

weather report

92° at noon



Today

Sunset, 7:51 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 5:55 a.m.
Sunset, 7:50 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Soil Temperature 83 degrees
Humidity 28 percent
Sky sunny
Winds south 18-25 mph
Barometer 30.12 inches and rising
Record High 108° (1937)
Record Low 53° (1965)

Last 24 Hours*

High 102°
Low 57°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear, low mid 60s, winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny, high 100, low 65, winds south 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday: dry, high mid 90s, low 65.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.27 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.05
Loan deficiency payment — 4¢
Corn — \$1.48 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.47
Loan deficiency pmt. — 52¢
Milo — \$2.43 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.63 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.82
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.08
Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.50 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.

Truck tires being recalled

WASHINGTON — Bridge-stone/Firestone announced today a voluntary safety recall of 6.5 million tires for light trucks and sport utility vehicles that have been connected with 46 deaths.

The company said the recall involves all size P235/75R15 Firestone radial ATX and radial ATX II tires produced in North America, and Wilderness AT tires produced at the company's Decatur, Ill., plant.

The company said about 14.4 million of these tires have been produced. The recall follows a yearlong investigation that focused on accident reports involving tire failures, mainly in Southern states while driving in hot weather. The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration has received 270 complaints, including reports of 46 deaths.

A pen of clean pigs...



Emily Murray (right) rinsed out a rag while her sister, Abby (center) and brother David (left) soaped their pigs Tuesday at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. They were getting their animals ready for the swine show at 8 a.m. today.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

4-Her raises wheat for county fair

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Michael Leonard said he's enjoyed doing a wheat test plot for the past four years as a 4-H project and plans to do it again next year.

Leonard, a quiet 17-year-old, is the son of David and Lori Leonard and has a younger sister, Meghan. The family lives on a farm northwest of Goodland.

Michael said he got started in the project when Dana Belshe, Sherman County extension agent, asked him if he would be interested in putting in a wheat test plot. Leonard said Belshe told him that he would get the wheat for him from Kansas State University. Each variety came in a 10 pound bag. Leonard planted six varieties this year on his three-fourths-acre plot. They included Jagger, 2137, Betty, Thunderbolt, AP7510 and Akron.

He said Jagger and 2137 did the best in this year's plot and Betty did the poorest.

Before planting the test plot, Leonard worked the field and marked off the area to be planted. During the planting, he vacuumed out the drill boxes on the planter and shook out the tubes to keep the varieties separate.

Leonard's mother said three people had to ride the planter so they could see when the boxes were empty because the 10 pound bags don't go very far.

"Unfortunately, it's usually Meghan and I that help, so it's a family affair," Lori said, "and dad's usually driving the tractor."

The lids on the boxes were latched open while the wheat was being planted. Some of the wheat was treated



with pesticide, so they had to use a stick or a glove to protect themselves from the chemical.

In order to make it easier to harvest the wheat, the Leonards left a blank row between each of the varieties. To do this, they put tape over every fifth hole on the planter.

Leonard said the test plot was under a sprinkler. He ran the sprinkler over the plot two times in the fall and watered



Michael Leonard (left) held jars with two varieties of wheat. Leonard put together a wheat booth (above) for his 4-H project at the fair. The booth won a champion ribbon.

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the plot constantly from March until the end of May. In the spring, Leonard put on fertilizer with a spray coupe. He then added sulphur to some additional fertilizer to keep bugs away.

As far as diseases, Leonard said he had charcoal rot in the Jagger variety and barley yellow dwarf in the Betty.

When asked about yields and test weight, he said the best yield was 68 bushels an acre on the 2137 variety and the test weight averaged between 55 and 58 pounds.

He has harvested the wheat on his plot three of the four years he has done

this project, but it was hailed out last year.

Three years ago, he said, Meghan took some Jagger wheat that he grew, ground it into flour, and made bread with it which won first place at the Kansas Wheat Show.

Leonard entered a couple of varieties of wheat samples in the 4-H crops project and won champion ribbons. He also did a 4-H wheat booth on his test plot which included all six of the wheat varieties. He received a champion ribbon on it and will be eligible to go to the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson.

Officials looking to save on power

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland may be able to get "firm" power which could lower the city's cost in the future, if the City Commission decides to follow through with discussions on Monday.

Ed Wolak, director of public works, and Carroll Waggoner, senior manager for regulation and power marketing for Sunflower Electric Power Corp., talked with the commission about purchasing "firm" power.

The commission also talked about road work and additions to the current hedge and tree ordinances.

Firm power is when a utility buys a certain amount of continuous power guaranteed each hour, Wolak said. Now the city buys some power from Sunflower, but it is on an interruptible contract.

The city can be cut off at anytime if the power is needed elsewhere. Wolak said he hopes that the city commissioners will consider buying 3 megawatts of power per hour for a year.

There would be an estimated 6 percent increase in the rate that the city would have to pay to the power supplier if they bought firm power rather than staying on the interruptible contract. That still could be far less than what the city would pay on the open market.

Waggoner said over the last three years, market prices have fluctuated between \$1 and \$7 per kilowatt hour.

"Buying firm power will add stability and flexibility to our ability to provide power," said Wolak. "It will give us some breathing room."

Purchasing firm power doesn't limit the city from being able to buy cheaper power from other sources, said

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Center gets scanning equipment

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland Regional Medical Center's new spiral computerized tomography scanner was delivered last week, and Administrator Jim Chaddick said it is expected to be up and running this week.

Technicians received training the last couple of weeks, he said, adding that the hospital's specialists have already booked some scans for this week.

"Will it be available on Sundays?" asked President Doug Irvin.

"Yes," replied Dr. Greg Bongers, a board member.

Re-elected to serve as board officers for the next year at Tuesday's meeting were Irvin, president; Lynn Hoelting, vice president; Randy Schoenthaler, treasurer; and Dennis Shank, secretary.

Board member Steve Evert was put on the finance committee, as he hasn't

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Photographer says he was harassed

Trooper says he took film from man for evidence

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

A young photographer says a state trooper harassed him and forced him to hand over his film while he was shooting pictures of an accident involving a police car on Main Street in Goodland early last Sunday.

But the trooper, who was investigating an accident involving a Goodland police officer, says the young man was

disrespectful and difficult and he only wanted the film for evidence because the pictures he takes in the dark usually don't turn out.

The trooper's boss, second lieutenant for the Kansas Highway Patrol in Goodland, says the patrol won't investigate the incident because no one has filed a formal complaint.

"We don't do investigations on 'he said, she said,'" said Lt. Kevin Win-

ston.

Everyone agrees that around 2 a.m., Trooper Mike Skyler was investigating the accident on 10th and Main. Officer Chad Riebel, responding to a call on a bar fight, swerved to avoid a car in the intersection and lost control of his patrol car, which struck a handrail, two buildings and a lamp post. Then Vince

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Bull Blast at fair tonight

Bull Blast 2000 will begin at 7 p.m. tonight in front of the grandstands at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair in Goodland.

The event is sponsored by John McDonald, a stock contractor, and the Sherman County Fair Board. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. The beef show will begin at 8 a.m. Thursday in the livestock arena, with round robin showmanship at 1 p.m.

The 4-H Appreciation Barbecue will be at 5 p.m. Thursday. It will be followed by the 4-H Livestock Sale at 6 p.m.

Entertainment for Thursday evening will be a concert by Exit 17 at 8 p.m. Advance tickets can be purchased at Kickers, KLOE, and Mr. Jim's His Shop at \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. The cost at the door will be \$8 for adults and \$4 for children.