

weather
report

75°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:16 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:18 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 76 degrees

• Humidity 57 percent

• Sky partly sunny

• Winds variable at 4 mph

• Barometer 29.90 inches
and falling

• Record High 100° (1946)

• Record Low 41° (1962)

Last 24 Hours*

High 90°

Low 62°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, low near 55, south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tomorrow: partly sunny, a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high near 80, northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Monday: chance of thunderstorms, lows near 50, high near 75.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.27 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.23

Loan deficiency payment — .22¢

Corn — \$1.69 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.69

Loan deficiency pmt. — .30¢

Milo — \$2.48 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.28 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.20

Loan deficiency payment — .69¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.90 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.71

Oil new crop — \$6.85 cwt.

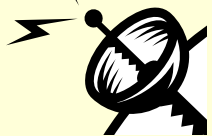
Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15 (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.

Reno to name
investigator

WASHINGTON — Attorney General Janet Reno today denied recent revelations about the conduct of government agents during the Branch Davidian siege had strained her relations with FBI Director Louis Freeh. This is no time to “play one off against the other,” she said.

At her news conference, Reno said she will find a person who is free of “conflicts of interest and will be well-received” to head an independent investigation of the case.

Reno and Freeh have been under siege since a disclosure last week that federal agents used one or more incendiary weapons at the Branch Davidian compound on the final day of the 51-day standoff — an admission that came after six years.

The assault on the complex near Waco, Texas, ended with David Koresh and some 80 followers dead — some by fire, others by gunshot.

Grant Central Station



About 150 students transfer from bus to bus each day at Grant Junior High School in a matter of minutes. Bus driver David Specker said they pretty well know where they are going. “Sometimes the younger ones get a little confused,” he said. Specker said the

drivers keep an eye on the kids to help direct anyone that might not be sure where they need to be. Students from the three elementaries and high school are all routed through the junior high to get to the right bus.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Green Thumb aids elderly workers

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Natalie Austin knows what work is and she’s not afraid of it.

When the retired state employee was looking for part-time work, she knew there were jobs she could do, but health problems kept her from applying. But now, thanks to the Green Thumb program, she works part-time at the Goodland Public Library besides caring for her husband, who is wheelchair mobile.

Austin, 66, began working under the program two months ago. The federal program provides training and jobs to low-income older Americans living in primarily rural areas.

Austin and her husband Vernon, who has been disabled for 18 years, both receive Social Security benefits, but that isn’t quite enough.

“The extra income helps a great

deal,” said Austin.

Participants must be 55 or older and their income must meet federal guidelines. They are assigned to local non-profit or public agencies for an average of 20 hours per week and are paid minimum wage.

Austin works 21 hours a week at the library, from 2:30-7 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday and 9:45 a.m.-5:15 p.m. on either Friday or Saturday. She checks books in and out, puts books away, helps do reference work, looks for lost books and works on the computers, which she is learning more about.

“It’s good for me to be away from the home for awhile,” she said. “It helps me get out and meet people.”

She said she first heard about the program over 15 years ago, when she was supervisor at the Kansas Tourist Information Center on I-70 and had a Green Thumb employee working under her.

Austin wasn’t looking to get enrolled in the program when she talked to area supervisor, Marles Rowley of Herndon, though. As a member of the Sherman County Historical Society board, she was checking into hiring

someone through the Green Thumb program to work at the old schoolhouse north of the High Plains Museum.

But when that didn’t work out, she wondered if she would meet the requirements. She talked with Rowley, filled out the paperwork, turned it in and eventually was enrolled.

“It’s a great program,” Austin said. “I work with great people at the library.”

Green Thumb participants often enjoy improved attitudes and health, the program claims, and as a result, maintain their independence and dignity.

“I get a lot of good exercise working at the library,” Austin said.

Green Thumb was first chartered to make use of the “green thumbs” of retired farmers in improving the nation’s parks and highways. Launched in 1965 as a demonstration program in four states, the program evolved into the Senior Community Service Employment Program, which is now a major workforce program success story.

If you are 55 or older and interested in becoming a Green Thumb participant, call Rowley at (785) 322-5390.



Austin

Water park funding tops agenda

The Goodland City Commission will consider a proposal to pay for a new city water park and ballfield Tuesday, as well as bids for painting the runway and taxiways at the city airport.

The commission will meet at 5 p.m. Tuesday, rather than Monday, because of the Labor Day holiday.

City Manager Ron Pickman said he hopes to present a proposal to borrow money for the water park and ball field project using a lease and purchase option to be repaid from the water, electric and general funds.

“I think this will be a great draw when we get the entire complex completed,” Pickman said, “and something the citizens can feel proud about. I have had quite a number of people say they are looking forward to seeing this project completed.”

As part of a Kansas Legislature effort to determine actual costs being spent on state-funded projects, the city is being

asked to provide supplemental agreements on two of highway beautification projects. The state wants to know if the city is spending any additional money on the brick intersection or the Cherry Street improvement projects. Pickman said the city has planned to spend some additional money on a storm water mitigation project which is part of the Cherry Street project.

Bids for painting of the runway and taxiway at Goodland Municipal Airport will be considered. Pickman said the city is required to repaint the stripes every few years, and had budgeted \$50,000 for this. He is concerned the bid may be higher than that, but said the city will try to work with the best bidder to bring the cost within the budget.

“I don’t know exactly how high the figures are, but I have been told it will be higher than what we budgeted,” Pickman said.

Also on the agenda is a nuisance

demolition of a house at 540 West 11th. Pickman said Jerry Nemechek, city building inspector, was proposing that the city demolish the house and the cost be assessed against the property.

The next regular city commission meeting will be 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 20, in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

County to consider backhoe, wireless project

Purchase of a backhoe for the county transfer station and the wireless connection between the sheriff’s office and central dispatch are the main items on the Sherman County Commission agenda for 8 a.m. Tuesday.

Sheriff Doug Whitson has been investigating the wireless connection project for several months. The idea is to eliminate the cost of dedicated

The final isle



Jubilee employee Mick Miller moves a few of the remaining items on the shelves at the Goodland store. There is not much merchandise left. The store closes for the last time tomorrow at 4 p.m.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

phongne lines between the central dispatch office at the city administration building and the sheriff’s office.

Originally when Whitson presented the project, the cost was estimated at \$14,000.

Public Works Director Curt Way will discuss the purchase of a backhoe for the county transfer station, and update the commissioners on road projects.

Also on the agenda is consideration a fairground lease with the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter group, and an emergency vehicle designation for a volunteer fireman.

The next regular commission meeting will be at 8 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 14, in the commission room on the first floor of the Sherman County courthouse.