

**weather
report**

86°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 8:17 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 66 degrees
- Humidity 30 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds southwest 12-17 mph
- Barometer 30.10 inches and falling
- Record High 101° (1950)
- Record Low 41° (1926)

Last 24 Hours*

- High 82°
- Low 46°
- Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 55-60, south wind 10-20. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high 90, low 60-65, south wind 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: dry, high 90s, low 60-65. Monday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90-95, low 60s. Tuesday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local
markets**



Noon

- Wheat — \$2.62 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.60
- Corn — \$1.75 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.61
- Loan deficiency payment — 38¢
- Milo — \$2.83 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.06 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.99
- Loan deficiency payment — 93¢
- Millet — \$5.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$7.40 cwt.
- Oil new crop — \$6.20 cwt.
- Loan deficiency prmt. — \$2.00
- 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.

Iran denies involvement

WASHINGTON — Iran often endorses and directs acts of terrorism but there is no proof as yet that Iranian authorities sponsored the Khobar Towers attack in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 American servicemen, U.S. officials say.

Attorney General John Ashcroft came close to accusing Iran of complicity as he announced a 46-count indictment against 13 Saudis and one Lebanese in the June 25, 1996, bombing.

He said "elements of the Iranian government inspired, supported and supervised" members of Saudi Hezbollah, the group thought to be responsible for the tragedy.

Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Assefi denied Ashcroft's allegations.

Some of the 14 suspects are believed to be in custody in Saudi Arabia and others to be in different locations.

Historical society earns grant

Money helps buy Victorian house

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County Historical Society has earned a \$50,000 state Attraction Development Grant to buy a 1907 historical Victorian house in Goodland, called the Handy House, which will display the history of Sherman County.

The grant came from the Kansas Department

of Commerce and Housing's Division of Travel and Tourism Development.

While the historical society received this grant, the City of Goodland, which applied for the same grant, didn't. The city had applied for a \$100,000 grant of the same type to help build Pioneer Park south of the old wye by Business U.S. 24, where a new entrance to Goodland is planned.

"That's the way grants work," City Manager Ron Pickman said. "You make application and hope you get lucky."

Many organizations are vying for a small amount of money from the department, he said, adding that there is a committee set up to approve projects that fall most in line with state tourism

attraction goals.

Pickman said this isn't the first time the city has been turned down for a grant, and they won't stop trying.

"We're extremely happy that some of the money got sent to Sherman County," he said. "The Handy house project is a very worthy project for funding and will be very beneficial to this community."

Because the city didn't get the grant, Pickman said, the committee formed to raise money for the park will have a larger goal to reach. With contributions from the city, state and private donors, the committee has raised almost \$400,000 of the park's \$600,000 cost.

He said if the money isn't raised, the city will

have to scale back the project, which includes ponds, trees, benches, a picnic shelter, an ice skating rink and other features.

Evelyn Ward, president of the historical society, said the board was very pleased that the tourism department is supporting tourism in Sherman County.

The board feels the house will help bring tourists, Ward said.

"We are doing this for the community and not ourselves," she said, "because we really feel this will help economic development."

The house, at 202 E. 13th, was built in 1907 by

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Getting pretty for fair



Sherman County Fair Board members, with 4-H members and parents, painted walls and wooden posts Saturday in the livestock barns at the fairgrounds, sprucing up for fair. Richard Bauman, 15, a 4-H member, painted a post in the cattle barn. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Officials to review gas prices

Lawmakers plan to track money's path

TOPEKA (AP) — Still suspicious that someone may have made large profits from high natural gas prices last winter, legislative leaders plan to have a committee investigate.

Leaders decided Thursday to appoint an 11-member Special Committee on Utilities to study energy issues in seven days of meetings this summer and fall. One of its topics will be natural gas prices.

The leaders' charge to the committee includes finding "what parties gained the windfall of dramatically higher prices."

"We frankly don't know who got the mega-millions from the Kansas economy," said Senate President Dave Kerr, R-Hutchinson.

In December and January, natural gas prices were double and sometimes triple what they were the previous year.

Legislators had been warned a problem was coming because temperatures were expected to be colder and gas supplies were said to be tight. But many were caught off guard by how much gas prices spiked.

House Minority Leader Jim Garner, D-Coffeyville, noted some Kansans still are paying off their winter heating bills.

"Somewhere, there is a windfall of money being made by someone or something," Garner said. "It'd be nice to know where all those consumer dollars are going."

Industry officials have insisted that market forces — supply and demand — drove gas prices and that excessive profits weren't being captured. However, legislators and Gov. Bill Graves have suggested otherwise for months, though they haven't pinpointed blame.

Senate Majority Leader Lana Oleen said legislators simply need more information about, for example, the natural gas supply.

Lawmakers to prepare for fungus

TOPEKA (AP) — The Legislature will review the threat posed by a fungus to the state's wheat crop and consider how to prepare better for a possible outbreak.

Legislative leaders on Thursday appointed a 13-member Special Committee on Agriculture and assigned it the task of studying Karnal bunt this summer and fall.

