

## weather report

91°  
at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 7:00 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:27 a.m.  
• Sunset, 6:59 p.m.

### Middy Conditions

- Soil Temperature 73 degrees
- Humidity 20 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds west 8 mph
- Barometer 30.06 inches and falling
- Record High 98° (1955)
- Record Low 34° (1974)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 84°  
Low 49°  
Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 50-55, north winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny, high 80-85, low 50-55, winds northeast 10-20 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday: dry, high 80s, low 50-55.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

- Wheat — \$2.57 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.35
  - Loan deficiency payment — 10¢
  - Corn — \$1.57 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.52
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 47¢
  - Milo — \$2.36 hundredweight
  - Soybeans — \$4.29 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$4.28
  - Loan deficiency payment — 62¢
  - Millet — \$8.00 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$5.35 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.26
  - 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.

## Drought cuts fall harvest

WICHITA — Plagued by weeks of intense heat and no rain, Kansas farmers are harvesting fewer bushels per acre of corn, sorghum and soybeans than expected, the government said Tuesday.

The sobering forecast also shows not all is bad in farm country, however.

The state's anticipated corn crop of 432.25 million bushels is 3 percent bigger than last year's — and even bigger than the 362.7 million bushels of winter wheat harvested earlier this summer, Kansas Agricultural Statistics Service said.

Kansas still leads the nation in sorghum grain production with an anticipated crop of 192 million bushels.

The agency revised its soybean forecast for Kansas downward to 68.4 million bushels, 25 percent less than a month earlier.

## County to repair highway

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

County crews have patched up a rough section of old U.S. 24 west of Edson, but it will have to be rebuilt next year, commissioners learned Tuesday.

Road Supervisor Curt Way told the commissioners his crew had patched the section, which had been "hot recycled" and sealed along with the rest of the road last year, and hoped that it would make it through the winter.

He said an engineering firm and a contractor he had consulted on the problem agreed that it would probably take a major effort to fix the section.

"What we propose is that in the spring, a contractor would come in and plane off about 1 to 1 1/2 inches of the surface and follow that with a two- or three-inch overlay of asphalt," Way said.

Commissioner Kenny Davis asked if Way would consider including the half-mile of highway on the east edge of Goodland which has been the topic of dispute between the county and the city. Way agreed that the city-owned section could be included in the project.

Davis asked County Attorney Bonnie Selby if the city would help with the cost. The county agreed to take over maintenance on the section in a trade deal with the city for a county-maintained section of North Caldwell. However, the city later backed out, saying the road is the county's responsibility.

"Do you think they would agree to go back to the original agreement?" Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld asked.

"I don't know," Selby said, "but we can ask. I know (City Manager) Ron Pickman seemed eager to help get this resolved."

"I think we need to tie the whole thing together," Davis said. "I think the only way is to extend the sales tax."

## School out due to heat

Goodland schools were dismissed at 1 p.m. today as classrooms began to bake for the second straight day, but officials expected a full day of school on Thursday.

"The heat in the upstairs classrooms Tuesday afternoon was so hot it seemed very non-productive," Superintendent Marvin Selby said, "and with the forecast to be in the 90s today, we decided to give them a break."

The mercury hit 91 degrees by noon today, but cooler temperatures were expected the rest of the week.

"The forecast for Thursday and Friday is for temperatures in the 80s, and we think students can survive the rest of the week," said Selby.

## Van burns on highway

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Smoke billowed from the inside and front of a van on I-70 Tuesday night and the Goodland Rural Fire Department was paged to put out the flames.

Firemen said Gherald Ford, Manitou Springs, Colo., was driving on I-70 near mile marker 13 when his eastbound vehicle caught fire about 8:45 p.m.

Kenneth Griffith, chief of the rural fire department, said he suspected the fire was started by a broken oil line which caused oil to spray on the exhaust.

The fire department was on the scene for 45 minutes putting out the fire and cleaning up the area. Firefighters had to break open the van's windows to spray the interior.

There were no injuries, but the van was completely destroyed.

This was the second vehicle fire in two days along I-70, as a camper caught fire Monday afternoon about two miles east of Tuesday's fire.



