

weather
report

85°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 4:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 73 degrees
- Humidity 44 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds south 12 mph
- Barometer 29.96 inches and falling
- Record High 103° (1952)
- Record Low 37° (1947)

Last 24 Hours*

High 90°
Low 57°
Precipitation .30 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 60-65, winds southwest 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, high 90, low 50s, winds northwest 15-25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, high 80, low 50s. Thursday and Friday: dry, high 80-85, low 50-55.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.37 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.22
Loan deficiency payment — 23¢
Corn — \$1.78 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.78
Loan deficiency payment — 21¢
Milo — \$2.47 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.31 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.57
Loan deficiency payment — 33¢
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.96
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.

Father guilty
of killing kids

McPHERSON (AP)—A Lind-sborg man told a judge he was in “mystical state” when he slit the throats of his three young children last fall.

Christopher Jones pleaded guilty Monday to three counts of first-degree murder in the deaths of his children, Christopher, 7, Joshua, 5, and Sarah, 2. Jones also pleaded guilty to aggravated assault for stabbing and choking his wife, Catherine, then hitting her with a baseball bat.

The state agreed in a plea agreement not to seek the death penalty for the Oct. 6 killings. District Judge Carl Jones set sentencing for July 5.

“It occurred during a classical mystical state involving separation of mind and body, and because of the separation an encounter with a spirit of overwhelming evil,” Jones told the court.

County will soon get new landfill

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County officials have been working for nearly three years to replace the landfill, and the digging may begin soon with the commissioners reviewing the project’s bid specifications on Tuesday.

The Sherman Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on the main floor of the county courthouse at the corner of

Broadway and Eighth Street.

Terranext, the Lakewood, Colo. engineering firm that has been assisting the county with the project, has submitted the bid documents for the county review and approval.

Curt Way, public works director, presented copies to the commissioners and the county attorney at the last meeting for their review.

Once the specifications have been

approved, the next step will be seeking bids for the excavation of the first cell.

Included in the project is the compaction of the existing soil to be a natural liner for the landfill, and a sump area to drain off extra moisture.

Related to the landfill will be a visit from Berry Gamber and Bob Jurgens of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

They will talk about the annual in-

spection of the old landfill and discuss additional monitoring wells the state wanted to add.

Because of underground contamination found at the old landfill northeast of the city, the state ordered the county to close it in the fall of 1997. Since then, the state has been monitoring the contamination and has dug new monitoring wells to assess the damage.

The commissioners will also con-

sider the solid waste fees for the next year.

State law requires the commissioners to review the fees before July 1, but they will not go into effect until January 1, 2001.

Charlotte Linsner, head of the county family shelter will appear to ask the county for money for the next year.

The county budgeted \$1,000 for the family shelter for this year.

Older crop is still dry after rain

Little moisture won't help wheat

Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Astorn Sunday night won’t do much to help Sherman County’s parched wheat, Dana Belshe, Sherman county extension agent said Monday.

The storm dropped .3 inches of rain on the thirsty plants, but Belshe said that the crop is too mature for the rain-drops to do much good. He said it might have helped four to six weeks ago.

“At this stage the rain didn’t help a lot,” Belshe said, explaining that a majority of the wheat is in the dry down phase, which means rain can hurt test weights.

He said that the rain will help the corn, sunflower, soybean and other fall crops that are still young.

Plus, he said, the moisture will help any wheat plants that are still green and maturing by slowing down the drying process.

“One portion of the crop it helped and one it didn’t,” said Belshe, adding that it didn’t help a majority of the crop.

Fall crops will benefit from last night’s showers, said Belshe. But, he added, it wasn’t enough, because the storm only dropped slightly over a trace amount of moisture.

The showers slowed down harvest activities in some areas across the state this weekend. Dry, hot weather is causing harvest to move north quickly, with Sherman County farmers guessing they will begin firing up their combines in the next couple weeks.

In Cowley County in southeast Kansas, test weights have been from 61 to 62 pounds with good quality, said a Kansas Association of Wheat Growers harvest report released Monday.

The report said Sumner County farmers, in the southeast portion of the state, have taken two-million bushels, but rain interrupted cutting Sunday.

