

weather report

82°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 7:05 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:24 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:04 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 70 degrees
- Humidity 32 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds east at 10 mph
- Barometer 29.89 inches and falling
- Record High 100° (1936)
- Record Low 36° (1970)

Last 24 Hours*

High	84°
Low	50°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low near 55, south winds 5 to 15 mph.

Saturday: partly sunny, with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high near 90, southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: chance of showers, low 45, high in the 70s.

Monday: dry, low near 45, high near 75

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.33 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.25
 - Loan deficiency payment — .20¢
 - Corn — \$1.73 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.68
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — .31¢
 - Milo — \$2.41 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.32 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.29
 - Loan deficiency payment — .60¢
 - Millet — \$4 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$7.05 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.91
 - Oil new crop — no bid
 - Confection current — ask
 - Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo Co. 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.

U.N. staff evacuates

DILI, Indonesia — Pro-Indonesian militiamen threatened the U.N. compound in East Timor today, vandalizing equipment outside and terrifying East Timorese holed up inside after most of the U.N. staff was evacuated.

Militiamen looted U.N. vehicles after the staffers evacuated.

In Darwin, Australia, U.N. spokesman David Wimhurst told the AAP the Indonesian army did "absolutely nothing" to prevent the militia from entering the compound in the regional capital of Dili. Later soldiers dispersed the militiamen.

Marie Colvin, of the Sunday Times of London, said militiamen outside the compound threatened to lob hand grenades over the wall.

"The compound is very exposed," Colvin said. "The real danger is to the East Timorese refugees, who are targets and who are completely defenseless."

Harvest begins with a trickle

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The biggest part of fall harvest is still probably over a week away, but pinto beans and millet have started to trickle into area elevators.

While milo cutting won't start until the end of the month and most corn won't be ready until mid-October, elevator managers say, soybeans and sunflowers should start coming in by the middle of this month.

And for the most part, crops are expected to be heavy. Elevators have been clearing out wheat and building storage bunkers so they can handle the expected crops.

Galen Diehl, owner of Prairie Pea & Bean, said his firm takes just pinto beans.

"We've just started," he said. "Typically, at this time of year, we would be 50-60 percent finished."

Beans were planted late, he said, due to the weather and also there was a lot of replanting due to the hail that hit the area on June 10.

"The bulk of the harvest will start the middle of next week, depending on the weather," Diehl said.

At Mueller Grain, Manager Lynn Hoelting said, "we're getting millet; that's about it for now. Millet harvest is going pretty well so far."

Mueller Grain takes just millet and sunflowers for fall crops. They have been shipping out a lot of wheat to make room for sunflower seeds.

Hoelting said next week and the following week should see a pretty good run on sunflowers and he's looking for a good crop.

"Lots of quantity," he said.

Mueller takes both oil and confectionery sunflowers and sunflower harvest should last for six to eight weeks.

Merwin Jensen, grain marketing agent for Frontier Equity Exchange, said no fall crops have come into their facility yet, but they look for sunflower harvest to start in a week to a week and a half.

"I doubt if there's any next week, but there could happen to be a few," he said.

He estimated that soybeans should start coming in around Sept. 20, milo around Oct. 1, and corn about Oct. 15.

Dana Belshe, Sherman County extension agent, said the fall crops are looking really good.

"We've had some timely rains," he said.

He said that corn that wasn't hailed should have excellent yields, but even hailed corn should have good yields.

The sunflowers have not had a lot of disease pressure and should have very good yields, he added.

"Bean harvest will be starting soon," he said. "The county has had a good bean growing year for both dry beans and soybeans. I think we will have good yields."

Dale Kenny, manager of Century Feeders, said that his crew should get started with silage harvest tomorrow.

Kenny said that harvesting of high moisture corn should start about the last week in September, but some of the corn might be further along.

"That's usually about when it starts," he said.

The high moisture corn that the feedlot takes is mostly from customers who feed cattle with them, he added.

