

weather  
report

73°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:40 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:03 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:38 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 75 degrees

• Humidity 42 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds southeast at 17-24 mph

• Barometer 30.27 inches

and falling

• Record High 103° (1934)

• Record Low 51° (1960)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 81°

Low 61°

Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 50 percent chance of thunderstorms, low mid 50s, winds southeast 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 85-90, low 60, winds west 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90, low 60.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.44 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.15

Loan deficiency payment — 3¢

Corn — \$1.57 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.42

Loan deficiency pmt. — 57¢

Milo — \$2.42 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.77 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.95

Loan deficiency payment — 95¢

Millet — \$7.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.40 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.30

Confection current — \$15/\$6cwt.

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.

Body found  
in woman's car

WICHITA, Kan. — Police were still waiting Friday to talk to the boyfriend of a missing Wichita woman, whose car has been found in Colorado with a decomposing body in the trunk.

Steve Papen, 36, remained hospitalized in Seattle in critical condition, breathing with the aid of a ventilator. A spokeswoman for Harborview Medical Center said Papen was suffering from acute respiratory distress syndrome, or lung failure. That can be caused by inhalation of fluids, severe infection or severe injury.

Papen has been unconscious since being found on Tuesday on a Seattle beach.

A car registered to Papen's girlfriend — Dana Anderson, 29 — was found Thursday night at the Colorado Springs airport, where it had been parked for five days.

Two men  
suspected  
of forging  
checks

Teen-agers face  
felony charges

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Two Goodland teen-agers are facing charges of forgery and theft after they allegedly stole blank checks from a Goodland restaurant and tried to cash two totaling \$1,200 at banks in town.

Goodland police arrested Randy Rodriguez, 18, and Greg Mace, 16, on Monday, after a Bankwest employee called the department saying someone was trying to cash a check that didn't belong to them.

Police Chief Ray Smee said another man with Rodriguez and Mace got away. Police were still looking for him Thursday night.

Smee said the checks draw money from an account for the Safari Steak and Seafood House at 715 E. Hwy 24, run by Tim Heier. Heier didn't know the checks had been stolen, Smee said.

Court files say Rodriguez, Mace and Lucas Smith worked together to cash a check worth \$480.33 at the drive-thru window at First National Bank on Monday, and a check worth \$720.50 at Bankwest.

Smee said the young men aren't employees of the steak house, and court files said the checks were stolen from Heier's home in Goodland.

Rodriguez is being held in the Sherman County Bastille, while Mace is at a detention center in WaKeeney because he is a juvenile.

Both appeared before District Magistrate Judge Larry Montandon of Sharon Springs Thursday, who read the charges against them.

