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weather report

79°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 68 degrees
• Humidity 21 percent
• Sky clear
• Winds southwest 14 mph
• Barometer 30.09 inches and rising
• Record High 105° (1936)
• Record Low 45° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*

High 82°
Low 54°
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear, low 55-60, winds east 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high 90s, low 60s, winds south 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: chance for thunderstorms, high 90s, low 60s. Saturday: chance for showers, high upper 80s lower 90s, low 60s. Sunday: dry, high 80s, low 50s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.67 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.38
Loan deficiency payment — 7¢
Corn — \$1.84 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.68
Loan deficiency payment — 31¢
Milo — \$2.38 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.27 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.41
Loan deficiency payment — 49¢
Millett — \$3.60 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.00 cwt.
Soybeans — \$4.27 bushel
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.

Dry weather will continue

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Despite recent rains that have brought relief to parched areas of Missouri and Kansas, the drought is nowhere close to being over, experts said Tuesday.

"The rains over the last four weeks have been exactly what we needed to put a big dent in the drought," said Pat Guinan, a climatologist at the University of Missouri. "It was the weather pattern shift that we needed and, thankfully, it occurred."

But Guinan said it's too early to declare victory.

"This drought has been evolving since last July, creating significant deficits in northwest and south central areas," he said. "Some of those places have 15-20 inch deficits in rainfall."

In Kansas, much of the northern tier of the state also still needs major amounts of rain.



Stepping to the plate, 12-year-old Terrin Keith tried out the Goodland Activities Center's new batting cage. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Batters up at activities center

Cage opens on Main Street for the amateurs and pros

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

If you need to work on your batting skills or relieve some stress, the Goodland Activities Center can help.

A batting cage has opened south of the center at 808 Main St., where baseball players can work on their swing, and everyone else can whack at a few balls.

"We just felt it was something that wasn't available locally," said Director Donna Terry.

She said the center wanted to give kids who can't swim this summer be-

cause the city pool is closed, an alternative, and help ball players get better.

"We hope it will enhance the ball program," Terry said.

It took three weeks to put the cage together, she said, adding that it opened last Monday and has been getting steady use ever since.

She said the information is open from 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Weekend hours are 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The center has hired a few students to run the pitching machine, she said,

but since the schedule is new, a worker isn't always available. She said it's good idea to call first to find out the schedule that day.

Members pay 50 cents for 15 pitches, Terry said, and non-members pay \$1. The center has helmets and other safety equipment, she said, along with a few wooden bats.

The bats are heavy, so younger children are better off bringing their own. The center will also offer team rates, Terry said, at \$10 an hour.

The center's telephone number is (785) 899-7242.

Harvest creeps into county

By Janet Craft

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Elevator managers say it will be this weekend before wheat harvest gets into full swing, as much of the crop is still green and harvest crews are just starting to arrive.

They say the moisture ranges anywhere from 9 to 17 percent, with test weights in the 50s on the wheat that has come in. Dry wheat should be below 14 percent, with 60 pounds per bushel considered an average weight. Lighter wheat is not as desirable.

Tom Stewart, operations manager at Mueller Grain in Goodland, said the elevator took its first load of wheat on Monday. He said the moisture was around 12.5 percent and the test weight good, about 58 pounds.

"I think harvest probably will be in full swing by the end of the week," Stewart said.

At Frontier Equity Exchange in Goodland, Marketing Manager Merwin Jensen said harvest is just starting. "If the weather cooperates, we should be in full force, or close to it, by the weekend," said Jensen.

The elevator has had a few loads come in, he said, starting with a couple on Thursday.

Jensen said the test weight has been light and the moisture has been from 12 to 17 percent.

He said he expects the test weight to improve as harvest gets going. He estimated that the average test weight would be 55 pounds, ranging from 45 to 58 pounds.

Besides Goodland, Frontier Equity has elevators at Brewster, Bird City, and Ruleton. Jensen said so far the elevators have taken in a combined total of

about 96,000 bushels of wheat.

Kanorado Co-op Manager Ken Ketter said the elevator has received very few loads, with 3,000 bushels on Monday and 9,000 on Tuesday.

"There's still a lot of green wheat out there," he said.

