

weather report

55°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:45 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:08 a.m.
• Sunset, 5:46 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 43 degrees
- Humidity 48 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds light and variable
- Barometer 30.10 inches and falling
- Record High 75° (1974)
- Record Low 0° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

High 57°
Low 29°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 30-35, southwest wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy becoming cloudy, high 65, low 35, southwest wind 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: chance of rain turning to snow late, high 35-40. Sunday: chance of snow, high 30s, low 30s. Monday: chance of snow, high 40s, low 20s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.85 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.77
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$1.99 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.91
- Loan deficiency payment — 8¢
- Milo — \$3.22 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.07 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.96
- Loan deficiency payment — 94¢
- Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$6.50 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.46
- Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$14 (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.

Athletic group back in Kansas

OLATHE — Eight years after abruptly leaving Kansas City, Mo., for Oklahoma, the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics announced Thursday that it's leaving Tulsa for Olathe, Kan., a Kansas City suburb.

The league's council of presidents chose Olathe over Fort Wayne, Ind., and the St. Louis suburb of O'Fallon, Mo. The NIAA relocation committee said Olathe's efforts to promote character were the perfect fit with the NIAA's own plans to offer character-based sportsmanship programs.

Olathe already had a character council in place and belongs to an association of 93 communities known as "Cities of Character."

At a news conference this morning, G. Blair Dowden, chairman of the council of presidents, said Olathe satisfied all the requirements the NIAA was looking for.

OFF TO STATE!



Cowgirls head for Salina

Parents, students, teachers and community leaders gathered at the Max Jones Fieldhouse today to send Goodland's Cowgirls off to the state tournament in Salina with hugs, kisses and good luck wishes. The basketball players will face Ottawa in the state quarterfinals tonight. The team used "champagne poppers" (above) to fill the air with confetti. Kendra Brock (right and below), named Athlete of the Week, hugged friends and spread spirit before driving away with the team.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News



Moran to give art award

Congressman comes to town for contest

U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran will be in Goodland on Saturday to hand out awards in the annual high school art competition sponsored by his office.

An award reception for the 20th Annual 1st District Congressional Art competition, "Celebrating Creativity on the High Plains," will be held from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at the Carnegie Arts Center in Goodland.

Moran will be at the center 11 a.m. to noon to present the first place winner of the with a certificate and congratulate the other winners and participants.

The Goodland Arts Council is the host for the art show, which moves around the "Big First" District each year. Bankwest of Kansas and Sunwest Banks of Colorado are sponsoring the competition and the prizes, which include \$1,000 for first, \$100 for second and \$50 for third.

The winner will have his or her work on display at the U.S. Capitol for a year. The prize money will be used to help with travel expenses to Washington to take part in an awards ceremony June 19.

Sixty-one pieces of artwork submitted by high school students from 15 counties in northwest Kansas are on display at the arts center. The art work was judged Saturday.

Everyone is invited to attend the reception. Refreshments will be served, and musical entertainment will be provided by Goodland High School state piano contestants Erinn Hardy, Jill Sowers and Amanda Hoffman.

The winner will be announced at the beginning of the reception.

Rebecca Downs, executive director of the center, said the artwork includes pencil drawings, acrylic, oil and water-color paintings, linoleum prints and mixed media.

The work will remain on display through Saturday, March 31.



Jerry Moran

Weather Service helps people plan for storms

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News
A tornado which hit near Goodland on Halloween was one of the top five weather stories for Sherman County last year. Do you have a plan of what you would do if there was a tornado or another severe weather emergency bearing down on your house?

You can practice when the National Weather Service and the Kansas Division of Emergency Management hold a mock tornado safety drill Tuesday morning for Severe Weather Awareness Week.

All across the state, each county's emergency management agency should be participating in the drill to prepare for this year's severe weather season.

In Sherman County, drills will be held at 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

A warning siren, the government weather radio alarm, and the weather wire service will be activated to signal the start of the drill. People are supposed to act as if it were a real emergency.

Officials say the drills are to test people's readiness for a dangerous storm. They will be followed by a severe weather statement to cancel the warning.

If the weather is threatening on Tuesday, the drills will be postponed until Thursday, March 15.

Other severe weather threats in northwest Kansas include flash flooding, hail, lightning and winds.

Storm spotter training this month.

comes just before the traditional peak tornado months of April, May and June, but weather officials caution that tornadoes can occur at any time of the year, as Sherman County found out in October.

