

weather report

66°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:19 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:16 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:18 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 77 degrees

• Humidity 75 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds calm

• Barometer 30.07 inches

and steady

• Record High 103° (1939)

• Record Low 42° (1956)

Last 24 Hours*

High 85°

Low 60°

Precipitation 0.01 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 60-65, winds southeast 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny, high 90-95, low 55-60, winds south 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: dry, high 85-95, low 55-65.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.62 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.35

Loan deficiency payment — 10¢

Corn — \$1.62 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.49

Loan deficiency prmt. — 50¢

Milo — \$2.51 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.14 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.32

Loan deficiency payment — 58¢

Millet — \$7.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.50 cwt.

Loan deficiency prmt. — \$4.39

Confection current — \$15/\$6 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.

Long heat wave sets new record

Weather watchers have to look back to the Dust Bowl year of 1936 to compare this August's sizzling temperatures in eastern Kansas.

Thursday, Wichita set a new record for the most 100-degree temperatures in August. It marked the 23rd day of triple-digit temperatures for the month — beating the previous record of 22 days set in 1936, according to the National Weather Service.

Temperatures in classrooms without air conditioning throughout the city have soared above 100 degrees, prompting school officials to extend their heat contingency plan for another week. Most students attend class for only half a day.

So far this summer, the city has had 27 days of 100-degree or greater readings in Wichita, the Weather Service said. That is not quite as bad as 1936, which holds the record for 50 days of triple-digit temperatures.

Boy donates birthday presents

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

For his sixth birthday, Garrett Nemecheck got a basket full of gifts from his family and neighbors. No toys, just a lot of milk bones, dog food and collars.

His mom, Penny, administrative assistant at Goodland Regional Medical Center, said the family was talking about something that they could do for the community.

Garrett's birthday was coming up and the family decided it would be the perfect time to do some community service, she said. Garrett decided to collect gifts for the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter.

"He is well loved and spoiled," she said, "so there were plenty of people to ask for donations from."

"I'm sure some people thought what does a kid want with a dog bone," said Mrs. Nemecheck.

Nemecheck had a small birthday party with his friends, where kids brought gifts for him, but then invitations were sent out to relatives and friends of the family.

"He is richly blessed with family and friends," said the invitation which asked them to bring donations for the shelter rather than presents for Garrett.

"This was a way that we could celebrate his birthday, and someone else would benefit, too," said Mrs. Nemecheck.

Garrett got to pick which organization he wanted to donate to, she said

Mom suggested the Goodland Activity Center and the library, two of his favorite places, but the minute she mentioned the animal shelter, he made his decision.

Garrett presented his gifts to the board on Thursday night at its monthly board meeting. He hid behind his mother's legs when he first came in, but his face lit up with a big smile when Sharon Bowker, head of the board, started talking about the dogs.

In addition to the gifts that he brought, Garrett also brought \$10.50, part of which was his own money, and he bought a collar to present to the board also.

"This green collar can go to a green dog," said Garrett laughing as he pulled the collar from the basket. He also designated the hot pink collar for a girl dog.

When one of the board members asked if he could talk Garrett into having two birthdays, Garrett said no, not if he got dog presents for all his birthdays.

Garrett struggled with a five-pound bag of dog food as he unloaded all of the treats from the basket, which contained dog food, dog treats, rawhide bones, and several collars.

He might get the chance to see where some of his gifts are going in the future, as board members who offer foster homes to pets said he could come visit them. While the shelter plans to build a permanent structure, for now, it operates with volunteers who keep an animal or two at a time.



Garrett Nemecheck unloaded all the gifts that he took to the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter board on Thursday night. The gifts were birthday presents he had received in the form of donations to the shelter.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Artist hopes to start sunflower painting in October

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

While the Van Gogh sunflower project has been delayed by official red tape, Canadian artist Cameron Cross said Thursday the project is definitely not stalled.

"The project is not at a standstill," Cross told about 60 people at a Goodland Rotary meeting Thursday noon at the Northwest Kansas Technical School student union.

"I want to thank everyone who has been helping prepare the sheets of plywood, and get all the details together for the work permit," Cross said. "The details have all been sent to Washington, and we hope to have the work visa within a month."

Once the permit is in hand, Cross estimates it will take about 30 to 40 days for him to complete the painting, and it would be erected shortly after. He said that while he is completing the painting, workers will be creating a 24-foot-by-32-foot frame to hold the sections.

Cross said the 12 Van Gogh sunflower paintings continue to increase in popularity around the world. The originals were done by Vincent Van Gogh in Holland in 1888 to 1889.

"He felt sunflowers were the symbol of life and hope," Cross said. "He was surrounded by fields of sunflowers and would go out and cut a grouping for each different painting."

The first of the 12 paintings will be the model for the one in Goodland Cross said. The replica is to be erected on property to be leased from the city in the new Cherry Street area between 19th Street and Business U.S. 24, the old wye junction.

Two paintings have been erected, the first in Altoona, Manitoba, and the second in Emerald, Australia. Others are to be erected in Japan, Holland, South Africa and Argentina, all places with connections to Van Gogh or sunflowers.

Volunteers have prepared the special plywood sections by coating them with fiberglass and a special gel coat. The 24 sections of 4-by-8-foot plywood will be assembled into four sections 24 feet wide for Cross to paint on.

To do the actual painting, Cross said, he will use an acrylic urethane enamel which is specially formulated for outdoor use. He said he uses different size brushes and long-handled rollers to do the painting.

