

weather report

93°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 8:00 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 5:26 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:01 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 68 degrees
- Humidity 16 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds northwest 27-32
- Barometer 29.74 inches and falling
- Record High 95° (1939)
- Record Low 36° (1930)

Last 24 Hours*

High 90°
Low 48°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 50-55, winds northeast 5-15. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, 20 percent chance of showers, high 75, low 50-55, winds southeast 15-25.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: chance of thunderstorms, high 70-75, low 50-55. Friday: chance of thunderstorms, high 85, low 55. Saturday: Dry, high 85-90, low 55.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$2.37 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.26
- Loan deficiency payment — 19¢
- Corn — \$1.88 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.97
- Loan deficiency payment — 2¢
- Milo — \$2.83 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.69 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.74
- Loan deficiency payment — 15¢
- Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.76
- Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$12 (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.

Israeli allies' backs to wall

BINT JBEIL, Lebanon — Jubilant Lebanese guerrillas and their civilian sympathizers swept through most of what was once the Israeli security zone in southern Lebanon today as Israel's allied militia in the area was on the verge of collapsing.

The disbanding South Lebanon Army swung open the doors of the notorious Khiam Prison today and released all the inmates, an Israeli defense official said.

The Israeli army, expected to complete its withdrawal from Lebanon over the next few days, abandoned its last major base in the western part of the zone in the town of Bint Jbeil overnight.

The second-largest community in the occupation zone, Bint Jbeil was the biggest Shiite Muslim town the Israelis and their Lebanese militia allies had held since establishing the zone in 1985.

Bikers salute all veterans in Wall ride

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

A few Goodland residents waited at the New Trail Truck Stop on Sunday morning for Run for the Wall riders to stop for fuel. Others stood by the I-70 exit to wave, salute and cheer the bikers on.

Larry and Reggie Woodard, Wilbur Tiede, and Don Zimbelman, were going to join the group and ride as far as Oakley. Casey and Linda Quint of Goodland rode to Burlington to meet the group and ride to Oakley.

The run was to stop for lunch, provided by the Goodland, Colby and Oakley Veterans of Foreign Wars posts.

The 10-day trip started in Ontario, Calif., and will end in Washington on Friday, the project of motorcyclists who want to raise awareness for Americans who are either prisoners of war or missing in action.

Some area riders went farther than others. Casey said Larry Milke of

Goodland rode to Limon, Colo., to catch the group and Joe and JoAnn Wahrman caught the group at Piñon, outside Pueblo.

Reggie said she and her husband were going because they thought it would be fun. Zimbelman agreed and said he wanted to get out and ride. Tiede said he was going just for the fun of it.

The run was started in 1989 by two Vietnam veterans who traveled across America on motorcycles and talked to radio and television stations and newspapers about the thousands of men and women still unaccounted for in all our wars. The tradition has continued every May since then.

On the trip, participants give no political speeches or stage demonstrations. The bikers get their message across in a safe and orderly manner. They obey traffic laws and treat citizens with respect. There is no charge to par-

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A line of over 100 motorcycles roared out of Goodland about 11 a.m. Sunday, headed to Oakley for lunch and an overnight in Salina on their way east as part of the Run for the Wall ride to honor those who were prisoners of war and missing in action in Vietnam. The cyclists stopped for fuel at New Trail Truck Plaza and filled the area while waiting their turn at the pumps.

Photos by Tom Betz and Janet Craft / The Goodland Daily News



Hot, dry weather speeds run to early harvest

WICHITA (AP) — Hot, dry weather stressed the winter wheat crop in many Kansas counties as crop conditions continue to deteriorate, Kansas Agricultural Statistics said Monday.

In its weekly report, the agency reported that 18 percent of the state's wheat is in poor or very poor condition. Some counties lucky enough to get rain earlier this spring indicated their wheat is doing well, but many did not get that precipitation and need moisture badly, the agency said.

About 37 percent of the state's crop ranked in fair shape, while 39 percent was in good condition. Only 6 percent of the crop got an excellent rating.

Indications are for an early harvest, with 98 percent of the winter wheat now headed. That's much more than the 77 percent usually headed by this time of year, the agency said.

Wheat streak mosaic and barley yellow dwarf are the most prevalent disease problems, the agency said.

Among other crops:

- Corn planting is mostly complete, with 97 percent planted. That is ahead of the 85 percent average for this time. About 86 percent of the corn is up. Corn condition is rated as 3 percent poor, 21 percent fair, 68 percent good and 8 percent excellent. The most common insects are flea beetles, cutworms and wire worms.

- Soybean planting is 68 percent finished, well ahead of the 29 percent average. About 47 percent of the crop has emerged. Soybean condition is rated as 1 percent poor, 29 percent fair, 65 percent good, and 5 percent excellent.

