

weather report

67°
at noon

Today

• Sunset, 6:13 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:56 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:11 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 59 degrees
• Humidity 30 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds northeast 10-20 mph
• Barometer 30.01 inches and falling
• Record High 91° (1950)
• Record Low 26° (1986)

Last 24 Hours*

High 81°
Low 57°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, low 35-40, northwest winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high 70, low 35-40, north winds 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: dry, high 60s, low 35-40.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Wet work

Construction crews continue work on the new student fitness center at the Northwest Kansas Technical School in Goodland. Joe Ginn of Ginn Masonry washed mortar from bricks on Thursday after an acid wash was put on them.
Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Repairs planned for city entrances

Road projects will start in the spring

By Dana Sulsberger
The Goodland Daily News

By spring or summer, Sherman County should be filled, once again, with bright orange cones, flaggers and big yellow machines.

The Kansas Department of Transportation has planned a busy construction season for Sherman County with three projects in the works.

The department will open bids on the projects on Monday, said Eric Oelschleger, area engineer with the department in Atwood, but because it is late in the season, work will probably not begin until the spring or summer.

"There is no time set for when work is going to begin on these projects," he said, adding that the timing depends on the schedules of the companies that bid on the projects.

The first two projects up for bidding are the rest areas on the north and south sides of I-70.

Oelschleger said that work on the westbound rest area, where the crew will be repaving the ramps and parking, should close it for three to four days, but work on the eastbound rest area might close it for an entire season because a new building will be constructed there, too.

Survey crews spent the summer on K-27 from the Wallace-Sherman county line north to half a mile south of the city limits of Goodland, and the department has opened up bidding on the project to repave the road.

Repaving on the two short highways connecting I-70 to old U.S. 24 is included in that project, one on K-267 at Edson on K-267 from Kanorado south to the junction of I-70.

Including K-27 south of Goodland to the county line, overlay is planned for about 14 miles of road.

The long-anticipated rebuilding of Cherry Street near the old wye will also open for bidding on Monday, said City Manager Ron Pickman, but work will start with the Kyle Railroad repairing the crossing next week.

The street will be closed at the tracks for several days, as new concrete panels replace the rough old wood crossing.

Work on the road itself will not start until next spring or summer though, said Pickman, unless they can find a company willing to start on the work now before the weather gets too bad.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.82 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.74
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.88 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.68
Loan deficiency pmt. — 31¢
Milo — \$2.81 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.09 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.92
Loan deficiency payment — 98¢
Millet — ask
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.25 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.50
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.

Korean wins peace prize

OSLO, Norway — South Korean President Kim Dae-jung won the Nobel Peace Prize on Friday for efforts toward reconciliation with North Korea that have prompted hopes for peace on the Cold War's last frontier.

The 76-year-old president, who emerged as a symbol of pro-democracy struggle during 40 years as an opposition leader under authoritarian rule in the South, said he wanted to share the honor with his people.

"I thank all the citizens who love democracy and human rights, who have supported these efforts with our people," he was quoted as saying.

South and North Korea, foes on the battlefield a half-century ago, have warmed to each other more in the last few months than in a generation.

Cat has adventure finding its way home

By Rachel Miscal
The Goodland Daily News

It's the story of a life change, a lost friend, lots of long distance phone calls and a little, white cat's journey home.

Cheeka's adventure begins in late September at a gas station in Burlington, winds its way through Goodland and Denver and hopefully will end at the airport in Fort Myers, Fla., when the cat should be reunited with its owner sometime this month.

Dina Holbert said one reason she decided to move back to Naples, Fla. was because she couldn't find a decent place to live in Aspen, the high-toned and expensive Colorado ski town, that would allow pets.

Holbert said she wasn't about to give up Smoky, her 12-year-old black labrador, or Cheeka, her 6-year-old, long-haired Persian, so she and a friend packed everything, including her 11-year-old daughter Cati, into two cars and a U-Haul and headed east.

The story takes an ironic twist somewhere between Burlington and Goodland, when a tire on Holbert's car goes flat and she discovers Cheeka is missing.

After spending the night of Thursday, Sept. 28, in Burlington, Holbert said, she, her friend Eric and Cati found a place in town to eat breakfast and then hit the road.

Before leaving, she said, they moved Smoky and Cheeka from the U-Haul to Holbert's car and she stopped at the Conoco in Burlington to gas up while Eric drove ahead.

About 20 miles down the road, Holbert said, a tire on her car blew and

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Collector has mugs for many occasions

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

Her favorite color is red and she likes red cars, so her husband gave her a red car coffee mug for Valentine's Day last year with a balloon tied to its handle.

That's just one of dozens of coffee mugs that she owns.

Roxie Yonkey of Goodland says she started collecting mugs in 1977 when she stopped at Thedford, Neb., on her way to a football playoff game in Chadron, Neb. She saw a Snoopy mug in a drugstore there that said, "Take me," and bought it. Since then, her mug collection has grown to about 90. The High Plains Museum in Goodland now has many of them set up on temporary display.

When she started, Yonkey said, she collected mugs with cartoon characters on them, but she later started collecting them as souvenirs from places she has visited. She also has received many as gifts from places where family members and friends have visited.

Yonkey didn't drink coffee when she bought her first mug. She said she started about 10 years later.

She has mugs for various sports teams, railroads and states.

Her favorite mug is one that has a Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson quote, "You may be whatever you resolve to be," on it. She said its message is uplifting.

But there is one mug that has a message she doesn't like. It's the one with

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Hot stuff

Rural firemen were called out Thursday when Bill Hoffman's combine caught fire while he was harvesting oil sunflowers about 10 miles southeast of Goodland. The fire started when sunflower dust accumulated around the machine's engine, and caused little damage.
Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

Suicide bombers blamed for blast

ADEN, Yemen (AP) — U.S. investigators converged Friday at this port where an apparent bomb attack on a refueling U.S. destroyer killed 17 sailors. Military planes evacuated the 33 injured to Germany and the east African country of Djibouti.

More than 200 miles away in Yemen's capital, San'a, an explosion rocked the British Embassy on Friday. Windows shattered, but nobody was hurt. Britain's foreign secretary said a bomb may have been flung into embassy grounds.

Navy officials in the United States, meanwhile, said explosives experts who examined the USS Cole's damaged hull have concluded that Thursday's blast came from an external source, bolstering the contention that it was a terrorist attack. U.S. officials say suicide bombers blew up a small boat next to the destroyer, ripping a hole 30 feet high and 40 feet wide at the ship's waterline.

Seven sailors were confirmed dead.

USS Cole

Crossing will close on Monday

The Cherry Street railroad crossing will be closed for about two days starting at 7 a.m. on Monday.

The crossing will be closed so that the current wooden planks can be replaced with concrete.

This will leave K-27 and Cattletrail Avenue as the only available entrances into Goodland for the days the Cherry Street entrance will be closed.

Kyle Railroad will be making the repairs, which were supposed to be part of the repaving of Cherry Street, and though the repaving has been delayed, the railroad has decided go ahead with their part of the project.

The repairs may take a few days to be finished and the intersection will be closed until repairs are completed.