

weather
report

44°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:25 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:48:00 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:23 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 55 degrees
• Humidity 89 percent
• Sky cloudy
• Winds northeast 22-26
• Barometer 30.21 inches
and rising
• Record High 95° (1947)
• Record Low 23° (1932)

Last 24 Hours*

High 54°
Low 45°
Precipitation 0.35 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 25,
north 10-20, north winds 10-20 mph.
Tomorrow: Partly sunny, high near
40, low 20s, southeast 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: dry, high 40s, low near
20. Sunday: dry, high 50s, low 20s.
Monday: dry, high 60s, low near 30.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.69 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.63
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.78 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.63
Loan deficiency pmt. — 36¢
Milo — \$2.74 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.31 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.99
Loan deficiency payment — 91¢
Millet — ask
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.20 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.62
Confection current — \$15/\$6 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$15
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier
Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean.
These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press



1 p.m.

Groups to sue
over lake rule

TOPEKA—Two environmental groups are making good on a promise to sue a federal agency for not putting new water regulations for Kansas into effect quickly.

The Sierra Club and the Kansas Natural Resource Council notified the Environmental Protection Agency on Wednesday that they intend to sue the EPA if the agency does not put its proposed water standards into effect by Dec. 3.

The groups argue that the new standards should have taken effect Sunday. Those standards include a requirement for the state to regulate water quality in lakes and ponds on private land, including farm ponds.

Charles Benjamin, a Lawrence attorney representing the state chapter of the Sierra Club, said the EPA is not following a timetable for imposing regulations.

Society
offered
house

Historic home could
feature living history

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County Historical Society is considering buying one of Goodland's historical houses and using it for living history displays.

Evelyn Ward, president of the society, said the Handy house at 13th and Center Street in Goodland was last owned by Edythe Handy, who died in August.

Handy had no children, Ward said, and left the house to a niece and nephew, who do not live in Goodland and have given the society the chance to buy it before it's put on the open market.

Ward said the society has known about the offer for about two weeks, and has sent letters to members asking for a vote on the matter and for pledges. She said it was too big an undertaking for the seven-member board to make a decision alone. Ward said the society could purchase the home near its appraised value, which the letter says is \$125,000.

In addition, she said, letters have been sent to members of the community asking for pledges. All pledges are tax deductible, Ward said, as the historical society is a non-profit organization.

The deadline for members to vote and send their pledges is Sunday, Oct. 15. After that, Ward said, the board will make a decision depending on the responses.

Ward said she is in the process of looking for state and federal grants, not for the purchase of the home, but for maintenance and salaries. She said the society board is trying to get grants and pledges as quickly as possible because the heirs won't hold the house indefinitely.

If the house is purchased, she said, the society would like to get it on the national register of historical places.

"This particular house was part of the original plot of Goodland," Ward said. "It would be a good structure to be preserved and used in a historical way."

The house was originally built in 1906, she said, by the William Ennis family, and still has the original oak

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Getting in
the spirit

Goodland High School students decorated the halls at the school Wednesday afternoon in preparation for homecoming this weekend. With guidance from their class sponsors, classes decorated different halls. Seniors Amanda Weber (top, left) and Stuart Campbell held up a tinsel and ribbon decoration, while Michael Leonard assessed it. Freshmen Lea Acuff (left, front) and Brittany Hildreth positioned a homecoming poster on a wall in the freshman hall.

Photos by Rachel Miscall
and Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

School trying to keep Hispanic students enrolled

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School District is working to keep Hispanic students in school by getting to know them, their families and culture.

Hispanic families in Sherman County hesitate to get involved in school activities because of language and cultural barriers, which leads to many dropping out of school, said the director of an organization in Goodland that serves Hispanics.

A lack of involvement creates a sense of isolation, said Barbara Fernandez, the northwest area director for Harvest America Corp., a non-profit social service organization that helps Hispanic families. She said that feeling of isolation leads to many Hispanic students dropping out before graduation.

Superintendent Marvin Selby agrees. Selby said a majority of Hispanic students drop out in high school or earlier because they don't feel like they are wanted or needed in the school system. But, he said, the Goodland District wants to change that by finding ways to improve relations

between the Hispanic community and teachers.

The district held a dinner on Monday night at the high school cafeteria, inviting Hispanic families, teachers and administrators to share a meal and their thoughts on education in Goodland.

Maggie Hernandez, migrant coordinator for the district, said she organized the dinner because she thought it would be a good way to help Hispanic parents feel comfortable about going to teachers with their questions or concerns.

At the dinner, said Hernandez, parents, students, teachers and administrators mingled, ate Mexican

food and listened to leaders in Goodland's Hispanic community speak. Fernandez spoke, she said, along with Dr. Natalie Griego, who works for Rural Health Ventures, a group of doctors in the Medical Office Building, and Cris Lovington, director of the Regional Prevention Center of Northwest Kansas.

Fernandez said she encouraged parents to get more involved in their children's education and instill in their children the hopes of furthering

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Canadian artist arrives
to paint sunflowers

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

A Canadian artist arrived in the Sunflower City of the Sunflower State on Saturday ready to paint a huge sunflower.

After years of planning, months of wading through red tape to get a work visa and a two-day car trip, Cameron Cross is now in Goodland working on the third in a series of seven 80-foot high replicas of Van Gogh's famous sunflower paintings.

The artist will leave here in a month or so — after he's done painting on a canvas made of wood and fiberglass — and then come back when his 24-by-32 foot masterpiece is erected in Goodland, within sight of I-70.

Cross, a former high school art teacher, quit his job a few years ago after he got the idea to build the giant paintings, which will be displayed on huge easels in seven cities around the world. He picked places where the sunflower or Vincent Van Gogh is important.

The project started in 1997, with Cross building the first replica of the tortured French artist's most famous sunflower painting in his hometown of Altona, Manitoba. He said he got the idea while thinking about how important the sunflower crop is to Altona, the sunflower capital of Canada.

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Van Gogh's painting an artist plans to replicate near I-70. Artist Cameron Cross will start painting today and plans to be done in about a month.

Injured still
in hospital

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Of the five people from Lawrence injured in a roll-over accident on I-70 late Friday night, three remain in a Denver hospital, where one is in intensive care, and two remain in Goodland's hospital.

After the one-vehicle accident, three patients were flown to St. Anthony Central Hospital, where Daniel Weber, 33, admitted for head injuries, is still in intensive care. Beverly Johnson, a spokesperson for the hospital, said on Thursday that Weber is listed in critical condition.

A highway patrol report said at 10:40 p.m., six people were in a van headed west on I-70 when the driver, Emily Hatchett, 29, swerved to avoid a tum-

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