

weather report

91°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:11 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:36 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 77 degrees
- Humidity 39 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds south 10 mph
- Barometer 29.98 inches and falling
- Record High 106° (1934)
- Record Low 52° (1950)

Last 24 Hours*

High 96°
Low 65°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

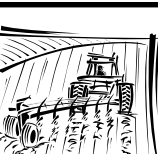
Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 65-70, south 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 95, low 65-70, south wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday and Sunday: dry, high 90s, low 60s. Monday: chance of thunderstorms, high 85-95, low 60s.

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

local markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$2.72 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.60
 - Corn — \$2.00 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.89
 - Loan deficiency payment — 10¢
 - Milo — \$3.21 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.66 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.52
 - Loan deficiency payment — 40¢
 - Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$8.50 cwt.
 - Oil new crop — \$7.20 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency prnt. — \$1.56
 - Confection current — no bid
 - Pinto beans — \$16 (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.

Train wrecks, burns, leaks

BALTIMORE — A freight train burned and leaked hazardous chemicals in a tunnel near Camden Yards stadium today, a day after it derailed and virtually shut down the city.

Six of the train's 60 cars had been removed by today, fire department spokesman Hector Torres said.

Firefighters delayed plans to vacuum noncombustible hydrochloric acid from one car because the tanker was too hot, and instead sought to enter through a manhole and cool the car with water.

"We're back to square one, to be honest," Torres said.

He said some cars in the back were carrying wood products, which could be the source of the smoke. Air quality tests revealed mostly steam and hydrocarbons, probably from the burning wood, but no toxins.

Sidewalk sale



Bargains, food line sidewalks

Jessica Bauman, 10, (above) carried a bunch of balloons down Main Ave. Thursday morning on her way to KC's Video, where she and a friend planned to sell soda to people shopping at downtown Goodland's annual sidewalk sale. Though it was hot, people came out in crowds for bargains and food. Rita Erickson (below), a member of the Goodland Ladies Auxiliary, cooked hot-dogs, bratwurst and polish sausage for passerbys. The ladies were selling the dogs, popcorn and soda to raise money for their group.

Photos by Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News



Mistake could cost board thousands

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board will try to correct a mistake that could cost the district \$100,000 more for mechanical work at the high school when they meet this evening.

The board called a special meeting after hearing that a \$164,900 bid they approved at a session last week is actually \$264,900. They will meet at 5 p.m. at the administration office on Main Ave. to discuss the mistake.

The mechanical work, which includes plumbing, heating and piping, is part of a summer remodeling project at the high school. The district is building three new science classrooms on the second floor and remodeling other rooms.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said Glenn Strait, district architect, had received the bid from Peterson Mechanical of Great Bend over the telephone. He said Strait has said he was told \$164,900 for the work, but found the price was much higher when he received a written bid. When the board accepted the bid, they said approval would be contingent on the written bid being equal.

The board accepted the Peterson bid because it was about \$100,000 lower than two other bids received. The bid is still low, Selby said, but not by much and the new price could push the board over its \$800,000 budget.

The superintendent said Strait and a man who runs Peterson will be at the meeting.

Road work causes traffic increase

Traffic on Cattletrail Avenue has obviously increased since the Kansas Department of Transportation closed a section of Cherry Avenue between 18th Street and Business U.S. 24 and K-27 between 19th and Eighth streets this week.

With the road construction, Cattletrail is the only main entrance to downtown Goodland that isn't blocked off.

Goodland City Commissioners talked about the increased traffic at their regular meeting this week, saying it could cause damage to the Cattletrail road.

One car accident on Cattletrail has been reported.

At 3 p.m. Wednesday, Amanda Moore, driving a 1997 Pontiac, was stopped at the stop sign at Cattletrail and 19th when James Kempke, driving a 1992 Toyota, hit the back of her car.

City demands county action

Repairs required before fair

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

It smacked of petulant politics, but was just poor timing when Sherman County Commissioners received a letter from the city at Wednesday's work session demanding the county pay to install water meters and replace the animal wash drainage system at the fairgrounds before the fair on Aug. 6.

Sherman County Commissioners said they were feeling a bit blind-sided by the letter, the manner of delivery and the short time for compliance demanded.

The work session Wednesday morning had been scheduled to review and consider the many items brought up at the joint city/county work session Monday evening.

The letter dated, Tuesday, July 17, said the county was required to put in a water meter to calculate the usage of water for the animal barn and wash area, and that it would cost the county about \$3,000. It said the pit and sewer system for the animal wash had to be replaced with a new system, estimated to cost \$5,000. Both were to be at county expense, and the letter said these were to be done before the start of the fair.

