

weather report

84°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:31 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 80 degrees
- Humidity 42 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds southeast 10-17 mph
- Barometer 30.22 inches and rising
- Record High 106° (1954)
- Record Low 48° (1922)

Last 24 Hours*

High 95°
Low 62°
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance for rain, low 65, winds south 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance for rain, high 95, low 70-75, south 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday: dry, high 95-100, low 70-75.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.41 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.29
 - Loan deficiency payment — 16¢
 - Corn — \$1.65 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.50
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 49¢
 - Milo — \$2.05 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$3.80 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.16
 - Loan deficiency payment — 74¢
 - Millet — \$4.50 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$5.65 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.99
 - 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.

Space station core in orbit

BAIKONUR, Kazakstan — The long-delayed International Space Station got a boost Wednesday when a Russian Proton-K rocket blasted off flawlessly from the Baikonur cosmodrome and pushed the station's service module into orbit.

Russia and the United States have invested high hopes in the Zvezda module, the core of the \$60 billion, 16-nation space station project. Without the module, no crews could be sent up to the station, because Zvezda will contain the flight controls, sewage system and living quarters.

Russian and U.S. space agency officials at Mission Control outside Moscow and in Baikonur, in the remote steppes of Kazakstan, applauded as the module went into orbit about 10 minutes after being launched at 8:56 a.m. Moscow time.

System is unfair, many say

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Hunters and farmers told state wildlife officials on Monday that the state's system for issuing deer hunting permits is confusing and unfairly caters to tourists.

"Is there some message we can send to the Legislature that this one-size-fits-all system doesn't work out here," said a woman from Thomas County, meaning the present system might work in eastern Kansas but isn't doing much good here.

People from Goodland and surrounding towns had a chance to see a presentation on deer management and voice their opinions at a meeting held Monday night in Goodland.

Around 25 people came to the meeting at the Goodland High School auditorium which was presented by Lloyd Fox, the state's Department of Wildlife and Parks Big Game Program Coordinator from Emporia.

Fox gave a slide presentation, with four basic topics presented. They were landowners, vehicle accidents, hunters, and quality of life.

He said though damage deer have caused to landowner's property has increased, it is still minor.

Deer damage on landowners' property has increased between 40 to 50 percent since the 1960s the presentation showed, but about 45 percent of farmers surveyed say the damage has been light.

As for vehicle accidents, Fox explained that although managing the deer population is the best way to control accidents, people can do things to avoid them, such as slow down, keep alert, stay in your lane, and learn the location, seasons, times and behavior of deer.

Fox said hunters can take as many as six deer per year.

After the slide show and a short break, Fox allowed people in the audi-

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Filling up summer days

Milan Brannick, 4, (far right) hung upside down on a swing set in her backyard at 923 Caldwell on Tuesday afternoon, while her sister, Sienna, 2, swung. The girls' mother, Tia, was supervising. Next door, John Deane, at 911 Caldwell, mowed his lawn.

Photos by Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News



County lowers daily fish-catching limit at lake

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County Commissioners decided on Tuesday that fishing limits for bass and channel cat fish will be changed on August 1.

Commissioners approved a request from Smoky Garden Board members Kenny Sanderson and Randy Bellamy at the regular meeting, setting new limits on the number of fish that can be caught each day.

The new limit for bass will be a daily catch of two and they must be 18 inches or longer to be legal. The daily limit for channel cat will be five and they must be 15 inches or larger. Possession limits will be four times the daily limit or eight for bass and 20 for channel cat.

Sanderson said it had been discussed with the state fish biologist Lynn

Davignon, who said the reduction in the bass limit from five to two and increasing the length from 15 to 18 inches would increase the number of bass in the lake and help control the number of small carp.

"We have asked for any help from the state to enforce the catch limits," Sanderson said. "We have also discussed this with Sheriff Doug Whitson who has said he would work out something."

"We are willing to help train the deputies in fish identification," he added. "It would do a lot just to have the sheriff's cars make a drive through several times a week and stop to check some of those fishing to help cut down on the harvesting of undersize fish."

Bellamy said the work has mostly been completed under the Community

Lake Assistance Program made possible by a state grant.

Davignon has requested the state reimburse the county for the \$5,089 spent under the grant. He said the Smoky Gardens Board understands that about \$1,750 needs to be paid back into the General Fund, and asked that the remainder be deposited in the Soldier Memorial Fund to help with future projects at the lake.