The Santanta Co-Op in Liberal, which is in southwestern Kansas, reported that cutting had just gotten started. Test weights were averaging 60 pounds, with 12.5 percent moisture.

Rich Ballman, with Perryton Equity Exchange grain elevator in Liberal, said that one and a half inches of rain Saturday night will keep combines out of the fields till Tuesday.

Aaron Johnson, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office, said that there is a 20 percent chance of rain today. He said that the last rain fall Goodland saw was on June 3, with only a trace amount falling.

Before that, said Johnson, the last significant rainfall was on May 26 with .22 inches.

State closes I-70 exits

The Kansas Department of Transportation will be closing the ramps of western exit 17 connecting I-70 and K-27 next week, City Manager Ron Pickman said.

He said the ramps will be closed on Monday, June 19 and should open about two weeks later.

The exit ramps will be closed so that the department can repair their bases.

There will be no detours, but drivers can use the eastern exit 19 to get into Goodland.



Bicycles lined the Max Jones Fieldhouse walking track Friday night, as 600 cyclists came to town for “Bike Across Kansas.” The ride started at the Kansas-Colorado border on Saturday morning. Roger Alderman, Coldwater, (below) relaxed in his tent, pitched on Cowboy Stadium, before the big ride.
Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily

Bike ride starts early on border

Tour across Kansas started on Saturday

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

It wasn’t something you would expect to see at the Max Jones Fieldhouse on a Friday night.

Multi-colored tents dotted the green lawn of Cowboy stadium. Hundreds of bicycles leaned against the walls and railings of the elevated walking track inside. People in spandex shorts and “I love to bike” t-shirts pumped up air mattresses and arranged cots on the wooden gym floor below.

For one night, the fieldhouse was shelter to about 600 cyclists who began a 500-mile journey across Kansas early Saturday morning.

It’s called “Biking Across Kansas,” and the 25-year old event’s start line was on the Kansas-Colorado border this year. Bikers from around the state, country and world will spend a week riding 50 to 70 miles a day until they reach the finish line on the Kansas-Missouri border.

Participating cyclists from Good-



land were at the fieldhouse registering for the ride, but they got to sleep in their own beds Friday night.

The other bikers’ tents stood tall against the blowing wind outside the fieldhouse. Inside, people were trying to stay cool by positioning their gear in front of the huge fans on the gym floor.

But they knew this was only the beginning.

“The heat, the wind, the humidity,” said Cindy Sisler, a cyclist from Liberty Mo. who has biked across Kansas 13 times. “The hills are not fun.”

They complained, but the bikers said they were looking forward to the trip. “The best part is getting to the end,”

said Paul Johanning, a 10-year veteran of the event from Emporia, “but it’s also meeting new people and seeing new sights.”

After a night of sleeping on the ground or hard wooden floor, the cyclists woke up around 4:30 a.m., ate breakfast, packed their bikes into trucks and headed for the border.

Wheat tour begins early Tuesday morning east of town

The annual Sherman County Wheat Tour will begin at 6:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Jeff Deeds plot four miles east of Goodland.

To get to the Deeds plot take U.S. 24 to Road 24 and go one mile north.

At 7:30 a.m., the tour will move to the Fred and Jeanie Schields plot 10 miles north of Goodland on K-27. Roger Stockton, northwest area

agronomist with K-State Research and Extension, will lead discussion on wheat varieties at each plot.

First National Bank will hold a breakfast at 9 a.m. at the Sherman County 4-H Building. Brett Myer, vice president of the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers, will talk about white wheat production in Kansas.

Lynn Hoelting, Mueller Grain gen-

eral manager and a member of the Kansas Grain and Feed Association, will talk about marketing white wheat in the county.

Dana Belshe, county agriculture extension agent, will make award presentations to last year’s wheat show winners at the breakfast. Belshe said local elevators donate money for cash awards.

Winners’ names and wheat varieties are: 1. Tom Billenwillms, Jagger; 2. Brian Bauman, Jagger; 3. Brett Schields, Windstar; 4. Tom Billenwillms, Akron; 5. Alex Evert, Jagger; 6. Kevin Bauman, Jagger; 7. Matt Schields, Jagger; 8. Brady Philbrick, Rowdy; 9. Tennille Schields, Ike; 10. Kevin Bauman, Tam 107.