

weather
report

78°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 73 degrees

• Humidity 26 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds northeast 16-25 mph

• Barometer 29.64 inches

and falling

• Record High 105° (1952)

• Record Low 40° (1969)

Last 24 Hours*

High

96°

Low

56°

Precipitation

trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Thunderstorms likely with 60 percent chance of rain, low 45-50, north wind 15-25 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, high 70s, low 45-50, northwest wind 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: dry, high 80, low 50s. Saturday: dry, high 80s-90s, low 50s. Sunday: chance of thunderstorms, high 85-95, low 55-65.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.75 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.65

Corn — \$1.83 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.70

Loan deficiency payment — 29¢

Milo — \$2.95 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.23 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.13

Loan deficiency payment — 79¢

Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7.45 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$6.30

Loan deficiency prmt. — \$2.52

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$14 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, 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.

Deal may end
deadly battles

JERUSALEM — CIA chief George Tenet today brought together senior Israeli and Palestinian security officials to begin implementing a U.S.-brokered truce the two sides have accepted with serious reservations.

The meeting was held in heavy secrecy at an undisclosed location in Tel Aviv. Tenet left the U.S. Embassy compound in Tel Aviv at noon, and embassy officials said he was headed to the three-way session. Palestinian officials later confirmed the meeting had started.

The deal raised the prospect of ending nine months of fighting that have claimed nearly 500 lives on the Palestinian side and more than 100 on the Israeli side.

Yet, previous high-level truce efforts have collapsed, including personal intervention by former President Clinton, and both sides remained wary.

Road
Block



Highway Patrol trooper Dave Albers helped direct traffic Tuesday night past a semi-trailer rig that strong winds pushed over on the eastbound

lanes of I-70. The accident, which sent the driver to the hospital, blocked traffic for almost an hour. Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Wind blows semi rig over on highway

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Strong winds blew a semi tractor-trailer over on the eastbound lanes of I-70 about eight miles west of Goodland Tuesday night, blocking traffic for almost an hour and sending an Oklahoma trucker to the hospital.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that the rig, which belongs to B.B.&S Trucking of Oklahoma City, was eastbound at 7:31 p.m. when wind blew the empty cattle trailer over on its left side.

Sven Nelaimischkies, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Goodland, said winds peaked at 55 mph in Sherman County Tuesday night, just below the warning level. He said the service did send out high wind warnings in Yuma County, Colo., and there were reports of wind damage in that state.

The driver, Darrell Lightfoot, Weatherford, Okla., was still in the hospital this morning, but Dale Shields, human resources director at Goodland Regional Medical Center, said nurses were observing him and he will likely be released today.

The accident blocked traffic for almost an hour, with the rig crosswise on its side across the eastbound lanes. Kleine's Motor Co. of Goodland lifted the rig onto its wheels and towed it away.

Other truckers parked their rigs on the highway and watched, some taking pictures, before they were able to drive by about 8:10 p.m.

There was some damage to the pavement as the semi was pulled across it, and Sherman County firemen cleaned up oil that spilled on the asphalt before other vehicles were allowed to pass.



A Sherman County fireman used an oil absorbent material and broom to clean oil off the highway Tuesday night.

Farmers learn about wheat diseases at annual tour

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Farmers heard about successful wheat varieties and a disease called stripe rust which has shown up in area wheat fields this year at Tuesday's Sherman County wheat tour.

"It's never been a problem in the past," said Dana Belshe, Sherman County agriculture extension agent, adding that the disease usually is seen more in the northwest part of the country.

He said apparently conditions were right this year and the rust started de-

veloping in Texas. The winds then moved it north and besides Kansas, it has been detected 60 miles into Nebraska.

"It differs from what we normally think of as leaf rust," Belshe said.

The disease is systemic, he said, and it only takes one rust pustule to infect the entire leaf. It is spread by spores on the wind.

He said the rust invades a vein and since the veins run lengthwise on the leaf, the disease moves up and down that vein and then works its way over to the next one. It looks like stripes run-

ning down the leaf and that's where we get the term "stripe rust," Belshe said.

Some wheat varieties are showing resistance to it, Belshe said. He said Jagger was one of them, and that the local extension office would have ratings on what varieties were resistant to the disease in mid-August when they get the wheat yield publications from K-State Research and Extension in Manhattan.

The tour was held at a wheat test plot at Fred and Jeanie Shields' farm about

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Weather may bring harvest early

July 4, the normal date for wheat harvest to begin in Sherman County, is about three weeks away, but Extension Agent Dana Belshe said he thinks it may start a little sooner if the county gets hot, dry weather and a lot of wind.

Belshe said the county's wheat crop is slightly ahead of normal at this point.

"I'm thinking that by July 1, we'll be in full swing in the southern part of the county," he said, adding that some fields will be cut before that.

Belshe said some fields are short on moisture and after they were exposed to the recent hot, dry temperatures, they are closer to being ready. He thinks by June 27-29, there will be test cutting.

"This will depend on the wind and the temperatures," he said.

If the temperatures are cooler, Belshe said, we'll have a normal harvest date.

"If we get hot, dry days with a lot of wind," he said, "it will dry down quicker."

Bush meets with NATO leaders

By Robert Burns

AP Military Writer

BRUSSELS, Belgium — In his NATO debut, President Bush reported progress today in overcoming European doubts about his missile defense plan.

"People know I'm intent on doing what I think is the right thing," he declared.

Bush, emerging from nearly four hours of closed-door meetings with the

leaders of NATO countries, also said the 19-nation alliance was committed to expanding its membership at a summit next year.

Of the nine countries seeking membership, Bush said, "All aspiring members have work to do."

But if they stay the course, the next round of NATO enlargement can begin at the November 2002 summit in Prague, Czech Republic, Bush said.

The president reassured America's

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Officials
decide
to recycle

Commissioners will
check out programs

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

City and county officials talked trash for two hours Tuesday night, deciding that it's time to start a recycling program in Sherman County to prolong the life of a new landfill being dug southwest of Goodland.

At the joint meeting, city and county commissioners agreed to look into hiring a non-profit Colorado company, which already recycles Kanorado's trash, to pick up newspaper, glass and tin and aluminum cans here.

The Southeast and East Central Recycling Association of Colorado doesn't pick up cardboard or plastic, so the officials decided to allow Golden West Community Services, a community service provider for those with developmental and other disabilities, to recycle those items.

Golden West administrators attended the meeting, and the three groups discussed applying for a state grant to pay for a bailer and building to recycle cardboard and plastic.

Golden West representatives Meripat Bowman and Bob Simmons said there are developmentally disabled people who can operate heavy machinery with a supervisor, and the program's goal would be to recycle all materials in the future.

The commissioners said it's important to keep hazardous household waste items, such as paint, oil, bug spray, fuel, furniture polish and other household cleaners, out of the new landfill, which contractors are digging now. They decided to find out what equipment is needed to collect and dispose of household waste, and what government regulations apply.

Curt Way, county road and bridge supervisor, said the landfill's first cell, which is about five acres, should be able to hold about 30 years worth of trash, with the entire landfill lasting up to 250 years, if it is well run and protected from problems.

City Manager Ron Pickman said he would gather details about the Colorado recycling program, the grant and the household waste program, and give the two commissions a report within a month.

Members of the Solid Waste/Recycling Committee, formed to research recycling for the city and county, presented six options at the meeting, estimating that option four — relying on the Colorado program and Golden West workers — would cost about \$160,000 to start. The committee guessed the annual cost could be over \$60,000, de-

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