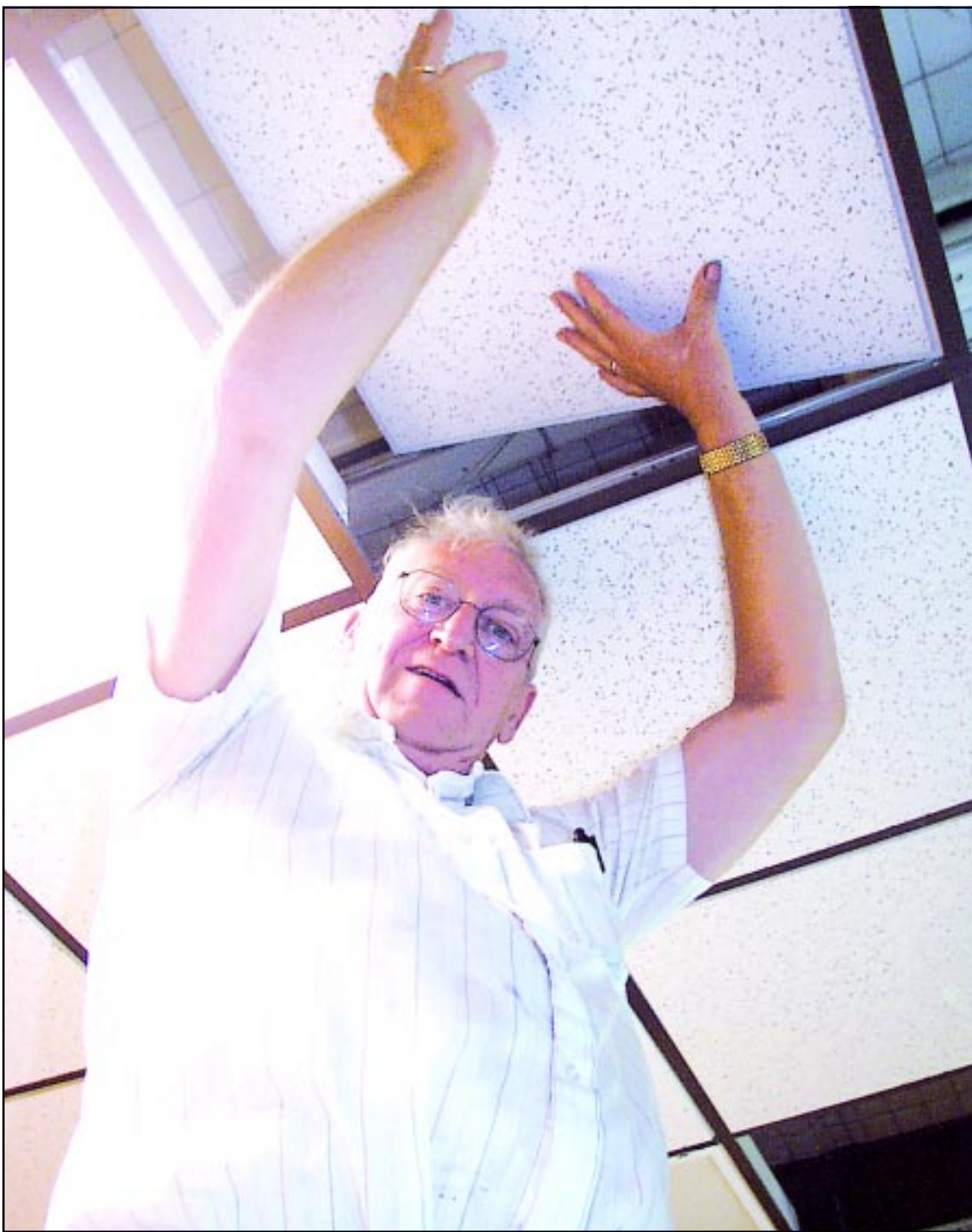
Judge Montandon said Mace pleaded not guilty in juvenile court, and a trial date has not been set.

The rules are different for adults and Rodriguez won't plead until after a preliminary hearing, where a judge will decide if the state has enough evidence to warrant the charges. The preliminary hearing is set for 3:30 p.m. Thursday.

Mace is facing seven felony charges and one misdemeanor, and Rodriguez is facing six felonies and a misdemeanor charge.

The charges they share include two counts each of forgery — possessing a forged instrument, conspiracy to commit making false information and conspiracy to commit forgery and one count of misdemeanor theft.

Mace also has been charged with one count of attempted forgery.



Ray Morgan, an electronics and technology instructor at the Northwest Kansas Technical School, was putting a new classroom together Thursday afternoon in the building that houses his department. He and Robert Woodrow, a carpentry instructor, were installing tiles in the ceiling, and hoping they would be done by Monday, when school starts.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

School opens doors Monday

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The Northwest Kansas Technical School will start its 37th school year on Monday and the school's director expects enrollment to break records once again.

Director Larry Keirns said the school is expecting 619 students, up from last year's record setting total of 602.

But Keirns said the day for the state's official count is Sept. 15, which gives students a little time to come and go.

"We think we'll be real close, plus or minus, from where we were last year," he said.

Students can still enroll for fall classes in auto body, auto technology, carpentry, welding, medical assistant, electrical, engineering, office/computer technology and truck and tractor diesel mechanics.

Some programs are full for this fall, but students can enroll for future classes. The cosmetology program has room for the January 2001 class; the communications network technology department for the February 2001 class; the electronics technology program for the fall 2001 class; and the communications technology program for

2002 classes.

Keirns said several new staff members will start work Monday.

"We're excited about having them and getting on with educating students in their particular chosen occupation," he said.

Keirns said the school is working to become a technical college. He said they will make a presentation to the Kansas Board of Regents when the board meets at the school campus on Nov. 15 and 16.