"It's a serious issue for the state and for the agricultural sector," said House Speaker Kent Glasscock, R-Manhattan. "The last thing we need is a serious situation with Karnal bunt. We can't afford it."

Karnal bunt reduces wheat quality and yield and discolors flour made from the kernels of infected wheat, giving the flour an unpleasant smell and taste. Its impact is mostly economic: 80 countries ban purchases of wheat from infected areas.

Over 100 vintage cars may drive through city

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Over 100 automobiles dating as far back as 1910 could quietly roll through Goodland on Business U.S. 24 Saturday, as The History Channel Great Race travels across western Kansas, making stops in Colby and Burlington, Colo.

"Could" is the key word, as race promoters won't release routes between the 44 cities the vintage cars will stop in during the 4,000-mile, 13-state race. Racers receive directions on a daily basis.

"Even if I knew I couldn't tell you," said Kathleen Lowenthal, a Great Race publicist. She said publishing routes could give racers, competing in planning and timing, not speed, an unfair advantage and attract too much attention.

What she does know, she said, is the cars will start pulling into Colby about

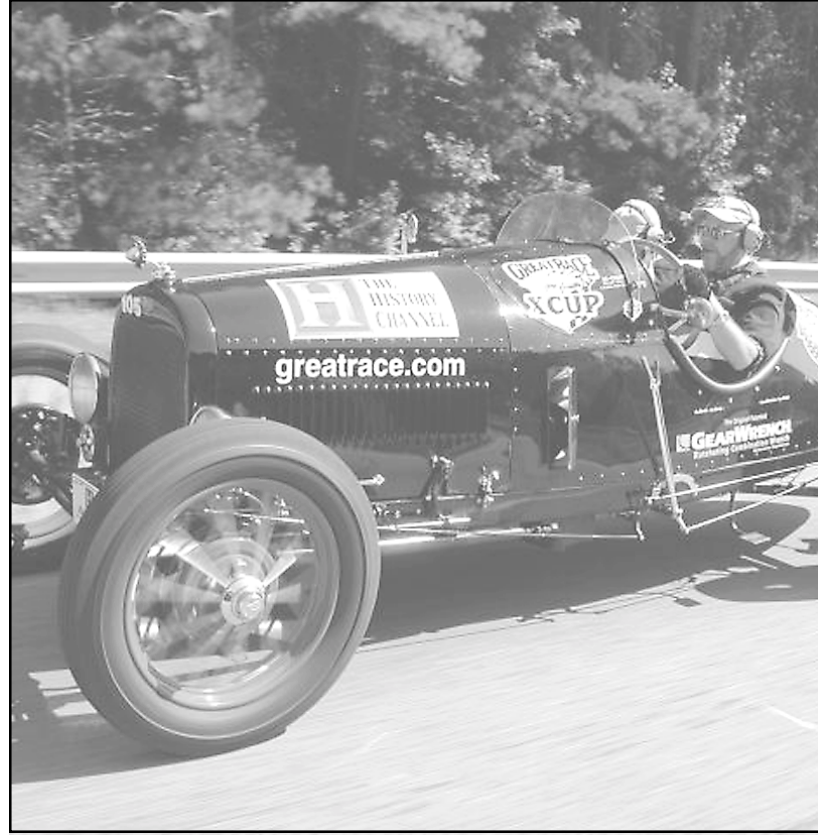
11:30 a.m. Central Time on Saturday for lunch and into Burlington about 1 p.m. Mountain Time for a pit stop. The drivers, who began the two-week race on Sunday, will spend the night in Littleton, Colo.

Leilani Thomas, Colby Convention and Visitors Bureau director, said the annual Great Race, which last stopped in Colby in 1998, typically doesn't travel along the interstate. That means the antique cars will likely use U.S. 24 to get from Colby to Burlington, driving through Goodland between noon and 2:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

If that's true, a steady stream of elderly automobiles will parade across Sherman County for over an hour and a half.

Thomas said the cars will arrive at the corner of Fourth Street and North

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#102 Fillmore X-Cup Team, Fillmore, CA, learn about life on the road from instructor, Lin Thomas, in their 1928 Ford Pickup.

Board to discuss remodeling project bids again

The Goodland School Board on Monday will again talk about bids on a summer remodeling project on the second floor of the high school and may pick construction companies to do the work.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the administration office on Main Avenue. At a previous meeting, the board re-

viewed bid recommendations from Mike Miller, a Goodland contractor hired as project manager, and Glen Strait, the district architect, approving most, but holding off on others.

The board asked Superintendent Marvin Selby to double check a few recommended bids — most of which were from Miller Construction.

Selby said he would meet with Miller and Strait to determine that an appropriate number of bids were solicited. The board gave Selby permission to accept the recommended bids if he found they were legitimate.

At the regular meeting, the board will also review bids on 34 new computers at the high school and make end of the

fiscal year transfers of money to balance and zero accounts.

The district's new fiscal year starts on July 1.

The board will hear reports from Selby and Mike Campbell, the district representative on the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center board in Oakley.