Jerry Nemecek, building inspector, hand delivered the letter to the commissioners, and informed Steve Duell, fair board chairman, that the water was being cut off until the new meter was in-

stalled. After delivering the letter, Nemecek called Ed Wolak, public works director, to come meet with the county commissioners.

City Manager Ron Pickman is out of town, but Mayor Tom Rohr, W-R Equipment, said the city commission was told the county was to be notified about this at their meeting on Monday, June 25.

"I thought they had received a letter a couple of weeks ago," Rohr said. "Otherwise I would have brought it up at the meeting on Monday. We did not know anything about the letter being hand delivered."

"I was talking to a city employee this morning who wanted to know what to do about the situation, and I told him to work it out," Rohr said. "I understand they will get the water meter installed, but the change in the sewer system will be delayed until after the fair."

City Commissioner Curtis Hurd confirmed he did not know when the county was to be notified about the water and sewer problems at the fair grounds, but that it had been brought up at the city commission meeting in June.

Hurd agreed that with the two boards trying to work closer to better this, it looked like poor timing.

"It was just the next project on our list," Wolak said. "It has been worked out. We are just trying to work with everyone, and we have to follow the state regulations."

Heat goes on, but cool is near

By Reaghan Smith
The Goodland Daily News

Keeping cool can be difficult this week in Sherman County, as temperatures have climbed into the mid- to upper 90s, but relief may be coming soon, as cooler weather is expected for next week.

Vincent Papol, senior forecaster at The National Weather Service office here, said the past three days, the official high temperatures in Goodland have been 96, 97 and 92 degrees, compared to the average high of 90.

Earlier in the week, he said, the high temperatures were actually two to eight degrees below normal, with temperatures ranging from 82 to 88 degrees. To many, however, it has seemed hotter, as temperatures climbed as high as 98 degrees Wednesday in downtown Goodland.

Temperatures for the rest of this week and into the weekend are expected to be just as hot, in the low to mid-90s. Papol said that heat indexes could push temperatures into the 100s.

"But we are not going to get as hot as

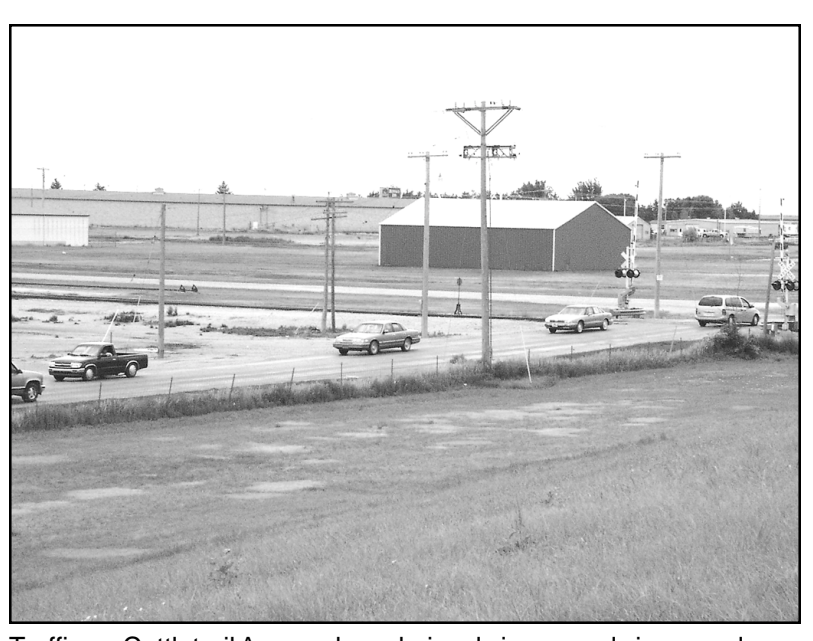
eastern Kansas has been," he said. "We shouldn't see any 120s here, which are very dangerous for everyone."

The only relief for now, he said, is the possibility of thunderstorms in the afternoons and evenings.

However, he added, a cool front is slowly moving towards Sherman County and could push temperatures back below 90 in the first part of next week.

So far, the attendance at the City of Goodland Swimming Pool hasn't been effected either way by the heat. Kristi Nelson, an employee at the pool, said that the low numbers are probably due to baseball tournaments going on in town and business could pick up later in the summer.

Scott Schroller, manager at Wal-Mart, said sales of air conditioners, fans and blowup swimming pools are actually down this year compared to last. This is due in part, he guessed, to the road construction on K-27, which is blocking traffic from the north, and lower population numbers in Goodland.



Traffic on Cattletrail Avenue has obviously increased since road construction is blocking other entrances to downtown Goodland.
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