

weather
report

73°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:10 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:21 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:08 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 73 degrees
• Humidity 36 percent
• Sky clear
• Winds east 12 mph
• Barometer 30.24 inches
and rising
• Record High 102° (1971)
• Record Low 39° (1956)

Last 24 Hours*

High 100°
Low 57°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear, low 55, winds east 10 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy becoming clear, high 90, low 60, winds south 15-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: dry, high 90-95, low 60. Sunday: clear, high 90, low 55-60.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.58 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.32
Loan deficiency payment — 13¢
Corn — \$1.58 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.48
Loan deficiency prmt. — 51¢
Milo — \$2.38 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.10 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.21
Loan deficiency payment — 69¢
Millet — \$8.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.25 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.

Bomb injures
14 in Moscow

MOSCOW — Fourteen people were injured early Thursday when a man hurled an explosive device at a group of prostitutes in the center of Moscow, police said.

The attack just before dawn injured 13 women identified as prostitutes and one man, police said. An unidentified man tossed a small bomb or a grenade into the group standing by the road and escaped in a car, police said. All of the injured were hospitalized with shrapnel and blast wounds.

An initial investigation suggested the attack might be part of an organized crime clash over control of prostitution, police said. Criminal gangs often use contract killings and bombings to control drugs and prostitution. But the attack might be connected to the war in Chechnya, where Russian forces are battling Islamic rebels.

Teacher has big memories of school

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

What Jan Berringer remembers most about that first year at Central Elementary School was the huge merry-go-round.

The sixth graders would get inside and push it around, she recalled. The playground also had a big jungle gym, monkey bars, high jumps and a pole jump.

"I was disappointed that it was gone when I came back to teach," she said, still talking about the merry-go-round.

That was 1950, and she was in the first classes at the school in Goodland, which will celebrate its 50th birthday Friday. Berringer, who had taught fourth grade at the school for 10 years, still remembers the day it opened.

She said she thinks the biggest changes have been on the playground. A lot of the old equipment has been done away with for safety reasons.

She said the maintenance staff has done a marvelous job of keeping up the building, which she says looks almost like new.

Berringer said the thing she remembers the most about the school as a kid was that it was BIG.

"The halls were huge and so long," she said. "Everything seemed so big."

The classrooms were big, the merry-go-round and the swings, she said.

Now, Berringer said, the classrooms seem really small.

Another difference that Berringer recalled was that the students ate lunch in the kitchen rather than in the gym like they do now.

"We always started school after Labor Day back then," Berringer recalled.

The school was built between March 1949 and June 1950. The first classes of kindergarten through sixth grades began Sept. 4, 1950. George Sparks was the principal. Berringer has taught in Goodland for 26 years, but has only been at Central for 10.

"It's really rewarding to significantly impact the lives of these kids that you are in charge of," she said, adding that teaching is a good job for a mother. "The two jobs are so intertwined. Your days are almost the same as your kids'."



Jan Berringer, a fourth-grade teacher at Central Elementary School, talked with her students Thursday morning about a book she has been

reading to them in class. The school will celebrate its 50th birthday Friday. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

"You are like a surrogate mother to the kids. It's such a nurturing job."

One of the most important jobs that a teacher has, she said, is to help kids grow up right.

Since the Goodland School District has gone to attendance centers, Central has only third and fourth grade students now.

Susan Jensen, a third-grade teacher,

invited Paul McGuire, a former principal, to speak at 1 p.m. Friday for the celebration. There will be cake and ice cream for all the students and staff after that.

She said there are no group activities planned, but teachers will do different things for their classes. Principal Sharon Gregory will be out of town at a meeting.

Jensen said she will probably tell her students that they can wear 1950s clothes to school Friday and she will talk with them about the school's history.

She said the fire escape on the south side of the school has been added since it was built, and the school was green until it was painted a few years back. Jensen also recalled that there used to

be big trees in front of the school and they were removed to change the sidewalk.

Berringer said she will probably let her students ask her about being in the school when it opened, but she's not too keen on telling what grade she was in that year.

"Do we really have to have that in there?" she said.

Parents send kids to school for the first time

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

For the past two weeks, mothers and fathers have been rising with the sun to make breakfasts and brown bag lunches, find shoes and books, and hustle their children out the door and onto the school bus.

