

weather
report

92°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:44 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:00 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:42 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 79 degrees

• Humidity 22 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds southeast 13 mph

• Barometer 30.14 inches

and falling

• Record High 106° (1937)

• Record Low 49° (1934)

Last 24 Hours*

High 100°

Low 64°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 60s, winds southeast 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, high 95-100, low 60s, winds southwest 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: chance of thunderstorms, high 85-95, low 60s. Friday and Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90s, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.32 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.10

Loan deficiency payment — 35¢

Corn — \$1.46 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.40

Loan deficiency pmt. — 59¢

Milo — \$2.38 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.

Navy trying
to save sailors

MOSCOW — The navy lowered a rescue capsule Tuesday in a bid to reach 116 sailors trapped in a Russian nuclear submarine stranded on the ocean floor, but chances of saving the sailors appeared bleak, officials said.

The capsule was lowered Tuesday night from a ship on the surface above the submarine, but there was no word on whether it had made contact, navy spokesman Capt. Igor Dygalo said.

The rescue attempt came during a break in the weather, he said. Earlier attempts to lower a capsule failed Tuesday after 12-footwaves, strong winds and rain buffeted rescue ships in the area above the Arctic Circle, hampering the recovery effort.

The navy said there had been no communication with the submarine since it went down Sunday.

Elevator makes room for corn crop

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

At Frontier Equity Exchange's Ruleton elevator, workers have moved about 480,000 bushels of wheat from the elevator into a bunker to make room for corn harvest.

Tony Criswell, branch manager, said the grain was put in the bunker so the elevator doesn't have to pay for terminal storage on wheat they don't own.

"If we had possession, we would be shipping it out," Criswell said.

The wheat that is going in the bunker is what is owned by the farmer, he said. Farmers might not be selling their wheat because they want to wait until commodity prices rise, but Merwin Jensen, the grain marketing manager with Frontier, said the elevator doesn't have more wheat in storage this year than usual.

Criswell said the elevator usually ships grain to terminal storage facilities in Salina or Kansas City.

Randy Schoenthaler, general manager at Frontier Equity, said in order for the elevator to store grain that doesn't belong to the elevator, they have to put it in licensed storage. He said the bunkers, which are made of wood and look like a big bowl, are acceptable to store someone else's grain.

The elevator has to pay costs to move and store grain at a terminal, he said, if they don't own the grain.

Schoenthaler said the Ruleton bunker was built last spring, right before wheat harvest.

He said the elevator's plan is to move grain to bunkers at Ruleton and Brewster and flat storage at Brewster and Bird City, so their concrete and steel storage elevators will be empty for fall harvest.

Meanwhile, most of the dryland corn crop is hot and dry.

Roger Stockton, northwest area



crops and soils extension specialist at Colby, said on dryland corn there's a lot of variability depending on where fields are located.

"We've had some spotty rainfall that made some difference," Stockton said.

He said he knew of a field of dryland corn in far southwest Thomas County, that was dying because of lack of moisture.

Stockton said other fields of dryland corn are holding on better.

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Rain below average

Drought, heat is maturing corn

Kevin Lynott, meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Goodland, said Goodland has had 10.82 inches of moisture since Jan. 1, which is about three inches below normal.

The dry weather could make corn harvest come early, say elevator operators, as the plants mature faster.

Corn harvest usually begins around the first of October, said Merwin Jensen, grain marketing manager at Frontier Equity Exchange elevator.

"This year, it is probably going to be somewhat earlier because of the hot weather," he said.

Jensen thought dryland corn may be picked the second week of September and that irrigated corn will be picked the last week of September or the first week of October.

Lynott said the normal amount of moisture for this time of year is 13.74

inches, so Goodland is about three inches below normal for precipitation.

He predicts the Goodland area will probably stay below normal for the rest of the year, as we're going into the dry part of the year.

Climatology suggests that since we are getting out of the rainy season, Lynott said, we'll probably stay below normal for the rest of the year.

"One storm can catch us up quickly," he said, "but storms aren't as common this time of year."

Lynott said the wettest months are April, May and June, while August, September and October are drier.

The tri-state area, he said, is still in the moderate drought condition according to the U.S. Drought monitor. That means this area is below normal in rainfall, but not in extreme drought conditions.

Work on highway goes on, and on

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

While work on K-27, between Commerce Road and Business U.S. 24, is creeping along, there are frequent periods of little to no work and the contractor in charge has said the project will go past the September deadline.

That's not good news to businesses along K-27, which stand to lose money because their shops aren't as accessible, or drivers, who face delays and possible damage to vehicles because of the road conditions.

State and city officials say contractors with Smith Sand and Gravel Construction Company from Garden City, the company in charge of the K-27 project, are saying they won't meet the September deadline because they are busy with another project.

City Manager Ron Pickman said Monday he thinks the K-27 repairs won't be finished until October — at the earliest — even though the contract with the city is up in September.

Kristen Brands, a spokesperson for the Kansas Department of Transporta-



tion, said the department doesn't want to make predictions about when the work will be done — but it's not going to be anytime soon.

"There isn't a date right now that is worth mentioning," said Brands. "The construction company has to modify their schedule and nothing will be set until the end of the week."

Even saying they will be done a month late might be misleading at this point, she said.

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Board to get tough on disrespect, cussing

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland School Board members sent students a message Monday night: Disrespect for teachers and the use of foul language will not be tolerated in school.

"We want to say enough is enough," said President Dick Short at the board's meeting Monday. "We want you to know the board will back the administrators and principals to take steps to improve discipline at our schools."

Board members said they had heard

about discipline problems during the previous school year, including disrespect to teachers and use of bad language.

"Students shouldn't get by with cussing at a teacher," said member Gerald Franklin.

"We need to let everyone know that disrespect and bad language will not be tolerated," said member Mike Campbell. "This has to be worked out eye to eye with students and teachers in front of the principal."

"The students need to know they will

be taken to the office, the parents should be called and they should be out of the building," he added. "We need to let them know we hold the diploma."

Grant Junior High Principal Jim Mull, speaking on behalf of the building principals and administrators said, "We have discussed this in detail. We want to thank you for your stance, and think it will help make it a better year."

Superintendent Marvin Selby said there will not be any specific changes

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Rural and city family switch for TV show

By Kimberly Brandt

The Oberlin Herald

They call it "Switch Family Robinson."

For a week, families named Robinson from Oberlin and New York City switched places, living each others' lives. The city dwellers milked cows and experienced total darkness. The farm family learned to shop at different stores for groceries, one for the pasta and one for the cheese.

At first, no one was talking. Both families were sworn to secrecy, apparently out of fear that some other program would pick up on the idea, though more than a few people noticed the camera crew following the New York couple around Oberlin.

Producer Rick Kramer said the switch was staged by the television series Inside Edition. Looking for Robinsons, he said, the program got a large response.

The two families chosen were

Donna and Bruce Robinson from New York and Merlou, Mike, Jake and Jace Robinson from Oberlin. Last week, the two families switched places to live the others' life for a week, followed by cameras everywhere they went.

Donna does voice-overs for radio and Bruce is a playwright and used to write for Broken Bridge. They don't have any kids. Merlou is a special education teacher and freelance writer and Mike is a farmer; they and their boys, Jake, 13, and Jace, 9, live northeast of Oberlin.

Neither of the families are world travelers, although both have traveled. For the New Yorkers, vacation usually means going to another city, said Mr. Kramer, while the Oberlin family said going to New York was something they had never done before.

The New York Robinsons arrived

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