Stacy Dinkel, assistant emergency management coordinator for the county, said the purpose of the drill is to remind people to have a plan in case of threatening weather.

Schools, hospitals, businesses, public facilities and citizens are encouraged to test their readiness in case of a tornado or severe weather occurrence.

The Goodland weather service will also conduct free storm spotter training meetings during March and the first half of April throughout counties in northwest Kansas, southwest Nebraska and eastern Colorado.

In Sherman County, a spotter training meeting is to be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, March 29, at the National Guard Armory in Goodland.

If you have questions or comments about tornado and severe weather preparedness or the drill, call Mary Messamore, emergency management coordinator for Sherman County, or the Goodland weather service office.

Road closure sparks questions

State official plans to have answers during meeting

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

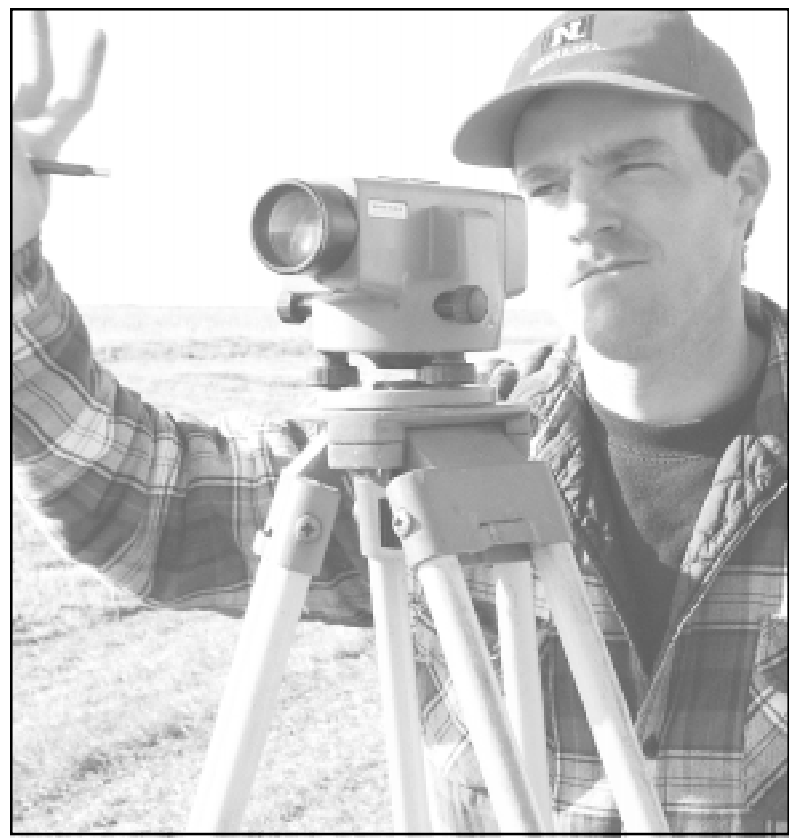
A state highway engineer will be in Goodland next week to answer questions and listen to complaints about the closing of K-27 north to the county line this year, but says the bottom line is that it's too late to change any plans.

Donna Binning, a construction engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation, said the closing of K-27 between Goodland and Cheyenne County for eight months has a lot of people stirred up. Barricades are to go up a week from Monday.

At 5 p.m. on Tuesday, Binning said, she will be at the Goodland High School auditorium, 1209 Cherry, to answer questions and explain the project — which business owners and city officials say could have a big impact on business and tourism here.

"We're inviting people," she said, "to come and ask questions about construction. This is for me to ease peoples' minds, not to take suggestions on how we can change the project."

The state usually doesn't close roads during repairs, she said, but this project's scope makes it hard to do anything else. Binning said the department usually doesn't hold meetings either, but it's necessary with the level of interest around Goodland.



Mike Lindquist with Forgy Survey of Salina was surveying the land along K-27 north of Goodland Wednesday in preparation for road crews who will rebuild the highway this summer.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

The project has motorists asking questions, business owners complaining and city officials wanting to talk about scheduling, especially because Goodland has its own street project planned for this spring on Cherry Street. Binning said the phone is ringing off the hook at her office in Atwood, so she has agreed

to come here and talk with people. The state plans to block off K-27 from Business U.S. 24 north to the Cheyenne County line starting Monday, March 19. With the opening date set for Nov. 1, contractors will spend the spring, summer and fall rebuilding

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