- Sorghum planting is 39 percent complete, with 18 percent emerged. Sorghum condition is reported at 1 percent poor, 28 percent fair, 67 percent good and 4 percent excellent.

- Sunflower planting is 12 percent complete, compared with 6 percent last year.

- First cutting alfalfa is 66 percent finished. Alfalfa weevils continue to be a problem in some areas.

Researcher wants to know why some people see ghosts

LAWRENCE (AP) — Adam Buhman-Wiggs believes there is a scientific reason why some people see ghosts, and it's not because ghosts exist.

Buhman-Wiggs, a doctoral candidate in clinical psychology at the University of Kansas, is conducting a study to determine whether people who witness the paranormal actually see in a different way than the rest of the population.

Buhman-Wiggs suspects that they do.

"We're expecting a difference," he said. "That's all I can say about that."

There is a non-supernatural precedent to support Buhman-Wiggs's study, according to Kansas psychology Professor Rue Cromwell.

Some people who are blind claim they can "see" objects by identifying the presence and location of an object, even if they can't describe the details.

Most people process visual information through the thalamus in the brain, Cromwell said. In a person who is blind, that pathway is often blocked or unused.

But people with "blind sight" process visual information through the superior colliculus of the brain, he said. Now researchers like Buhman-Wiggs want to find out whether people who have seen ghosts or visions use their thalamus or superior colliculus.

"It's a reasonable question to ask," Cromwell said. "Are these people the same as the general population? Or are

they different in this respect?"

The researchers have been advertising for "persons who have unusual visual experiences, such as seeing ghosts, having visions or visual hallucinations."

Finding volunteers for the study isn't easy, Buhman-Wiggs said. People often don't want to admit seeing anything.

"We do it all in a confidential manner, so they're fairly revealing," he said. "But there certainly is a stigma against that."

That doesn't mean there's a shortage of people who have had such experiences, though. Buhman-Wiggs said they may make up as much as 10 percent of the population.

"There are lots of people, more than one might think, who report having visual experiences of some sort," Cromwell said.

The research should be complete by the end of June.

If people who see visions see differently than others, would the research prove they're really seeing something?

"Not really," Buhman-Wiggs said. "We don't have anything to say about what they're seeing — what they are or aren't."

There's a reason for that.

"That's for some area like mythology or certain types of religion," Cromwell said. "But it's not for the scientific laboratory."

Board OKs idea for classes

Fifth, sixth graders will mingle in room at North Elementary

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

There will be at least one "multiage" classroom with both fifth and sixth graders at North Elementary this fall, and the high school will offer a two-semester computer network prep course, the school board decided Monday.

North Principal Steve Raymer said that after two meetings with parents and many phone calls and visits, he believes there is enough interest for at least one multiage class and possibly two.

With one quarter of the surveys still out, Raymer said 24 parents have indicated support for a multiage class, 19 said they did not want their students

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involved and 17 said they wanted more information. Students whose parents are not in favor of the idea won't be put in the classes.

"I thought the meetings were very good and there were many thoughtful questions from the parents," Raymer said. "I have had lots of calls and visits since the meetings, and believe there is support for one classroom.

"Also in discussion with the teachers, if there is only one classroom, Joan Neufeld will be the teacher."

Of the 24 parents who have indicated support, Raymer said 10 were incoming fifth graders and 14 sixth graders.

Asked if the new class would put a burden on the other teachers, Raymer said the class size would be between 21 in the fifth grade classes, and about 23 in each of the sixth grade classes.

"What happens if you have 36 who want to participate?" asked Mike Campbell, school board member.

"Unless the numbers are much closer to 48, there will only be one class," Raymer said, "and we will have to find a way to fairly determine who gets in."

"The great thing about this plan is that everybody has a choice," Superintendent Marvin Selby said, "and there is an opt-out after the first year."

One parent from Central was heard to say, "I think they should have an opt-out every nine weeks."

Raymer said sixth graders would participate in class activities, such as sports, field trips and events, and that this should help keep class identity.

"We have good enthusiasm from the teachers and good interest from the parents," said Board President Dick Short.

"It was good to sit down with the parents and discuss various issues," Raymer said.

"What happens next year?" asked Campbell. "Do we go through this again?"

"Yes," Raymer replied. "I think you have to ask the parents, because if there is no interest, it doesn't happen."

"Are all those who have indicated an interest on the gifted end of the scale?" Campbell asked.

"No, there are spread out," Raymer said, "and we have to have a good mix in this class. I don't see it as any special class, but rather a different way of teaching and not a special program."

"Can we condition this that we could go back to a straight class if it doesn't seem to be working?" Campbell asked.

"Not during the year," Raymer said, "but when we ask parents about the next year, we will have the opportunity to examine the interest level, and again, if there is not sufficient interest, it won't happen and we will go back to the straight grade classes."

Board member Ben Duell moved to approve the multiage classes at North and the motion passed unanimously.