

weather report

72°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:46 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:58 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:45 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 76 degrees

• Humidity 49 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds variable at 6 mph

• Barometer 30.23 inches

and falling

• Record High 103° (1936)

• Record Low 51° (1941)

Last 24 Hours*

High 87°

Low 58°

Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low near 60, south

east winds 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday: sunny, high near 95,

south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: dry,

lows near 65, highs near 95.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.22 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.06

Loan deficiency payment — .39¢

Corn — \$1.65 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.65

Loan deficiency pmt. — .34¢

Milo — \$2.58 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.79 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.79

Loan deficiency payment — 1.10¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.55 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.62

Oil new crop — \$6.45 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.

Motion filed to release report

WICHITA—DeBruce Grain has filed a court motion seeking to force the release of a federal agency's report on alleged safety violations at an elevator that exploded last year.

The motion, filed Thursday in Washington, contends investigators with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration already have leaked much of the contents.

"DeBruce can't get the report, but they're giving it to everybody else. In effect, the barrier has been broken," said Dennis McCulloch, a spokesman for DeBruce.

In December, OSHA proposed a \$1.7 million fine against DeBruce for the June 8, 1998, explosion in Haysville, which killed seven.

An administrative court in March blocked release of the report and other activity in a civil complaint against DeBruce until the U.S. attorney in Wichita determines whether to file criminal charges.

Gibson's, Jubilee to close stores

Goodland will be losing one of its discount stores and its only supermarket in the next month or so as Jubilee and Gibson's close their stores.

The moves apparently will leave the Wal-Mart Supercenter as the only discount store and the only full-line grocery in town. Jubilee's parent company, Fleming Foods, also is closing its Boogarts store in Colby.

Gary Pauley, district manager for Boogarts, was in Goodland on Thursday to announce to Jubilee employees that Saturday, Sept. 4, will be the last day the store will be open. The Boogarts in Colby will also close on same date unless one or both of the stores is sold.

Jubilee is a part of Boogarts, a one-time Kansas chain now owned by Fleming Foods, a national wholesale

company whose home office is in Oklahoma City. The firm also has retail stores in several states.

Pauley said Fleming has restructured the company, and decided that the Concordia-based Boogarts chain does not fit into their long-range strategic plans.

"This was not something we wanted to do," said Pauley of the closing.

He said that the company is offering a severance package to full-time employees so they will stay and help close the stores. The store has about 15 full-time workers and about the same number of part-time workers.

"It is much more lucrative than most companies normally offer," he said.

He said that he was not aware of any definite offers to buy the store, but he

did know that there had been some interest.

Dave Kurpjuweit, Jubilee's store manager, was recruited by Boogarts nine months ago. He moved here from Boise, Idaho, to take the job. Kurpjuweit said he didn't know that the store was closing until 3 p.m. Thursday.

"I don't know what I'm doing after two weeks," he added.

The Jubilee store changed from the Boogarts name when the firm bought the old Safeway store downtown. It became the only supermarket in Goodland when Mossburg IGA closed last year. There has been rumors that the store would close or be sold for several weeks.

The story was similar at the area's oldest discount store. After several

weeks of rumors, employees at the Goodland Gibson's store the were called to a special meeting recently and told the store would be closing this fall.

Goodland Manager John Tamol would only say, "no comment," when asked about the closing. He referred questions to the Gibson's corporate office in Dodge City, but officials there did not return calls from *The Goodland Daily News*. The store has been advertising discounts on most merchandise, but the ads do not mention closing.

Apparently, however, as the store has been moving some merchandise to other Gibson's in the past few weeks.

The Goodland store is said to be among three of the 21 in the Gibson's group to close. One of the others is the LaJunta, Colo., store.

With the announcement of the upcoming closing, the 28 employees here are making decisions about their future, and many are seeking other jobs. The liquidation process will begin at Gibson's this week, and it is expected to last through September.

Rumors are rampant about what will happen to the building after the store closes. It is the only building in the chain owned by the corporation, which bought it when TG & Y went into bankruptcy several years ago.

Nearly two years ago, Gibson's sought bankruptcy protection by filing for Chapter 11 reorganization. In February, Gibson's completed the reorganization process and was released by the Federal Bankruptcy Court.

Grant money sought for demolitions

The Goodland City Commission will hold a public hearing on plans to seek up to \$100,000 in grant funds for demolition of more dilapidated commercial and buildings and houses.

Building Inspector Jerry Nemechek said the recent demolitions have sparked interest from landowners and the city wants to apply for money for more demolitions.

About \$10,000 from the current housing grant was used for demolition of several houses, and the final house of that grant was removed Friday.

