

## weather report

90°

at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 7:53 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:53 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:52 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 81 degrees

• Humidity 33 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds southwest 16-23 mph

• Barometer 29.95 inches  
and falling

• Record High 106° (1938)

• Record Low 48° (1990)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 91°

Low 60°

Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 60-65, winds south 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, high 95, low 60-65, winds southwest 10-20 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Wednesday and Thursday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90s, low 60-65. Friday: dry, high 90s, low 60-65.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.26 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.07

Loan deficiency payment — 38¢

Corn — \$1.48 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.46

Loan deficiency pmt. — 53¢

Milo — \$2.42 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.57 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.79

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.11

Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.45 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.06

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.

## Gore chooses running mate

WASHINGTON — Al Gore selected Connecticut Sen. Joseph Lieberman to be his running mate today, rounding out the Democratic ticket with the first Jewish vice presidential candidate for a major party in American history.

Gore offered the spot on the ticket in a telephone call at midday, and Lieberman accepted.

“That was the call. It was directly from Al Gore,” Lieberman said, pulling up to his house in New Haven, Conn., with a cell phone to his ear.

He was all smiles. Hours earlier, Gore aides had informally given him the good news.

Picking the moderate Democrat and moral crusader as his running mate signals an effort by Gore to win over independent and Republican voters and distance himself from Clinton’s controversies.

# Festival brings color to town

By Rachel Miscall

*The Goodland Daily News*

There was yellow everywhere.

It was on the streets, splashed across cars, stuck to children’s faces and clothes and hanging in businesses’ windows. No bike, hat, animal, child or adult was safe from the yellow tide.

The fourth annual Sunflower Festival brightened up Goodland on Saturday, as hundreds of children and parents gathered at Chamber’s Park to celebrate the crop and industry.

“We sold 206 hot dog lunches,” said Jo Simmons, manager of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, which started and organizes the still-new event. “We are definitely getting more of a response from the public.”

Dressed in yellow and wearing fake sunflowers in their hair, children participated in sunflower-theme contests. They decorated their bicycles and tricycles with yellow and brown, competed in the sunflower Olympics and swung at a big sunflower-shaped piñata.

Page Seeger was crowned Sunflower Queen and Chelsea Schroller was named princess of the festival.

The adults had fun too.

There was an antique tractor show and a garden tractor obstacle course — where people drove through traffic cones blindfolded — on Main Street. Judges picked the best sunflower plants, best sunflower arrangement and best sunflower-decorated hat.

Businesses weren’t left out. Owners organized their own contests and games, including balloon and animal races and a coloring contest.

While most of the fun was on Saturday, the annual Agriculture and Farm Show preceded the festival on Friday, and the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair Parade closed the event at 6 p.m. Saturday. The festival’s quilt show ran on Saturday and Sunday at the Central Elementary School gymnasium.

Results of the contests and quilt show were not available Monday morning, but will be in *The Goodland Daily News* as soon as possible.

Simmons said it helped moving the event to Chamber’s Park. For the first three years, it was held on Main Street, she said, but the Chamber board decided participants needed more shade on a hot August day.

“It was much cooler,” said Simmons. “The park made a big difference.”

# Kids throw seeds in Olympic event

By Janet Craft

*The Goodland Daily News*

The children stood behind an imaginary line as they threw sunflower seeds into a coffee can. Some would throw one at a time, others threw handfuls and a couple of toddlers dumped in a whole paper cupful at once.

Depending on their age, the kids stood closer to or farther from the can to toss the seeds, trying to see who could get the most seeds in the can in 30 seconds.

Throwing sunflower seeds was only one of the games for kids to play during the Sunflower Olympics at Saturday’s Sunflower Festival in Chambers Park.

Two other games were a spoon obstacle race and a balloon tossing contest.

For the spoon obstacle race, the kids had to walk around a square on a sidewalk with a single sunflower seed on a plastic spoon held between their teeth and drop the seed into the can. The ob-

ject was to see who could get the most seeds in the can in a certain amount of time.

The younger kids were allowed a minute and a half, while the older kids had a minute. After the event was over, it was discovered that some kids had tied, so as a tie breaker, they had to walk backwards around the square.