In addition, he said, the school is going through an accreditation process.

"We are making plans to be nationally accredited by June of 2001," said Keirns. The school will be evaluated by the Counsel on Occupational Education in Atlanta, which accredits schools all over the country, he said.

"It's quite an intensive process," Keirns said. "We have to look at everything."

It's an intensified self-study of the school's operations, he added.

Keirns said the school's new fitness center is scheduled to be completed in late spring.

Goodland  
may stop  
recycling

The Goodland City Commission will decide Monday whether to repeal the city's 50-cent recycling fee listed on residents' monthly utility bills, to make room for a man that is starting a curb-side recycling program here.

The commission will meet at 5 p.m. at the City Administration building.

City Clerk Mary Volk said because of Jeremiah Wickham's plan to start a curb-side recycling program next month, the commission will discuss repealing its recycling fee and stopping its recycling services.

Residents who sign up for Wickham's curb-side recycling program will pay \$2.50 every month for the service.

The commission will also talk about where the city is going to impound stray animals, since the place the city uses now doesn't want to do it anymore.

The animal control officer used to impound animals at Prarieland Animal Clinic, said Volk.

The commission will:

• Look at demolition bids for 315 East 13th Street and U.S.D. West 8th Street.

• Consider moving the school signals at 11th and Caldwell.

• Hear updates on the repaving of K-27, the Cattletrail project, drilling of the final two water wells in the city's water project and a meeting with Peoples Natural Gas, which provides the city with natural gas.

Hearing  
is continued  
in rape case

The preliminary hearing for a 36-year-old Sherman County man accused of raping a 13-year-old girl was rescheduled on Wednesday because the victim's doctor couldn't testify due to a family emergency.

Patrick Tagtmeyer was arrested on June 12 and charged with the forced rape of a Cheyenne County girl in late May at his home in rural Sherman County.

He was released from the Sherman County Bastille after paying a portion of the \$50,000 bond, and was scheduled to return to court Wednesday.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby said the hearing was continued to Tuesday, Sept. 12, because the Cheyenne County doctor who examined the victim after the alleged rape had a death in the family and wasn't available to testify.

High school students meet new people in Europe

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Five Goodland students and two chaperones spent 12 days in Europe this summer where they got first-hand geography lessons, practiced their language skills and had a taste of life overseas.

On June 1, the group boarded a plane in Denver and settled in for a nine-hour flight to London. Over the two weeks they were in Europe, the students visited England, France, Switzerland, Liechtenstein, Austria and Germany, taking in the sights and mingling with the natives.

When they returned home on June 12, the students and chaperones said the trip was worth taking.

"I really like to travel," said Dee Ann Ihrig, a chaperone and mother of one of the students. She said she knows not everyone can afford it, but recommended that high school students try to go on such a trip — the group went with EF Educational Tours.

Students included Tim Franklin, Audrey Diehl, Christina Beeson, Alisha Mitchek and Lyndee Ihrig, who teaches German at Goodland High



A group of young people from Sweden danced while their band played at a German celebration in Heidelberg, Germany.

Photo by Dee Ann Ihrig

School, and Dee Ann, mother of Lyndee.

Dee Ann said she and her daughter had a funny experience at a small Ger-

man restaurant.

They went to use the restroom, she said, but from the pictures and words on the two doors, they couldn't tell

which was which. Finally, she said, they chose one and while in there another woman came in who didn't speak English but indicated she wasn't sure

if she was in the right restroom. Dee Ann said after they left they still weren't sure if they had gone in the correct one, and were lucky because no men came in.

She said gasoline cost \$5-a-gallon in France, which explained the reason for smaller cars.

Felver, who has taken these tours for over 10 years, said it started when her German students said they wanted to go to Germany to use their skills. So, she said, she started looking into educational tours. It wasn't that year, but the next that she took her first group of students to Europe.

She said it was a good chance for her to practice her language skills with adults and gather information for the classroom.

"It's an eye-opening experience for the students," Felver said. "It changes their perspective about the United States because then they have something to compare it with."

Franklin was unavailable, but his mother Linda, said he learned a lot.

She said he was impressed with the Swiss army knives he saw in Switzer-