As for moisture, he said, it's been from nine to 12 percent.

The test weight on the wheat has been running from 53 to 57 pounds, Ketter said.

"It may be Saturday or Sunday, but it looks like Monday," he said. "It is all going to depend on the weather."

Nate Reid, manager at Collingwood Grain in Brewster, said the elevator has taken in 40,000 to 50,000 bushels.

He estimated the average test weight to be about 56 pounds, the moisture to be from 11 to 16 percent, and the yields from 20 to 35 bushels per acre.

Reid said he thought farmers would be lucky to average 30 bushels an acre.

"By Saturday, I think we'll be rolling pretty good," said Reid. "There are just not that many (harvest) crews up here, yet."

At Kanorado, Collingwood Branch Manager Glen Teels said wheat harvest was just starting.

"I got 10 loads in yesterday," Teels said. "This evening or tomorrow, it will probably pick up."

He thought it would probably be this weekend before harvest breaks loose. He said there are quite a few custom cutters showing up now.

The test weight has been in the mid 50s and the moisture has been from 12 to 14 percent, said Teels.

He has heard talk that the wheat might average from 30 to 45 bushels an acre, but that's speculation, he said.

Colby police to get \$2 million for bust

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press

An agreement was reached last Thursday dividing \$3.7 million seized during a traffic stop in Colby in January after which a Colorado man killed himself, and the Colby police will be \$2.04 million richer.

Police Chief Randy Jones said he hadn't had time yet to decide how the windfall will be spent.

Attorney General Carla Stovall said that a claim by Robert Henry Golding's mother, sister and attorneys will be

settled for \$100,000. The rest of the seized money will be forfeited to the state, Stovall said.

The Colby Police Department, she said, will receive 55 percent. Other agencies receiving money will be the Thomas County Sheriff's Department, 10 percent; the Kansas Bureau of Investigation, 10 percent; the Kansas Highway Patrol, 2.5 percent; and a drug task force in Garden City will get 7.5 percent.

"In addition, the Thomas County

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Tours take passengers on ride through history

By Rachel Miscall

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Did you know Goodland's brick streets were laid in 1921 by an Indian who could lay 150 bricks a minute, or 36,000 a day? Or, that two train robbers are buried in the road at the cemetery's entrance? Or, that the church on 8th and Arcade looks like a fish in the air?

The Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau is betting you don't.

"A lot of people call saying they want to see Goodland," said Judy Siruta, assistant director of the visitors bureau, "and a lot of local people don't know the history of the town."

That's why the bureau has been working for a year to organize four tours of Goodland and Sherman County, which will give visitors a taste of life here and residents a peek at their city's history.

Siruta said the bureau has always offered tours on request, and has had organized tours in the past, but this time is different.

"Now we're really getting organized," she said.

The tours will be offered every Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, Siruta said, adding that with a minimum of four passengers, the big, red, "Topside Tours" bus will leave the Chamber of

Commerce office at 9 a.m. and 6 p.m..

Depending on the route they choose to take, passengers will be led through the city or county and learn about the early days in Goodland, how the city came to be, historical events, businesses, wildlife and culture here.

The tour guides, who include a preacher, a young mother, a teacher and a business owner, have taken a couple of trial runs, said Siruta.

She said the information comes not only from history books, but older people who have lived their whole lives in Goodland. That means passengers will get the quirky little stories and myths along with the facts.

Routes include a tour of Goodland, where the guide will show passengers the National Weather Bureau, puppet factory, technical college and area businesses; the agriculture/nature tour, where people will visit farms, see wildlife, including wild turkeys, deer, prairie dogs, buffalo, llamas and cattle, and check out some wildflowers.

The architecture tour includes churches in Goodland, the "coffee mill" houses, Aztec tribal artwork and brick structures, and the history tour goes to early buildings, the cemetery, brick streets, and the Kidder Massacre site, an Indian Wars battleground. For reservations call (785) 899-3515.

Whoops!



A Florida man was more than a little upset after he drove into a cement post protecting a stop sign at the Wal-Mart parking lot on K-27 on Tuesday. The police report said Robert Forney told officers he was watching traffic when the 1995 Dodge pickup hit the pole. Photo by Doug Jackson/The Goodland Daily News