Closing in gym wall



The block work on walls is almost complete at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Ginn Brothers are the subcontractors for the masonry. Superintendent Marvin Selby said they have done a good job, and should finish their work sometime next week.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Flatlander Festival expands with new events

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The 13th annual Flatlander Fall Festival which will fill the streets of Goodland in two week continues to grow, with more events and more participants expected than before.

Ron Harding, executive director of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, said he had to ask the city commission earlier this week to expand the closings on Main Street to handle the larger event. The festival will begin with merchants sales and discounts starting Thursday, Sept. 23, and events will fill the street that Saturday beginning at 7 a.m.

This year, Main will be closed 10th in front of Bankwest south to 15th. Expansion on the north is to accommodate the larger Northwest Kansas Bike Show, which will be celebrating their fifth year at the Flatlander Festival.

Room on the south end is to handle the expansion of the Early Iron of Western Kansas Rod Run, Harding said.

"This festival continues to draw more people and we are happy to be able to expand to meet their needs," he said.

Among the new events will be a street dance Saturday from 8 p.m. to midnight with music from Crimson Rose, a band from Hays. The dance will

be on Main Street between 11th and 12th. Joe Simmons said some of the food concessions are planning to remain open all day and into the evening. The dance will be open to the public and Harding says that no alcohol will be allowed in the dance area.

Festival buttons, which allow discounts on events and sale merchandise, will be sold by the Chamber from a booth 11th and Main. The buttons will have a lucky number on the back and there will be prize drawings all day long.

A Scruffy Dog Contest will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday at 11th and Main. Registration will be at the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter booth in front of Homeland Realty.

The Early Iron Rod Run show will begin at 10 a.m. and the cars will be on display along Main Street until 4 p.m. There will be a dance sponsored by the rod run beginning at 8 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars. The dance is open to the public and will last until 1 a.m. There is an admission charge for this dance.

This is the fifth year for the Northwest Kansas Bike Show, and Casey Quint says it will be a bit bigger this

year.

"With this being our anniversary we are making this show bigger and we will have better prizes," he said. "We are expecting a larger number of bikes, as we had some help with our advertising from Coors and have had calls from about a 250-mile range. I have had calls from the Denver area, Garden City, Lamar and many others."

Registration for the bike show will be Saturday morning from 8 a.m. to noon. Quint says this year there will be 24 classes, with divisions for American, Asian and European bikes. There is also a scooter class for those who own Cushman's and the like. Bike games will be held at the Bankwest parking lot beginning at 3:30 p.m.

"I think the street dance will be a real plus for the festival, as it will give everybody something to do that evening and give the kids a place to dance," he said. "The rod run dance is swamped and we feel this will give them some relief."

He said the cycle groups are helping to put on the street dance to involve everybody and give the kids a place to enjoy the evening.

Sunday morning, the bike group will have a church service at 8 a.m. and a short poker run at 9 a.m. for show participants.

"If you have a bike and want to participate, bring \$15 and you're in for everything," Quint said.

There will be five bike games including a balloon toss, slow race (last to finish wins), ring toss, tennis ball coneride and a wiener bite.

Anyone wanting information about the bike show can call Quint at 899-6492 or C and R Cycles at 899-5603.

The Early Iron Rod Run will have a show and shine Sunday from 8 to 10 a.m. and then a poker run from 10 to 11 a.m. The awards ceremony will be at noon.

Stock car races will be held Friday

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Goodland enrollment down

The Goodland School Board will meet at Grant Junior High School for its regularly scheduled meeting Monday, to tour improvements in the building, including the new iMac computers in the lab.