For some parents in Goodland, this is the first year that they are sending one of their children off to school.

Five-year-old Shayley, is the first of the Cesar and Starla Miller's three children to go to

school.

The kindergartner was excited to go to school, said Mrs. Miller, even though she attended preschool last year.

One of the challenges for the 5-year-old, said her mother, is getting used to going to school every day.

"As she puts it, she never gets a day off," said her mom, but Shayley is looking forward to making new friends.

She is attending North Elementary this year. Her brother, Gerell, 3, and sister Sianna, 1, still have a few years before they will be able to go to school.

John and Kathy Baker also sent their 6 year-old son, Tyler, off to North Elementary this fall.

"He had a ball," said Mrs. Baker after Tyler's first day of school. "It wasn't hard for me. It was actually quite nice. I am anxious for the 9-month-old to go."

The Bakers have two other boys at home, Connor, 3, and Jack, 9 months.

Tyler was a little apprehensive at first, said his mom, maybe a little fear of the unknown.

"He never looked back, though," she said.

She said that Tyler was a little bit older than the

other kids, though, having turned 6 in July, and that might have helped. He attended Creation Kids Christian Preschool last year.

"I think that he is anxious to learn," said Mrs. Baker. "He is getting bored with being at home."

She said that he is ready to go and he enjoys being with all the kids.

"He thought the whole thing was snazzy," she said, and so does she.

"I might have taken a whole role of film on his first day," she said, "but you won't find me bawling on the lawn."

Colleagues praise late senator at memorial service

TOPEKA (AP) — Colleagues praised the late Sen. Janice Hardenburger on Wednesday as a diligent and savvy legislator and a woman who brought dignity to politics.

But more importantly for them, they remembered Hardenburger as a loyal friend and someone who was devoted to her family.

About 200 people attended a special Statehouse memorial service in Hardenburger's honor. Gov. Bill Graves, legislators and former legislators sat on the Senate floor, and about 125 people, including cabinet secretaries, legislative staffers and lobbyists, filled the galleries.

Hardenburger, a Republican from Haddam, died last week from lung cancer. She was 68 and had served nearly eight years in the Senate.

In his remarks, Sen. Dave Kerr quoted American writer and philosopher Ralph Waldo Emerson: "A friend may well be reckoned the masterpiece of nature."

"What a masterpiece we had in Janice," said Kerr, R-Hutchinson. "I will remember the day she said to me, 'Dave, I'm very ill' — a simple declaratory statement, but with the impact of brutal force."

The ceremony was a simple church-like service, beginning with a reading from the New Testament by the Rev. Fred Hollomon, the Senate's chaplain

and ending with the hymn, "How Great Thou Art."

Sen. Sandy Praeger, R-Lawrence, read a 1996 newspaper profile of Hardenburger, which noted that she

wanted people to say "that I was a good mother and grandmother."

Graves presented a folded Kansas flag to Hardenburger's husband of 48 years, Bill. The flag had flown at half

staff at the Capitol on Wednesday.

A portrait of Hardenburger was on display in the Senate, a vase of fresh flowers nearby. Another vase of flowers was on her desk, along with a single

bright pink rose.

Hardenburger had been a Republican activist for years when she first ran for the Senate in 1992 and won her race by 57 votes out of more than 29,000 cast.



Construction workers were smoothing out the roadbed under I-70 on the west side of K-27 this week. The west exits at Exit 17 will be closed for the next 10 days, as they prepare to pave next week.

Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

Exit work continues

The western Goodland exit off of I-70, or Exit 17, has been excavated and the concrete should be poured sometime next week.

Ed Wolak, director of public works, told the Goodland City Commission Monday that the work was moving along on the west side of K-27.

Construction crews have been working on the highway between I-70 and Business U.S. 24 since the end of April. They were scheduled to finish by Sept. 15, but work may take several more weeks to be done, he said.

The closure of Exit 17 was originally scheduled for last weekend, but was postponed. The west side ramps closed on Tuesday and should be closed for 10 days. There is no opening date scheduled now, said Kristen Brands, spokesperson with the Kansas Department of Transportation in Norton.