Nemechek said he already had a list of 28 properties — both commercial and residential — which the landowners have said they would be like to have torn down with the grant funds.

Amy Griffey, of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission, said the city is seeking is a Community Development Block Grant rather than a housing grant, because it could also include demolition of commercial buildings which could not be done under a housing grant.

After the public hearing, the commission can authorize the mayor to sign a grant application to formally request the money.

City Manager Ron Pickman said he will present the commission with information on the cost and planning details for the proposed new swimming pool. He will be asking the commissioners whether they want to start the process this year or wait until next year. If the project is begun this year, it is possible the pool could be ready by the summer of 2001. Delaying probably means it would not be ready until 2002.

In other business, the commission:

- Will consider changing the next meeting date from Monday, Sept. 6, to Tuesday, Sept. 7, because of the Labor Day holiday.

- Hear an update on the noxious weed committee from Gene Tromble. He has not been able to meet formally with the Sherman County commissioners.

- Hear from a homeowner about a drainage problem on First Street between Caldwell and Eustis.

- Consider a request from the Kansas Recreation and Park Association for a donation to the Policy Endowment Fund, which is used to lobby for grant funds for recreation and park projects.

- Consider an agreement for updating the city's comprehensive plan at an estimated cost of \$30,000.

The next regular city commission



A brisk August morning greeted area farmers and sunflower salesmen today as they gathered for breakfast to start the Sunflower Celebration. The Ag Day portion of the celebration included talks on sunflower developments and included tours of nearby fields with different varieties. As a



backdrop to the tents housing various seed and equipment dealers, there was a large field of confectionery sunflowers (top) with Pioneer Seed varieties. Darren Rubottom (above left) of Mingo, set up his booth representing American Cynamid Co.'s crop protection department.

Saturday is full day for Sunflower Celebration

A day filled with games, contests, a parade and food is scheduled for Saturday's third annual Sunflower Street Festival, organized by the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce.

Events will begin at 8 a.m. with a farmer's market at the Rasure Do-It Center, 625 Caldwell.

At 8:30 a.m., there will be a best-dressed pet contest sponsored by Luci's Aquarium.

At 9 a.m., the crowning of the 1999 Sunflower queen and princess will take place in front of Collage Ltd. The event is sponsored by Rho Beta Sorority, Collage Ltd., and Mueller Grain.

Also at 9 a.m., an antique tractor show will take place at 1311 Main, in

front of Central School, sponsored by First Commerce Bank.

From 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and from 1 p.m. until 5 p.m. Sunday, the sunflower quilt show will be open at 1311 Main, in the school gym, sponsored by Garcia's Home Furnishing, Topside Office Products, and Uniques by Bonnie.

There will also be a sunflower competition of plants and arrangements under the tent on the west side at 11th and Main, sponsored by SIGCO Sun Products, and Northern Sun.

The Flatlander Flyers display of remote control airplanes will be at 9 a.m. at the old Schneider building at 11th and Main.

At 9:20 a.m., a best sunflower-decorated hat contest will be judged in front of Mann's Jewelry, sponsored by Cobblestone Floral and Garden. The winner will ride in the parade.

At 9:30, a best decorated bike contest will take place in front of Alco.

At 10 a.m. the Lookin' Good Yellow Vehicle parade will run from Eighth and Main down to 17th Street. The Goodland Ambassadors are the organizers.

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., the Carnegie Arts Center will display photographs from its "A Day In the Life of Sherman County" contest.

The remote-control car contest will take place on the east side of 11th and

Main after the parade.

The Sunflower Olympic games, sponsored by Western Insurance, will take place after the parade.

There will be a food court on the corner of 11th and Main.

Other games and contests will run throughout the day including:

- Bubble gum blowing contest, sponsored by Shanagan's.

- Guess the number of sunflower seeds, sponsored by Jan's Hallmark.

- Most rings on two hands, sponsored by Mann's Jewelry.

- Oldest piece of handmade linen, sponsored by Julie's Interiors.

- Lazyboy coloring contest, sponsored by Elliott's Furniture.

- Match-it contest, sponsored by Richardson's Homestead Realty.

- Sunflower photos will be taken at The Family Bookstore.

- Guess the number of lamps in the store, sponsored by Garcia's Furniture.

- Most sunflower items worn in a person's hair, sponsored by Klip 'N' Kurl.

- Guess the number of sunflower seeds, sponsored by Orscheln Farm Supply.

- Rotten sneaker contest, sponsored by Aten's Department Store.

- Piñata bashing, sponsored by First National Bank, will take place after the Sunflower Olympics and other contests have been completed.