

weather report

87°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 4:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 64 degrees
- Humidity 24 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds southwest 12 mph
- Barometer 29.77 inches and falling

• Record High 104° (1936)
• Record Low 44° (1985)

Last 24 Hours*

High 82°
Low 59°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance for rain, low 55-60, winds north 20-30 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, high 75-80, low 50s, winds north 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, high 80s, low 50s. Thursday: dry, high 90, low 50s. Friday: chance for thunderstorms, high 90s, low 60.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.41 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.27
Loan deficiency payment — 18¢
Corn — \$1.86 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.68
Loan deficiency payment — 31¢
Milo — \$2.42 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.25 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.44
Loan deficiency payment — 46¢
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.00 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.87
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.

Officer finds 58 cold bodies

DOVER, England—A customs officer making a routine check found the bodies of 58 people in the back of a refrigerated truck in the port of Dover—a major point of entry to Britain for illegal immigrants.

Another two people were found alive in the rear of the Dutch-registered vehicle, which was carrying tomatoes. The survivors were hospitalized and were expected to recover, officials said.

Police arrested one man, thought to be the truck driver. News reports said the driver was Dutch.

The customs officer searched the truck in a parking lot after it arrived just before midnight off a cross-Channel ferry from the Belgian port of Zeebrugge.

The dead were believed to be asylum seekers from the Far East, possibly Chinese, Britain's Home Office said.

Where can children go swimming?

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

A hot muggy summer, without the benefit of a pool, begs the question, what are Goodland families to do without a place to swim?

The city is building a new pool. Right now, workers are putting up the bathhouse and equipment shed, and it will be May before the project is completed, said City Manager Ron Pickman.

The old pool leaks and can't be heated, so it was shut down last year and won't be open this summer.

The Goodland Activities Center, Public Library, Arts Council and City County Recreation have put together a schedule of activities to keep kids entertained this summer.

Their effort will offer alternatives to parents and youngsters since the pool will be closed all summer.

The Activities Center has put in a new batting cage, and has put together a special summer membership program. Usually the center will only sell yearly memberships, but due to the absence of a pool, it will offer a summer member-

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Groups joining to combat kids' boredom

The Goodland Activity Center, the Goodland Public Library, the Goodland Arts Council and City County Recreation have joined forces to combat the boredom that some kids may be experiencing without a public pool this summer.

Activities scheduled so far include:

The Goodland Arts Council Carnegie Arts Center

• Creative Craft, June 15. Kindergarten to 3rd grade at 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. 4th grade to 8th grade at 1 to 3 p.m. The craft peddler brings two projects to Goodland.

• SmorgARTSbord June 26 to 29. 4 year old to 3rd grade at 2 p.m. to 3 p.m. A mix of arts and crafts projects. Fee \$8.50.

• Children's Theater June 26 to 29, and July 3 to 4. Kindergarten to 2nd grade at 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. 3rd grade to 5th grade at 10:30 a.m. to noon. Learn to be a star! Performance at Fourth of July festivities. Fee \$8.

• Matting and Framing June 26 to 27. 7th grade to adult at 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Learn how to matte your own pictures and create a unique frame. Fee \$16.

• Photography Contest July 4. 24 hour photo-shoot contest for all ages, Sherman County residents. *A Day in the Life...Part III.*

• Cartoon Drawing July 10 to 12. 3rd grade to 8th grade at 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Learn caricature drawing and create laughs with your own cartoon. Fee \$8.

• Creation Station July 17 to 18. 4 year olds to 3rd grade at 11 a.m. to noon. Activities to explore the creative mind of a child. Fee \$6.50.

• Pottery July 17 to 27. 3rd grade to 8th grade at 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. Learn a variety of hand-built ceramic techniques: slab coil pinch. Fee \$20

• Painting I July 24 to 27. Kin-

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Beth Marnix (above), a 17-year-old Westlake, Ohio, high school student, spent five days in Goodland last week with classmates, learning the ropes of rural life. The students went to the bowling alley on Saturday, where Erin O'Neill (below), 17, tried to figure out how to keep score without a computer. Reena Arora, 16, said she liked Goodland and the bowling alley, though it's smaller than what she's used to.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Big-city students dig rural nightlife

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The idea is to give big-city students a taste of rural life, and small-town teen-agers a sample of what it's like growing up in the big city.

After a group of Goodland high school students traveled to a suburb of Cleveland in March to mingle with teens and take in the city, students from the suburb came to Goodland last week to experience rural Kansas.

Eleven young women, members of the American Field Service Club at Westlake High School in Ohio, drove into Sherman County on Thursday with their high school Spanish teacher, Ellen Harshbarger.

The first thing the students said they noticed was a difference in landscape. "It's definitely more flat," said Brit-tany Ranta, a 16-year-old junior.

"When I first got here, all you could see was field after field after field," said Jayna Hanson, a 15-year-old sophomore. "Back home it's house after house after store after house."

Escorted by the Goodland Spanish teacher and the students they met a few months ago, the Ohio teen-agers spent five days touring schools, museums, farms and businesses in the area.

"We try to do a little history, a little science and a little art," said Mary Porterfield, the Spanish teacher who heads the American Field Service Club at Goodland High School.

The students managed to squeeze a little fun in, too.

They were at Bowladium Lanes on Caldwell Avenue on Saturday afternoon, working on their game. The girls were going to tour a farm that day, but rain stopped them from making the half-hour trip over dirt roads.



