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weather report

**81°
at noon**



Today

- Sunset, 7:33 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:08 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:31 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 74 degrees
- Humidity 37 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds east at 11 mph
- Barometer 30.16 inches and steady
- Record High 101° (1943)
- Record Low 38° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

High	86°
Low	59°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low near 50, north winds at 5 to 15 mph.
 Tuesday: sunny, high near 85, northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Thursday: dry, lows near 60, highs near 90.
 (National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.23 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.16
- Loan deficiency payment — .29¢
- Corn — \$1.57 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.64
- Loan deficiency pmt. — .35¢
- Milo — \$2.45 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.06 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.96
- Loan deficiency payment — .93¢
- Millet — \$4 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$6.80 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.87
- Oil new crop — \$6.70 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.

Volunteers help Kansas communities

ARKANSAS CITY — From as far away as Togo, volunteers are spending their summer helping south-central Kansas residents improve their homes, streets and centers.

He is one of 16 international volunteers participating in Arkansas City's second annual Volunteers for Peace Camp.

He is planting trees, cleaning up the town of Atlanta, Kan., and painting houses and a museum in Arkansas City. While he's at it, he's painting building in Udall.

The 16 volunteers helped Cowley County Community College students move into their residence halls for the start of fall classes.

They even helped Haysville tornado victims pick up the pieces of their shattered lives.

First half of old U.S. 24 project done

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The first half of the resurfacing and chip sealing of old U.S. 24 has been completed, and work is moving forward on the I-70 reconstruction, though the freeway job likely won't be done until next year.

Curt Way, county public works director, said today that plans are already in place for the second half of the old U.S. 24 project next summer.

He said the only part that has not been scheduled is the section on the east side of Goodland which is still owned by the city. He said this will take some engineering work but that it will be done after the road is officially transferred to the county.

The county has also been negotiating with the contractor on handling the chip sealing for the west half of the county and the possible need for some hot in-place recycling near Kanorado which would be similar to what was done at Edson.

In addition to chip sealing of the eastern half of old U.S. 24, Way said about five miles of Eighth Street out to Road 14 and then south for one and one-quarter mile, were also chip sealed as part of the bypass for the Caruso bridge replacement and the future bypass for when K-27 north is closed for reconstruction.

Although it appears Koss Construction is done with the concrete paving on the westbound lanes of I-70 all the way to Edson, and the Edson ramps have been completed, Donna Binning, construction engineer in Colby for the Kansas Department of Transportation, said it is unlikely the lanes will be opened to traffic before the beginning of October.

"There are a number of details that need to be completed and quite a bit of clean up before the lanes could be opened," she said. "The contractor has a cut-off date of Oct. 1 under the contract. The contractor has indicated it may take longer to finish the work than the contract ending date. They may get it all done before the cutoff, but certainly not any earlier."

Binning said Koss will not start on the concrete paving of the eastbound lanes of I-70 until after Labor Day. She said there are no plans to try to complete

any more than the four miles of the eastbound lanes this year. Paving will require closing eastbound ramps at the east and west Goodland exits for a few days each, but reconstruction of the ramps themselves is being put off until spring.

"Getting those four miles done will get us past the ramps, and make it a bit easier next year," Binning said.

Several other projects are expected to begin after Labor Day, Binning said.

There will be a pre-construction meeting Thursday in Colby to plan the Caruso bridge replacement project. Binning said this project, a joint effort of the state and Sherman County, could begin after Labor Day as well, but expects it to be closer to the end of September.

A patching project on I-70 from the state line to Goodland will begin after Labor Day, and there will be several days where traffic will be limited to one lane as the patching is done. Binning said after the patching is done, a special slurry seal will be put on the main lanes next spring. The patching is expected to take about a month, Binning said.

Dustrol, the company who did the hot in-place recycle project for Sherman County, will be back after Labor Day to do a similar project on K-27 north of Goodland, from the airport north to the county line. Binning said this is being done to preserve the road until the major replacement project which is expected to be done in two years. The recycling project should take about two weeks.

Also there is a guard rail improvement and replacement project currently underway between Edson and Brewster, Binning said. This is expected to be completed within a month.

Binning said the plan is to try to coordinate the replacement of the eastbound ramps at the west Goodland interchange (Exit 17) on I-70 with the K-27 project the city is planning from the south city limit north to the Business U.S. 24 intersection. This project has been delayed, but it may be let for bids in September.

"We will be busy in the Goodland area for about the next four to five years," Binning said. "Goodland will be surrounded by new roads when all the work is completed."



Workers for Koss Construction (above) are ripping out the old surface and preparing the ground for new paving as part of the resurfacing process of the eastbound lanes of I-70. Other crews are working on the deck of the I-70 overpass of Business U.S. 24 and two other bridges in the eastbound lanes.

Photos by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News



Rains slow quake rescue efforts; toll over 12,000

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — The skies over northwestern Turkey brought the mixed blessing of rain today, washing away dirt and dust that could carry disease but also bringing contaminated runoff from decomposing corpses into the streets.

