harrison 8th to 10th; Harrison 10th to 13th. Broadway 6th to 8th; Broadway 16th to Tolkes Dr.; Broadway 10 to 15th.

Clark 1st to 2nd; Clark 5th to 6th; Clark 9th to 17th.

Texas 14th to 17th; Texas 8th to 14th.; Cherry 11th to 14th; Cherry 2nd to 7th.

Main 1st to 6th; Kansas 1st to 8th; Kansas 8th to 12th.

Wyoming 8th to 17th; Center 8th to 15th; Washington 5th to 6th; Washington 5th to 4h.

Sherman 11th to 15th; Sherman 3rd to 5th; Grand 1st to 2nd; Grand 12th to 16th.

Aspen - Poplar to 1st; Sycamore - Maple to Poplar; Maple Dr. - Aspen to Main; Poplar - Aspen to Acacia; Sandy Road; Power Plant; Public Works Lot.



Girls stranded on roller coaster for two hours

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP)— As rescuers worked to free them from a derailed roller coaster car dangling 35 feet above the ground, teen-agers Rachel and Robin waited quietly, possibly in shock.

They were strapped into seats of the Orient Express, the signature roller coaster of the Worlds of Fun amusement park, and for two hours Saturday night, they looked straight up at the cars above them and tried not to move.

"They were so quiet, I think they were in shock more than anything," said Kansas City Fire Department Battalion Chief Tommy Walker. "There wasn't any screaming, crying or hysterics."

The cause of the derailment appeared to be mechanical, but it was unclear whether the track or the train was defective, Daniel Keller, vice president and

general manager of the amusement park, said Sunday.

Thirteen people on the train, including the girls, were taken without serious injuries to area hospitals and were released by early Sunday. Park officials and Kansas City police declined to release names.

The last two cars of the seven-car Orient Express train derailed about 9:30 p.m. Saturday just as the train was decelerating from its trip and approaching the loading platform.

"It was this big jerk and a loud squeal," said Mary Kary Jones, who said she was in one of the cars. "It's a feeling that you never want to feel."

Fourteen passengers in the front five cars of the train were able to walk to safety, but the sixth car, which was empty, was off the track.

Rachel and Robin were dangling below it in the seventh car. Two people with them either fell from the car or jumped to the hillside below; accounts of Fire Department and park officials differ.

The girls waited in the forward seats of the last car as firefighters worked for two hours to carefully hook steel cables to the undercarriage of the train and secure it to the track.

Any movement could have caused the 2,500 pound cars to sway and further strained the tenuous coupling, firefighters said.

Once the cables were secured, firefighter Rick Carper climbed a 50-foot ladder, the top of it resting against the track. Capt. Todd Ackerson descended on a rope about 15 feet from the track to the girls.