

weather report

92°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:09 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:28 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil Temperature 76 degrees
- Humidity 23 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest at 15 mph
- Barometer 30.00 inches and steady
- Record High 103° (1955)
- Record Low 40° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

High 91°
Low 55°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low near 60, light winds.

Thursday: mostly sunny, high near 90, north winds at 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday: dry, lows near 60, highs 90 to 95.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.18 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.11
Loan deficiency payment — .34¢
Corn — \$1.57 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.58
Loan deficiency pmt. — .41¢
Milo — \$2.43 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.92
Loan deficiency payment — .97¢
Millet — \$4 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.90 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.87
Oil new crop — \$6.80 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.

Premier eyes building codes

ISTANBUL — Turkey's prime minister has promised stricter building rules to prevent any more of the shoddy construction blamed for the thousands of deaths from last week's massive earthquake.

Eight days after the powerful 7.4-magnitude temblor reduced a wide swath of western Turkey to rubble, searchers said they still held out hopes that more people could be found alive. The government on Tuesday said the death toll rose to 17,997, but revised that figure down to 12,514 early today.

In Cinarcik, a suburb of the resort town of Yalova, rescuers rushed to the site of a collapsed building after residents reported hearing sounds from under the crushed concrete.

Lt. Col. Numan Arslanlyer, head of the crisis center in Yalova, said four brothers were believed buried in the building, and that Turkish, Bulgarian and German rescuers were working intensively to dig them out.

Going over the top!



The Frontier Equity Co-op enlisted the help of the Goodland High School football team, along with Co-op employees from Goodland, Brewster, and Bird City, to help cover a wheat bunker at the Ruleton elevator. Tony Criswell, manager at

the Ruleton site, said that crews have moved over 500,000 bushels of wheat into the bunker to make room for the fall harvest.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Prairie dogs may draw animal group interest

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News
Are activists coming to save Goodland's prairie dogs?

Maybe. Maybe not.

Sherman County commissioners have discussed problems with prairie dogs several times recently, and a story about a meeting published in July seems to have drawn some outside interest. A prairie dog colony on the west edge of town has drawn complaints,

but the county says it isn't responsible for doing anything about the critters.

The Goodland Daily News received a phone call from a woman who said she was with the activist group People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals, known as PETA. She said the story had drawn their interest and they would be here to see what was going on.

The woman said she was from Hutchinson, and wanted to see that the prairie dogs were relocated rather than

poisoned. When questioned about where the animals would be relocated, she said there was a place already arranged. She did not reveal her name, nor did she leave a phone number.

Calls to the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals headquarters in Norfolk, Va., revealed their office had received a similar call, but the woman was not officially connected with their group, said Stephanie Boyles, a wildlife expert.

"She called and asked what our position was on prairie dogs, and what could be done to keep them from being killed," Boyles said. "She talked to me about the story, but did not identify herself, and I don't know if she is even a member."

When the call was received in Goodland, the woman wanted to know who to contact at the county, and was given the name of Gary Townsend, chairman of the county commission, and his

phone number. Townsend said he has not received any calls on the prairie dogs from either a woman claiming to be from the animal rights group or from the group's headquarters.

Checks with the Goodland Chamber of Commerce revealed that no calls had been received there about prairie dogs, but Jo Simmons said she would be happy to arrange for anyone visiting to be shown the areas where the cute little animals are causing problems.

Boyles said the animal rights group did not feel there was any proof that the prairie dogs were as much of a problem as some people think. She said she has not seen any evidence where the animals had been destructive.

Boyles said a group located in Bozeman, Mont., called the Predator Project was working to improve the prairie dog numbers and is interested in seeing the species placed on the federal endangered list.

The mission of the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals from their web site at www.peta.com says: "People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals is dedicated to establishing and protecting the rights of all animals. PETA operates under the simple principle that animals are not ours to eat, wear, experiment on or use for entertainment."

Being postmaster is a clerk's dream come true

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News
Suzanne Herschberger says becoming the new postmaster at Edson is like a dream come true, and she's excited.

"If you only knew," she said. "That's a clerk's dream, to be a postmaster."

The Colby resident said she doesn't mind the drive to work six days a week, Monday through Saturday.

She began working for the U.S. Postal Service in October 1992 in Colby, starting as a part-time flexible clerk. In that job, she sorted mail to different towns and routes. She also

took window training and filled in at the window when needed, such as during the lunch hour or whenever a window clerk was gone.

Herschberger first came to the Edson Post Office in April, after her boss, Mark Kerschen, manager, post office operations, from Hutchinson, asked her if she would be the officer in charge there.

"I like it," she said about working at Edson. "I've really enjoyed the last few months. The people here are friendly. They made me feel right at home."

In late June, the position for postmaster at Edson was posted in a bulletin for

post office employees and Herschberger decided to apply. She sent in her application and was later interviewed by Kerschen in Colby for the job. She also had to be approved by Kerschen's boss, Mike T. Matuzek, district manager of the Central Plains Performance Cluster, Omaha.

She was installed Tuesday. She took her oath of office from Kerschen and received two plaques. One had the oath on it and the other listed all the previous Edson postmasters. A reception followed.

Herschberger grew up in the Winona area and graduated from Triplains High School there. After high school, she got married and she and her husband moved to Russell Springs.



Herschberger