

weather report

82° at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:57 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:47 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil Temperature 78 degrees

• Humidity 52 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds light and variable

• Barometer 29.88 inches and steady

• Record High 106° (1936)

• Record Low 48° (1931)

Last 24 Hours*

High 96°

Low 63°

Precipitation .17 on an inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low near 65, southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday: partly cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high near 95, northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday: dry, lows near 65, highs near 95.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.27 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.19

Loan deficiency payment — .26¢

Corn — \$1.78 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.83

Loan deficiency pmt. — .16¢

Milo — \$2.83 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.12 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.16

Loan deficiency payment — .73¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.74

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.

Five wounded; man surrenders

LAS VEGAS — The man who allegedly wounded five people at a Jewish community center in Los Angeles turned himself in today. A source said he confessed and called the shootings “a wake-up call” to kill Jews.

Authorities said Buford O. Furrow, 37, also would be charged in the slaying of a postal worker who was shot Tuesday near the community center.

FBI spokeswoman Julie Miller in Washington confirmed Furrow’s surrender.

The man who identified himself as Furrow said he took a cab from Los Angeles.

He told investigators “he wanted this to be a wake-up call to America to kill Jews,” the source said.

He walked into the office and said, “You’re looking for me; I killed the kids in Los Angeles.” The source said Furrow assumed he had killed some children there.

County schedules road trips

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

For four days next week, the Sherman County commissioners will be traveling county roads, inspecting those which were part of a plan to close little-used roads and talking to landowners who objected to about half those being closed.

The commissioners will visit a quarter of the county each day beginning Tuesday, with the roads in the northwest part of the county. On Wednesday, they will travel the roads in the northeast, Thursday the southeast and Friday the southwest part of the county.

“We will leave the courthouse at 8 a.m. each day,” said Commission Chairman Gary Townsend. “We will be trying to talk to the landowners who objected to each road closure, and we will be carrying a cell phone so we can keep in touch with the county clerk.

“If someone is trying to find us or contact us about a road, they can call the clerk and she will relay the information to us.”

Public Works Director Curt Way, who will accompany the commissioners, said objections have been received for about half the 275 miles of roads recommended for closing.

The commissioners will not make formal decisions about the roads during the four days of traveling, but after they have looked at each objection, they will schedule a date for consideration of a road closure resolution.

“We want to be fair to everyone,” Townsend said. “These can be very emotional for people and we want to assure them we are open minded and will listen carefully to the objections.

“As one recent caller who supported the road closure effort suggested, we will try to apply common sense in each case.”

Most objections were in the northwest part of the county and the fewest are in the southwest, based on the county’s list.

Kanorado seeks grant for fire truck

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

It won’t happen overnight, but the City of Kanorado hopes to take a step up in fire protection if Sherman County can get a grant to buy a used pumper truck.

Amy Griffey, of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, and Sherman County Rural Fire Chief Kenny Griffith attended a hearing before the county commissioners Tuesday seeking support for a grant application to buy a \$30,000 used fire truck.

Griffith said he has been looking at information on used pumpers and thinks a good one from the mid-1980s can be purchased for about \$30,000. He said the rural fire district will put about \$6,000 in to help pay the administrative costs of the grant.

With a fire truck stationed in Kanorado to cover fires in the city, Griffith said, the insurance rates for the property owners should be reduced. He said a talk with the regional representative of the insurance rating service indicated the fire rating would improve by a full class. Currently, Kanorado has a fire insurance rating of 8 and this addition would drop that to a 7, Griffith said.

The grant request is the first step, and it must be finalized by the end of this month, Griffey said. If the state approves the Community Development Block Grant, the process of finding the fire truck could begin around February.

Commissioner Kenny Davis asked if the rural fire district had the money to cover the 20 percent local share of the purchase, and Griffith said the money is available. Griffith said the district provides all the fire coverage for Kanorado, with citizens of that city paying special district taxes.

Griffith was asked if there are enough fire fighters in the Kanorado area to handle a rural fire and then a fire within the city itself. The chief said there were enough volunteer firemen to cover both, and that there were also mutual aid agreements with both Goodland and Burlington in case additional help was needed.

Fair moves into high gear



There’s fun for all ages

Northwest Kansas District Fairgoers enjoyed the day Tuesday between the showers. The livestock shows went on, though the rains caused a few delays in the horse show. The midway was busy with games and rides.

Photos by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Fair takes lots of effort, but there’s fun, too

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

The group is made up of eight men and three women. They put lots of time and effort into their job, but they also have some fun while they’re at it.

That’s a good thing, because the members of the Sherman County Fair Board, appointed by the county commissioners, don’t get paid at all. Having some fun and the satisfaction of a job well done are the only return they get.

The board members agreed that they all work well together and that everyone pitches in to help where needed. They get a lot of volunteers to help and their families are a big part of the help.

There are some tough things about the job, like no pay and long hours during fair week. But it also has its rewards.

President Steve Evert has been on the board the longest, 20 years, but he has only been president for 10.

“They listen to what I tell them to do,” Evert said about the board members.

Evert said the hardest thing about being on the board was the paperwork and the best thing is the camaraderie between the members.

Steve Duell, Brian Kling, Terry Taylor and Fritz Doke have all been on the board for 10 years.

Duell, vice president, said that you get up early to try to get your own things done and then head to town. During fair week, members try to get to the fairgrounds by 7:30 a.m. and get



home anywhere from 10 p.m. to midnight each night.

“We still have stuff to do at home and we’re here all week,” said Duell.

Kling, who helps organize the events for Family Fun Day, said they couldn’t do their job alone.

“Working with the kids is the best part of being on the fair board,” he said.

“For me it’s been a learning experience,” he said of being on the board. “As a kid, I came to the fair and didn’t have any idea what it all involved.”

Taylor, who also helps with Family Fun Day, along with doing whatever needs to be done, said that it’s hard to find time to help your own kids with their projects when you’re a board member. But the best thing for him is the kids.

“It’s just fun being around the kids,”

“Working with the kids and getting everything going, so they can exhibit or show their projects well,” is what Lohr likes about being on the board.

Lori Leonard, a five-year board member, said that it’s really not too hard. They have a good board that works together and they get the work done.

“It’s time consuming,” she said. “It’s a year-round thing and you don’t realize it. (You’re) on the phone a lot.”

Mike Cochran is putting in his fourth year as a board member. He is in charge of the Farm Equipment Show and the Antique Tractor Pull.

Trying to be three places at once is hardest about being on the board, he said, but the best thing is the Antique Tractor Pull.

David Dorn, a first year board member, said he helps where needed, including the Wild West Buckaroo Show.

Shawna Anderson and Colleen Smith have both been on the board for three years.

Anderson does mostly evening activities, as she works during the day.

Surviving a week with no sleep is tough, she said, but watching the kids’ faces when they get their ribbons, knowing all the hard work that goes into getting that, makes it worthwhile.

Smith, along with Leonard, has helped with the consumer booths in the Ag Building, since the board took it over in 1998. They have been able to fill it this year, as well as last.

“I love this time of year,” said Smith. “It’s so much fun.”

he said. “I tease the kids.”

He said the board members all have a sense of humor, which comes in handy when you’re four or five days into the fair.

Doke was in charge of the kid’s rodeo this year and fills in where needed.

“People need you in so many places at the same time,” he said, adding that they have such a good group that everything gets done in pretty good time.

Perry Lohr, who has been on the board for nine years, said they have good team work and have fun while working.