Larry and Janice Minner took a spin on their recumbent bike Tuesday afternoon along 10th Street. They have been preparing to go on a bike ride next weekend to raise money for multiple sclerosis.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Couple to bike for disease research

Goodland man and his wife will pedal 150 miles across two states

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

A Goodland couple plans to pedal 150 miles across Kansas and Oklahoma next weekend, to raise money for multiple sclerosis research and have some fun along the way.

Larry and Janice Minner will ride in the 14th Annual MS 150 Bike Tour on Sept. 23 and Sept. 24 to raise money for the South Central and Western Kansas Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms may be mild, like numbness in the limbs, or severe, such as paralysis or loss of vision.

The progress, severity and specific symptoms can't be predicted, the society says, but advances in research

and treatment are giving hope to those affected by it. This year, the group hopes to raise \$60,000 with the ride.

The ride is a 150-mile round trip from Winfield to Ponca City, Okla. Each rider is asked to raise \$150 for the society.

"We're still trying to meet our fund-raising goals," Larry Minner said.

He said he has raised most of his money, while Janice still has a ways to go.

"It's a great ride and we feel very strongly that the research is necessary and it's something we want to support," he said.

Minner said he first became acquainted with the fund-raising event when a man in Wichita who represented one of the insurance companies he deals with asked Larry to

sponsor him on the ride. The man's wife had the disease.

Larry rode in the society's bike tour two years ago, but Janice has never been on it.

On this trip, they will ride a two-seat recumbent bike made by Rans, a company in Hays, so that a rider's feet are at the same height as the seat.

It has 27 gears and hand brakes. The couple said the bike is comfortable to ride.

To prepare for the ride, the Minners have been riding their bike since the first part of July either in the mornings or late afternoons.

They usually take a 16-mile route around the sunflower plant west of Goodland, but sometimes they go on a 10-mile route around the perimeter of town.

Next weekend's ride will begin at

either 8 or 9 a.m. and end around 2 or 3 p.m. each day, Larry said.

The society will provide rest stops about every 8-10 miles with food and drinks.

He estimated there would be about 300 people on the ride.

Larry said, the society does such a good job of making the ride fun with activities and good food.

Larry has gone on other cross-country rides and said he loves riding.

"I started bike riding when I turned 50 because I wanted to stay 50 for five or six years at least," he said, adding that he was eager to go on this ride, but he had to talk Janice into it.

"After they rode 10 miles together, though, she thought she could do it. 'She's been a lot more enthusiastic since then,'" Larry said.

"It's fun," she added.

## School uses volleyball to bring students closer

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

From the engineering department to the cosmetology department, students of the Northwest Kansas Technical School gathered Tuesday in the spirit of fellowship and competition in a school-wide volleyball tournament.

Every year the college brings together all 13 departments in a sports competition, said Paul Chaffin, vocational counselor at the school. This year the event was called the Fall Olympics.

The idea is to give all students the chance to get acquainted, he said.

"It helps to break down the department barriers," said Chaffin. "The goal is to get everyone acquainted and increase the moral at the school."

About 240 of the 450 students on campus this year met in a field behind the dorm buildings where six volleyball nets were set up. The students were divided into 40 teams that competed against one another. When it wasn't their turn for volleyball, they played basketball, horseshoes and football, or just sat on the grass and took in the sun-

shine visiting with fellow students.

The day was structured so that the games went on all morning until most of the teams were eliminated in the afternoon. After that, six teams still standing played in the elimination round.

Instructors at the school also participated, Chaffin said.

"The event allowed students to interact with their instructors in a different environment," said Chaffin. "They got the chance to see that we are human, too, and that we have a little kid in us."

The instructors acted as referees during the tournament and flipped hamburgers for the free barbecue the school provided for students.

"The event was well received," Chaffin said. "Students got involved in all the activities."

"It sets up the school for a good rest of the year."

There will be other activities throughout the year that will allow students to go beyond the barriers of their courses to meet the other students, he said.

"We have even been known to play some mud volleyball."



Nathan Minnick (left) and a fellow Northwest Kansas Technical School student played basketball Tuesday during the school's Fall Olympics.

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