Commissioners Kenny Davis and Chuck Frankenfeld agreed.

Bellamy said requirements of the grant included placing 40 cedar trees in the lake, removing 5-7,000 cubic feet of sediment and constructing a number of new concrete fishing points. He said all three have been completed, and with volunteers and donated concrete some extra fishing points have been created.

Sanderson said the state survey of the lake showed a 130 percent increase in the number of channel cat over an eight-year period. The number and size of bass has increased by 30 percent.

"We are happy with what got done," Bellamy said, "and we hope to do some additional projects to continue the improvement, including two more shelters."

Frankenfeld asked if the board had a full list of active members, and suggested that Sanderson and Bellamy contact several to fill any vacancies. The list of members shows there are two or three openings, and at least two members should be reappointed. This will be put on a future agenda.

In other business, the commissioners:

• Agreed to have Davis file for a loan

deficiency payment on wheat harvested on county land around the new landfill site. About 1,000 bushels were brought in, and the county's share is about one-third.

• Approved an agreement to get a new software program for the county health department, which will allow them to be part of the Kansas Integrated Health System. The new \$600 program will allow information on immunizations and other health records to be accessed from sites around the state.

• Decided that the county would not institute a compensatory time policy as had been recommended by employees. "We haven't had it, and it would be better not to start it," said Frankenfeld. Davis agreed and asked that a letter be sent to each department stating the commissioners' decision.

Sunflower Festival moves from street to park

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

For three years, folks have gathered on Main Street when the sunflower is in full bloom to celebrate the crop and industry. They will meet again this year for Goodland's fourth annual Sunflower Festival, but this time it'll be at a park.

This year, the Sunflower Festival, which the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce organizes, is being moved to Chamber's Park on the corner of 13th and Center to spare participants the

harsh rays of the summer sun.

"It is so hot in August," said Jo Simmons, manager of the Chamber office. "There will be more shade at the park."

Festivities will start at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 5, said Simmons, and end sometime in the mid-afternoon.

There will be other changes, Simmons said.

The "Lookin' Good Yellow Vehicle Parade," where participants show off cars and trucks decorated all in yellow, will be incorporated into the 4-H pa-

rade, which is part of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair.

"Instead of having a separate parade," Simmons said, "we are encouraging people to sign-up for that parade."

Vehicles will line up on Main Street at 5 p.m. on Saturday, with the parade starting at 6.

On top of the old favorites, said Simmons, organizers are kicking around ideas for new events — though she wouldn't name specifics.

"We are still in the planning stage,"

she said.

Some things are for sure.

A sunflower queen and princess will be crowned; there will be a sunflower olympics, a sunflower-decorating contest and remote-control car races.

The festival will end with a piñata bashing at the park.

More and more people attend the festival each year, said Simmons, adding that it still has a lot of growing to do.

"It takes five to eight years to get a festival running," she said. "There's just no shortcut."

Officials discuss roads, airport, raises at budget meeting

Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

City commissioners had roads on their minds Monday as they started talking about the city's 2001 budget.

Commissioners are holding budget workshops from 5 to 9 p.m. through Thursday of this week to discuss next

year's budget. They will not make any final decisions at the workshops, and will approve a final budget at a regular meeting later.

In addition to talking about road problems, the commission looked at a wish list from Ron Pickman, city manager. The list includes suggestions that

city employees, residents and others have made through the year. It includes a salary increase for all city employees, a recycling plant, and repairs to the airport.

Money for work on 17th and Cattle-trail, and 6th and Center is still in the 2000 budget. The streets are scheduled

to be re-paved this year.

Also, repairs to brick intersections on Main and 8th and Main and 7th haven't started, and money is in this year's budget. Plans for these projects will be turned into the state this week.

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Voter deadline is Monday

Janet Rumpel, Sherman County election officer, wants to remind people the registration books for new voters will close at 5 p.m. on Monday for the primary election to be held on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Anyone who is not registered or wants to change party affiliation must do so by that date, she said. "An unaffiliated registered voter can go to the polls on primary election day and complete a form declaring as a Democrat or Republican," Rumpel said, but a person cannot change from one party to another on primary election day.

Since there are no special questions on the primary ballot, she said, only registered Republicans and Democrats can vote.

For information call the county clerk's office at (785) 899-4800.