"I do a few brush strokes and then have to step back about 30 feet so I can see if they are going to show up," he said. "We want this to be seen from I-70 so people will stop to get a closer look."

While Cross is painting, the frame and easel will be created. Once the frame and the painting are completed,



Media attention is nothing new for Canadian artist Cameron Cross, who talked Thursday to Julie Kennedy of Oberlin's KSNK-TV. He had made a presentation to the Rotary Club and members of the USA Sunflower Association about the Van Gogh sunflower project.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

the four sections of the painting will be screwed onto the frame with over 500 special screws, Cross said.

Cross then will come back and fill the seams with fiberglass and touch up the painting so they do not show.

The completed painting and frame will be hauled to the site, where it will be attached to the 80-foot easel before it is erected. Cross said the easel will have a base set three feet into the ground for the legs to be attached to by large bolts.

The winds on the plains of Canada are similar to those of western Kansas, he said, and the engineers have designed the easel to withstand the heavy winds.

Darrin Neufeld, head of the USA Sunflower Association and an engineer for Evans, Bierly and Hutchinson, said the easel should withstand winds up to 100 miles per hour.

"I won't say it will withstand everything, but unless the wind is sustained at 100 mile per hour for several hours, with higher gusts, the painting should stand," he said.

The painting is expected to draw a lot of people into Goodland, both highway travelers, and many who will come to the area just to see the painting. Cross said both locations where the paintings have gone up have reported large increases in tourists. The paintings have drawn both national and international

media attention to the cities.

Cross said in June, the Olympic torch stopped in Emerald and a ceremony was held at the base of the Van Gogh painting which received national coverage.

Each site will be creating merchandise to sell, and once all the painting are up there is a possibility of creating a

joint opportunity for all seven sites.

Cross said one of the next to be built will be in Klerksdorp, South Africa, where he made a presentation four months ago. In the next few months, he expects to make a presentation in Japan, and to move closer to selecting a site in Argentina, the world's largest producer of sunflowers.

Dairy Queen will relocate to I-70

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland's Dairy Queen will be moving out near I-70 later this year and owner Danny Whalen said the new store will still be "family oriented and child friendly."

"That's my first goal," he said.

Whalen and his wife, Richelle, are putting up a new building just north of Motel 6 on K-27, which should be done sometime in October. Woofter Construction of Colby, the general contractor, began work on it about the middle of August. Goodland subcontractors who will work on it include Kruse Construction, Marty's Electric and McClure Plumbing and Heating.

Whalen said International Dairy Queen in Minneapolis wanted him to expand his business, but that wasn't feasible at the present location at 17th

and Main. It would cost him about the same amount to expand there, as it would to build a new place.

He said in order to increase the speed of service and to offer more products, he needed a different setup. He would like to make layer cakes, which have an inch and a half of chocolate cake in the center and vanilla ice cream around that. To do that, he would need another freezer display case and he just doesn't have room.

Another new feature he hopes to add in the future are "snap shot" cakes. They're working on the process, where a photo is scanned on a computer and the image is transferred to a rolled, edible wafer sheet. The "edible image" is then placed on the top of a cake.

He will offer tours, too. In the past, he has given them to Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and grade school students from

Normal schedule for school

Classes in the Goodland school district will return to normal starting Tuesday.

Schools have been on a heat schedule, but the weather service is reporting a cool down in temperatures for the next week.

Most offices closed Monday

Most people will be lounging in their backyard, but some will be laboring on Labor Day, the national holiday that comes on the first Monday of each September.

City, county, state and federal offices in Goodland will be closed Monday, but most fast food chains will be open regular hours. The post office and banks will shut down, but Bowladium Lanes at 509 Caldwell will be open all day.

Things will be quiet at *The Goodland Daily News*, where editors, reporters and printers will be taking the day off — the newspaper won't be printed again until Tuesday.

But business will be normal, if not more busy, at gas stations in town, Wal-Mart and Alco Discount Store on Main Street.

Most grain elevators will not be open, but waitresses and waiters at the Apple Trail Restaurant south of the junction of I-70 and K-27 will be serving customers.

If you want Chinese food you're out of luck — China Gardens on Main Street will be closed on Monday and Tuesday. But if you want to rent a romance, you're in luck — Pied Piper Video, 1218 Main, will be open.

City meeting to be Tuesday

The Goodland City Commission plans a short meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, rather than on Monday, due to the Labor Day holiday.

The only new business for commissioners will be to look at bids for the sale of the city's old transportation van.

The city will also pay Rhoads Construction and Associated Pool Builders for the work done on Steever Waterpark.

Crews surveying south K-27

State crews have started surveying K-27 north from the Wallace County, getting ready for a project to rebuild the road for seven miles into Sherman County.

The survey will last for about four months, with crews and their equipment working slowly north. The survey is necessary for the detailed design of the proposed improvement on the road.

When crew members need to enter private property, they will obtain permission from landowners or tenants.

Goodland, Brewster, Sharon Springs, Weskan and Tribune. He lets them make their own ice cream cones.

The amount of inside seating will stay about the same, Whalen said, but it will have outdoor seating and parking for truck and recreational.

Whalen said he will still offer half price drinks from 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. every day.

Even though the Whalens own the franchise, he said they have a district manager who checks on the store about once every three months. If the store isn't up to Dairy Queen's standards, it can be shut down, he said, based on quality, value, service and cleanliness.

"Out of 100 percentage points, I've never received below a 93," Whalen said.