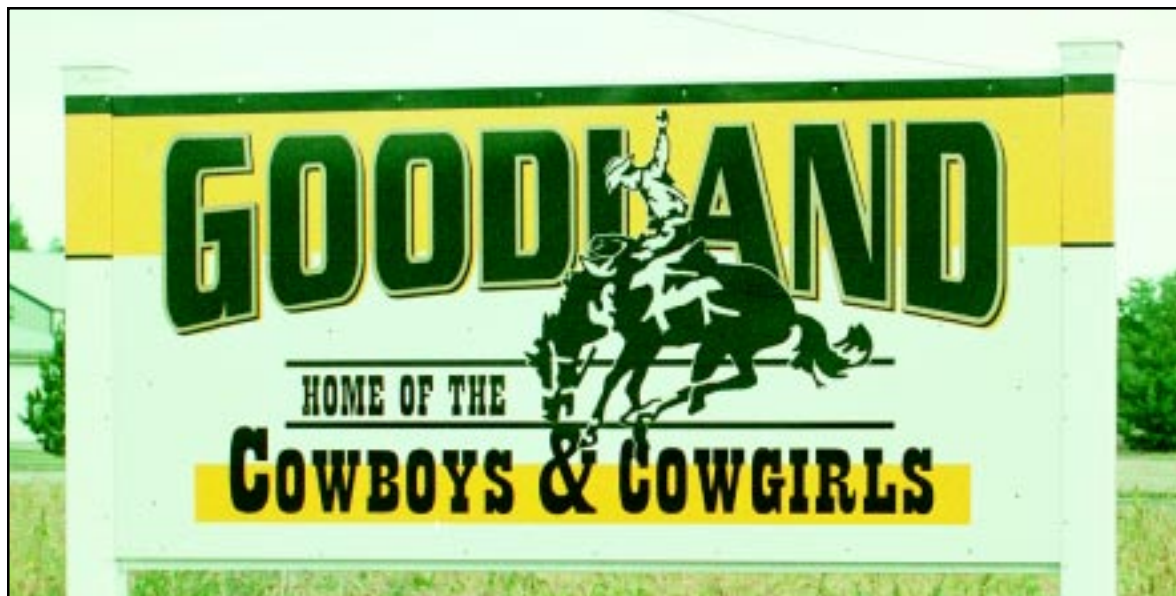
Enrollment figures for the district appear to be down significantly from last year, but exact figures won't be in until Sept. 20.

School Superintendent Marvin Selby said that he had talked to principals this morning, and it looks like there are about 20 fewer students than last year.

Selby also will give the board an update on the progress at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The next regular meeting will be Monday, Sept. 27, at the district office.

New spirit sign



A new "Welcome to Goodland" sign is up to greet travelers entering on Business U.S. 24 near the east Goodland interchange on I-70. Bryan Russell organized the effort for the sign for his Eagle Scout rank, and the sign, made by Commercial Sign Co. of Colby, was installed Tuesday.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Police advocate a task force to train on computer crime

TOPEKA (AP) — Law enforcement officers need more training on catching computer criminals, and a statewide task force should be created to deal with such crimes, police officers told a legislative committee.

The hearing also addressed the issue of Internet privacy, as Rep. Jim Morrison of Colby used two laptop computers and a slide projector to show colleagues how easy it is to steal someone's e-mail password and user name.

Morrison demonstrated how he used a computer program to obtain that information from several other people.

"I can get anybody's e-mail, I don't care who it is," Morrison said. "If I can do that, what makes you think that somebody isn't doing that right now?"

Morrison, chairman of the Joint Committee on Information Technology, said his committee will discuss in October proposed legislation to help prevent people from stealing user names and passwords.

The proposal would make it easier for state agencies and businesses to

obtain software allowing them to protect their e-mail by encrypting it, Morrison said.

Overland Park Police Sgt. Paul Klahn told the Special Committee on Judiciary on Thursday that the lack of training on computer crimes is a major obstacle for police departments.

Meanwhile, Olathe Police Detective Ed McGillivray suggested the creation of a task force of police officers from various agencies to work on such crimes as online stalking and using the Internet to entice underage children.

"That would be something that would probably help. Other states have formed high-tech task forces," he said.

McGillivray also said police officers should be allowed to seize and keep any computer used in a crime.

Klahn said courts only give officers a short period of time to examine a computer they suspect may have been used in a crime before it must be returned to the owner.

"If you're not sure there's evidence on it, you give it back," Klahn said.