

weather report

93°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:45 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:59 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:44 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 78 degrees

• Humidity 25 percent

• Sky Mostly sunny

• Winds variable 5 mph

• Barometer 30.00 inches

and steady

• Record High 104° (1937)

• Record Low 50° (1979)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 92°

Low 64°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 65, winds light. Tomorrow: Sunny, becoming partly cloudy in the afternoon, slight chance of thunderstorms, high 100, low 65.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, high 100, low 65.

Thursday and Friday: dry, high 85-90, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Walking out a winner...



Tranda Ihrig, a 4-Her, took home her winning projects from the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair on Saturday morning. She got reserve grand champion for a picture frame in the wood working category and

grand champion for her poster in the poster competition. All 4-Hers picked up their projects from the faurgrounds Saturday morning as the fair began to wind down. Photo By Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

City streets are gravel not asphalt

Official says it costs too much to switch

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

At a Goodland City Commission meeting last week, City Manager Ron Pickman said many residential city streets have never been paved with asphalt, but were constructed through a process called chip seal.

It was his response to a resident who asked why the city never repaves city streets in asphalt, and instead, just puts on another layer of gravel. Pickman said the reason the streets were never paved or repaved in asphalt is because the city can't afford it.

He said originally it was cheaper to put in chip seal streets than asphalt streets, and though the streets require more maintenance, it's cheaper to maintain them than repave them in asphalt.

A chip seal road is gravel held together by a light-weight tar. It requires more upkeep than the asphalt- or concrete-based roads because it breaks down faster.

Pickman wasn't sure why the streets were originally paved with a chip seal base because he wasn't in Goodland when the decision was made, but he said the main reason was probably cost.

"It was an economic way to get hard surfaces on streets," he said. "A lot of cities did it, but that was before the heavier trucks started coming through town."

The trucks farmers use to carry grain to the elevator have grown as yields and farms have grown. Now, farmers use semi-trailers to carry their product, and it puts more of a strain on roads.

The streets remain chip seal-based, he said, because it would cost too much to repave them. Pickman said it would cost \$50,000 to repave one city block of road in asphalt, including reforming concrete curbs and gutters. In comparison, he said, it costs \$145,000 a year to repave one-third of the streets with the chip seal process.

In order to repave the streets with asphalt, Pickman said, the chip seal base would have to be torn away and workers would have to dig seven inches into the ground to make room for the asphalt road.

He said the city commission has budgeted money to chip seal one-third of the city streets every year as an annual upkeep.

The chip seal streets get resurfaced every three years on the rotation, said Pickman, where the asphalt might last 7 to 10 years before it needed repairs.

There are many elements that go into the quality of the roads, he said, adding that heat is a big reason for road damage in Goodland.

"When it is hot and a truck with a large load goes over the road, it can spread out the base," said Pickman. "When it is spread out it can crack and if it cracks then water can get inside and ruin the base."

The damage to K-27 in town is a good example of what heat and weather can do to a road, he said, even one with an asphalt base.

While Goodland has asphalt, brick and concrete streets, Pickman said, a large number of the residential streets were originally done with, and continue to have, the chip and seal base.

But, the city manager said he wouldn't make the same mistake now.

"I wouldn't recommend the chip seal on any new streets now," said Pickman, "because of the larger trucks using the streets."

Theater to show silent movie for group

A 1926, black and white, silent movie will be shown this weekend at the Sherman Theatre to raise money for Sherman County's historical district.

The date of the movie commemorates the year the movie house was built.

Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ, a silent movie classic produced in 1926, will be shown at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 1:30 and 7 p.m. Sunday at the theater on Main Street in Goodland.

The benefit performance is being sponsored by the Sherman County Historical Society and David Branda, owner of the movie theater.

The black and white movie with live action includes some color sequences and is about two hours long. Tickets for the movie will be the normal price of \$4.50 for adults and \$2.50 for children, with a discount for senior citizens. The concession stand will be open during all performances.

The film portrays a childhood friendship, between Ben-Hur, Prince of Jerusalem, and Messala, now a Roman centurion, that turns sour. Ben-Hur prepares to welcome Messala, but is instead rebuked and scorned by him and



Ben-Hur, played by Ramon Navarro, whipped his horse in a chariot race from the 1926 silent movie, "Ben-Hur: A Tale of the Christ," to be shown at the Sherman Theatre this weekend.

accused of murder.

Ben-Hur is sent to be a slave in the galleys of a Roman warship for the rest of his life. But in a great sea battle, he saves the life of a Roman fleet commander and begins to climb to the top

again. Later, Ben-Hur rises to challenge Messala in a spectacular chariot race.