The field service program not only arranges foreign-student exchanges, Porterfield said, but also short-term exchanges where students get a similar experience without going abroad. Any student is welcome to join, she said, and members travel to a high school outside Kansas each year.

"In the last two years, no one has come here," she added.

The Westlake students stayed with families here, and some bunked with foreign-exchange students from places like Belgium and Spain who

have spent the past year in Goodland.

The school, museum and feedlot were interesting, the city girls said, but what really caught their attention was Goodland nightlife.

"They cruise Main here," said Hanson. "They literally just drive up and down it."

The girls were hanging out with Abby Scheopner, a 16-year-old sophomore from Goodland. She is a member of the field service club here, but hasn't gone on an exchange yet.

Scheopner doesn't have a car horn, they said, so she uses a bicycle horn to honk at other cars while cruising Main. Lisa Walter, a 15-year-old from Westlake, said the teen-agers here also do something called "alley checks," where they drive down an alley to see if anything is going on.

The Westlake girls said they dug it.

"We are going to find a street to cruise on in our town," Walter said, adding that they don't have a "Main" street in Westlake.

The girls disagreed on who had the accent.

"They say I have an accent," Scheopner said, "because I say my a's differently. But they are the ones with the accent."

The Westlake students said they did learn some important lessons.

"Some people come here and think it will be hick country," said Reena Arora, a 16-year-old junior, "but it's not like that."

Harshbarger, who leads the field service club in Westlake, said the Goodland students' trip to Ohio in the spring also helped diminish prejudice about city life.

"They saw that no one was getting shot at," she said.

Businesses gripe about exit repairs

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Businesses along K-27 in southwest Goodland are not happy about their interchange to and from I-70 west being closed this week, right at the start of heavy summer traffic.

Exit 17 will be closed for seven days starting Tuesday night or Wednesday morning. A meeting was held on Friday at McDonald's on K-27 to discuss problems that the business owners along that route were expecting. Some were less than satisfied, saying the work should have been done sooner, when traffic was not so heavy.

"All our concerns were shot down by the highway department and the city," said Joannie Wilson, manager of the Comfort Inn on K-27 and I-70. "If they were really concerned, they would have called the meeting before they signed the contract."

The agencies did act to shorten the closure. The department had allowed two weeks for the work, but that has been changed to seven days, said Darin Neufeld, an engineer with Evans-Berly-Hutchinson & Associates PA, design consultant on the job for the City of Goodland.

The engineers have specified special fast drying concrete, said Neufeld, which will cure in 24 hours.

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County will review its history

Commissioners will get a financial history of Sherman County and an analysis showing trends at a harvest-shortened meeting Tuesday.

Dr. John Leatherman, a local government specialist from Kansas State University, will discuss the Kansas County Fiscal Database project.

The university has been developing the project for the past year and a half.

The report creates a database of county revenues and expenditures over the years 1989-1998, based on information from budgets.

Leatherman will also explain to the commissioners how the database can be used to assist in looking at future decisions on county finance.

He is meeting with officials in every Kansas county to explain the project and help them use the database.

Because of the beginning of wheat harvest, this is the only item on Tuesday's agenda, and Leatherman is scheduled to appear at 8:30 a.m.

Prior to his appearance, the commissioners will handle routine matters and open and read the mail.

Other appointments including the work session on the trash dumping fees, have been put off to next week.

The commissioners meet in the commission room on the first floor of the Sherman County Courthouse.

Plans form for third-annual Sunflower Farm and Ag show in August

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland will turn its face to the sunflower again this August, as farmers, processors, equipment dealers and marketing agents gather for the third annual Sunflower Farm and Ag Show while the town celebrates the fourth annual Sunflower Festival downtown.

The farm and ag show will be from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 4, at the test plot near the Northern Sun sunflower processing plant. The show will include tours of sunflower plots, talks by field representatives from chemical and sunflower seed companies, ex-

positions of experimental sunflower varieties by agronomists, and exhibits of sunflower equipment.

The Sunflower Festival will be held Saturday, Aug. 5, on Main Street in Goodland, but plans are still being made, said Jo Simmons, office manager at the Goodland Chamber of Commerce.

She said the festival and show bring recognition to the sunflower industry.

The idea for the celebration came from Ron Harding, executive director of the Chamber, and board member Jeff Deeds. They wanted Goodland to be the research and technology center for sun-

flowers.

"So that when people think of sunflowers, they think of Goodland," Harding said.

The event is held when sunflowers are in full bloom.

Harding said the first year the street festival was held with the ag show added the next year.

The event is held to educate farmers on the profitability of growing sunflowers.

The area's sunflower processing plants, Sigco Sun Products and Northern Sun, will be involved in the ag show, as well as farmers who have added sun-

flowers to their crop rotation.

Larry Kleingartner, executive director of the National Sunflower Association from Bismarck, N.D., will give the welcome.

Representatives from experimental stations connected with K-State Research and Extension Service from Colby and Colorado State Research and Extension Service from Burlington, are to tell about their research with sunflowers and the outcome of their plots.

Lynn Hoelting, general manager of Mueller Grain, said there will be variety trials for conventional and no-till-

age practices on the test plot. Several research trials will take place on the plots, which include research on sunflowers, herbicide, fertility, row spacing, and a "micro-nutrient" study.

Hoelting said the test plot is made up of four 30-acre plots with one planted to no tillage corn, another to conventional tillage confectionery and oil sunflowers, the next to no tillage confectionery and oil sunflowers, and the other left as a summer fallow plot.

The ground is on a four-year rotation basis in this order, corn, sunflowers, wheat and summer fallow, said Hoelting.