The balloon tossing contest brought about a lot of smiles and laughter. There was a large number of kids and a few adults who competed in the event.

Two partners had a yellow water balloon which they tossed back and forth between them in whatever way they chose until the balloon broke. After each person tossed the balloon, they would take a step backwards so that the distance between the pair gradually became greater.

Many of the balloons broke on the ground, but there were screams of surprise when several of the contestants were doused with water as the balloons broke on them.

# Woman wins contest

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Daily News*

Using the letters in “celebration,” Carol Gattshall of Goodland found 964 words to win the third annual Sunflower Festival word contest sponsored by *The Goodland Daily News*.

Gattshall wins a one year subscription to *The Daily News* for her efforts.

“It was a real challenge, and I enjoyed it,” she said. She said she found words by going through old dictionaries and using a Scrabble dictionary.

Second place went to Lynn Meier of Oakley, who had been the winner for the past two years. She had 948 words.

Kristine Wood of Goodland was third with 899 words.

The rules required all the words be a minimum of three letters, and the let-

ters from the word only be used once in each word. Sheila Smith, circulation manager, headed the counting and verifying of the entries. She said the top three were closer at the start, but each had words that were disqualified for wrong letters or double use of a letter.

“The number of words has increased each year,” Smith said, “as people use more and more dictionaries.”

There were 79 entries with ages ranging from 12 to 87, and from 13 different communities in Northwest Kansas.

Those who brought entries into the newspaper office said they enjoyed the contest. Entries were received from Goodland, Kanorado, Bird City, Brewster, St. Francis, Weskan, Sharon Springs, Levant, Ludell, Hoxie, Atwood, Colby and Oakley.

# Congressman focuses on five issues

By Dana Sulsberger

*The Goodland Daily News*

Congressman Jerry Moran says he is focusing on five main issues for his next term: rural health care, agriculture, transportation, veterans affairs and technology.

Moran spoke Friday to the Goodland Rotary Club at the cafeteria in the Northwest Kansas Technical School as part of a tour of the 66 counties in the 1st Congressional District.

At a session open to the general public, he talked about his issues and took questions from the audience.

Moran was elected in 1996, and expects to be re-elected to his third term this fall. A Republican, he had no primary or Democratic opposition.

During a discussion on rural health care, Moran said there were a number of people who came up to him with

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Breana Snyder bent down to drop a sunflower seed into a coffee can during a sunflower seed game Saturday at the Sunflower Festival.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



Zoe D'Annunzio sat on her brightly colored, decorated tricycle. Zoe was the youngest participant in the bike decorating contest during the Sunflower Festival Saturday.

Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

# Little girls crowned at festival

By Janet Craft

*The Goodland Daily News*

Little girls dressed in sunflower outfits or wearing sunflowers in their hair gathered Saturday afternoon at Chambers Park to see who would be queen and princess of the Sunflower Festival.

Girls 2-5 competed for the title of princess and those 6-10 for queen. The girl in each category who raised the most money was the winner.

The Sunflower Queen was Page Seeger, who raised \$162, and the princess was Chelsea Schroller, who raised \$88. Altogether, the girls raised \$612, which will go to the Steever Water Park fund.

Other contestants for princess were Serena Rosenberg and Zoe D'Annunzio. Queen candidates were Shawnie Butts and Shayla Matthews.

Paul Nelson, owner of McDonald's, and Scott Schroller, manager of Wal-Mart, both sponsors of the contest, were at the park to announce the winners, who were crowned by last year's queen and princess.

The girls each received gift certificates.

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# Brewster man dies Saturday in one-car crash near town

A Brewster man was killed Saturday in a one-car crash north of Brewster.

A Kansas Highway Patrol report said Gary R. Cooper, 71, was northbound on a county road 2 1/2 miles north of town when he lost control, driving his vehicle into the east ditch.

The vehicle jumped over a field

drive-in and flipped one time, coming to rest on its wheels.

Mr. Cooper was taken to Citizens Medical Center in Colby by ambulance and was pronounced dead shortly after arrival, according to Michael Boyles, spokesman for the hospital.

Services are pending.