Evelyn Ward and Marilyn Cooper, historical society board members, said people can get a 50-cent discount to the movie with a coupon out of The Good-

land Daily News or The Country Advocate.

"We hope to make this an annual event," said Ward.

All the proceeds will go towards the county's historical district to pay for plaques, brochures, and historical displays, she said.

Cooper said the society wants to enhance Goodland's history to attract tourists. She said people are interested in small western communities that have been through their centennial.

Ward said the Sherman Theatre opened in 1926, so "Ben-Hur" would have been the type of movie shown at that time.

"Every building on Main is over 50 years old, except for Dr. Baker's office," said Cooper.

She said a few were built in 1886 and 1888. The Knott Just Books store originally was a bank built in Eustis, said Ward. It was taken down brick by brick and brought to Goodland, where it was rebuilt.

"(We are) hoping people will come out not just to support the historical district, but for the purpose of seeing a silent movie," she said.

Pull brings big crowd, old tractors

A crowd gathered on Saturday and Sunday at the Sherman County Fairgrounds for an antique tractor pull where hundreds of old-timers went head-to-head for the title in their class.

The two-day competition brought 360 participants from across the tri-state area to the Northwest Kansas Dis-



Donja Andrews from Burlington drove a tractor owned by Bonnie Pizel in the antique tractor pull on Sunday at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

trict Free Fair, which ended Sunday. That's more than twice the number that entered the pull last year.

Participants brought along about 170 old tractors to see which one could pull

a big truck the farthest, said Merle Stasser, a member of the Sunflower Spinners — the Goodland antique tractor club that sponsored the pull.

The antique tractors ranged in age

from the first models to ones made in the mid-1960s.

The two-day competition had at least 12 different classes, he said, with one winner in each class.

Six accused of drug possession, burglary or rape head to court this month

Six people arrested this summer for separate crimes, including possession of drugs, burglary and rape, have preliminary hearings set for this month.

A man and woman from Ohio, who were arrested on I-70 last Sunday for possession of drugs after a trooper stopped them for speeding, are to appear in court a week from today.

Three Goodland teen-agers charged with burglary, theft and criminal damage to property, will go to court Thurs-

day, Aug. 24. And a Sherman County man accused of raping a young girl in his home will appear before a judge on Wednesday.

Joseph F. Clark, 36, and his companion, Zandra Finnell, 18, both of Cincinnati, were arrested on Aug. 6 for having what appeared to be marijuana in the trunk of Clark's car.

Charges filed against the couple include possession of a hallucinogenic drug with intent to sell, conspiracy to

commit possession of marijuana with intent to sell, unlawful use of communication facility and no drug tax stamp.

As of Thursday, Clark and Finnell were still being held in the Sherman County Bastille. Since the arrests, the pair have had their first appearance.

Justin D. Lamb, 18, Andrew L. Potterf, 18, and Marshall Carson, 17, are suspected of breaking into and stealing cash and property from the Sigco Sun plant in Goodland during the

night of July 4. The teen-agers are also accused of burglary and theft at two Brewster businesses, The A Cafe and the Frontier Equity Exchange grain elevator. Thomas County law enforcement officers say the young men broke into those businesses the same night or early the next morning.

Charges of burglary, theft and criminal damage to property have been filed in Thomas County, said C.D. Hopper, investigating officer for the Sheriff's

Department. But, he said, a preliminary hearing hasn't been set yet.

Lamb remains in the Bastille, while Potterf is out on bond and Carson was taken to a detention center in WaKeeney since he is a juvenile.

Patrick H. Tagtmeyer, 37, was arrested for allegedly raping a 13-year-old girl in June at his home. His bond was originally set at \$500,000, but was later reduced to \$50,000. His bond was paid and he has been released.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.29 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.08

Loan deficiency payment — 37¢

Corn — \$1.46 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.37

Loan deficiency pmt. — 62¢

Milo — \$2.39 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.76 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.90

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.00

Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.45 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.16

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.

Russian crew trapped in sub

MOSCOW — A Russian nuclear submarine with more than 100 crew members was trapped Monday on the ocean floor above the Arctic Circle, and chances of a rescue were not good, Russia's navy chief said.

Russian navy commander Admiral Vladimir Kuroyedov said the submarine Kursk had apparently been involved in a collision and sustained serious damage. A Norwegian report said the vessel was sitting 480 feet below the surface of the Barents Sea.

"Despite all the efforts being taken, the probability of a successful outcome from the situation with the Kursk is not very high," Kuroyedov was quoted as saying by the ITAR-Tass news agency.

It was the first major crisis involving a Russian nuclear submarine in more than a decade.