The bad weather came as the government began to shift its efforts from rescuing the trapped to caring for the survivors of Tuesday's 7.4 magnitude quake. Foreign rescue workers began to leave as the government insisted it was in control of efforts to cope with the country's worst disaster in decades.

"Chances of survivors is diminishing hour by hour," said Joseph Utrecht, a Swiss rescue worker who was pulling out today.

Efforts by local searchers pressed on, including the rescue of a 4-year-old boy who spent 146 hours trapped in Cinarcik, 30 miles south of Istanbul.

"He is in good condition ... He asked

Bret plods across Texas

RIVIERA, Texas — A blustery shadow of its former self, Hurricane Bret was downgraded to a tropical storm today as it plodded across a sparsely populated swath of southern Texas.

The storm, the biggest hurricane to strike Texas in nearly 20 years, continued to drench the region with thunderous squalls today, but no injuries had been reported since Bret made landfall about 6 p.m. Sunday in Kenedy County.

"It sounded like a big jet engine was coming down on top of us. It was very scary," Jesse Salinas said in Sarita.

There was little structural damage in Sarita, a town of 460 people, but power lines and trees were down.

Up to 25 inches of rain fell by early today on the coastal plains of Kenedy County, where the average rainfall for a year is 29.7 inches.

for water and told us he is hungry," said Dr. Yusuf Bahadir, who was with the boy after he arrived for treatment in Istanbul.

The official casualty count crept higher today to 12,134 dead and 33,384 injured. Some politicians and relief leaders have estimated as many as 40,000 people may have perished and believe thousands of bodies are still entombed by rubble.

There were signs Turkey was preparing for the worst. The government asked the United Nations to help find 45,000

body bags, said Sergio Piazzini, head of the European desk at the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs in Geneva.

"We are shifting from the search and rescue phase to the acute emergency phase," said Piazzini. "But still we have hope to find some individuals alive."

Each astonishing survivor gave crews hope to press ahead.

One miraculous rescue came after a son dreamed his mother — left unable to walk or talk by a previous stroke — was

alive in the ruins, calling out: "Come save me!" Darcan Cetinol's dream drove him to urge rescuers to look for Adalet Cetinol, 57, who was found Sunday in what's left of Golcuk.

A 50-year-old woman was also pulled out Sunday by Turkish, Israeli and Bulgarian rescue teams.

Displaced survivors abandoned soggy blankets and mattresses in a desperate search for cover from the heavy rain.

The rain complicated efforts to clear the debris and continue looking for any-

one who defied the odds and survived more than six days in the ruins. Rain makes the wreckage heavier and increases the risk it could shift and topple onto rescuers.

Health officials feared the rain, which is forecast to continue for several days, would bring down toxins pumped into the sky by a huge fire that burned for days at Turkey's biggest oil refinery. Health Minister Osman Durmus urged people to evacuate the area near the refinery in Izmit, 90 miles southeast of Istanbul.

Evolution removed from textbook

Chemists want evolution taught

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — School officials in Kansas should require teachers to explain evolution and the origins of the universe, an organization representing 159,000 chemists and chemical engineers says.

The decision by the state Board of Education to remove those topics "is a giant step backward for Kansas and should sound an alarm for every parent, teacher and student in the United States," said a resolution passed unanimously Sunday by the American Chemical Society's board.

"On the eve of a new millennium, it has never been more important that modern views of science and technology are understood by all Americans," said president-elect Daryle H. Busch, a chemistry professor at the University of Kansas.

"As a Kansan, as a scientist and as an educator, I know our students deserve no less than that."

The society reaffirmed support of National Science Education Standards. "The National Science Education Standards present a balanced view of science, which embraces learning based on inquiry into all areas of science and challenges students to integrate discovery, evaluation and explanation," the resolution said.

"The real effect of the Kansas decision may not be felt until this generation of students reaches employment age and finds itself at a disadvantage, both in our nation and worldwide."

and Phyllis Jacobs Griekspoor. Tanner, who has covered history at *The Eagle* for 10 years, wrote the chapter on the state's prehistory.

What was to have been the first chapter has now been removed. Initial references to the coming of the Indians at the

end of that chapter will be moved into the second chapter, which will now start the book, Bean said.

Besides the inland sea and fossils, the first chapter dealt with how the state's oil and salt deposits, rocks and minerals were formed.

"We did want to set the scene for people living in Kansas, to show that it was an ancient sea at one time, that it has fossils and sediments that are now good growing land for wheat," Bean said.

He said future editions may include the deleted information — if Kansas puts evolution back into the state standards.

The foundation's decision has some people wondering about the long-term effect of the widely publicized 6-4 vote on new science standards that are to be used to develop statewide tests for Kansas students. The board made its controversial decision on Aug. 11.

The standards de-emphasize the theory of evolution, particularly the concept that species evolve over time into other species and that apes and humans had common ancestors.

"The next thing you know, we will be removing the Holocaust from history textbooks because it's objectionable to some people," said Bill Wagnon, a state Board of Education member from Topeka who supports keeping evolution in the science standards.

Mike Everhart, a paleontologist from Wichita, called it "a unique form of censorship."

"There is a whole body of knowledge out there that's going to be ignored," Everhart said.