

**weather report**

**78°**

at noon



**Today**

Sunset, 8:06 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

Sunrise, 5:42 a.m.

Sunset, 8:05 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 75 degrees
- Humidity 71 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds southwest 18 mph
- Barometer 30.09 inches and falling
- Record High 106° (1936)
- Record Low 54° (1995)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High	85°
Low	67°
Precipitation	none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: Cloudy, 70 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 65, east wind 10-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 85, low 60, east wind 10-15 mph.

**Extended Forecast**

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

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.70 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.56
- Corn — \$2.05 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.91
- Loan deficiency payment — 8¢
- Milo — \$3.30 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.74 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.48
- Loan deficiency payment — 44¢
- Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$8.40 cwt.
- Oil new crop — \$7.10 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 96¢
- 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.**

**Two scholars receive parole**

BEIJING — China granted parole today to two U.S.-based Chinese scholars convicted of spying, clearing away a diplomatic obstacle before Secretary of State Colin Powell's weekend visit.

One of the scholars, Gao Zhan, returned to the United States today, saying she was tired but happy to be reunited with her family. China's Foreign Ministry said both Gao and the second scholar, Qin Guangguang, were granted medical parole. Qin decided to remain in China, Powell told reporters in Vietnam.

The releases came a day after a Chinese-born American business professor was deported after being convicted of spying in the same case as Gao.

Gao, a researcher at American University in Washington, was convicted Tuesday of spying for Taiwan and sentenced to 10 years.

# Officials visit isolated shops

## Owners still upset over road closings

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

City officials and a state lawmaker from Colby visited Goodland businesses on Monday to address complaints they have received about Cherry Ave. and K-27 road construction, which owners say is blocking customers and cutting profits.

City Manager Ron Pickman, City Commissioner Rick Billinger and Representative Jim Morrison spoke with owners and operators at a few businesses along Cherry Ave., where road construction has forced the state to close the street between 18th and Business U.S. 24. While there are detours, the businesses are losing customers and money.

The fact that the Kansas Department of Transportation closed K-27 between Cattletail and 16th, or the railroad viaduct, at the same time — something city officials said wouldn't happen — has doubled businesses' woes and owners and operators have complained to city and state officials. The manager of Dollar General said the company was considering taking legal action

against the city.

Only one entrance to Goodland remains, and with the five-year alumni reunion — which will bring thousands to Goodland — around the corner, businesses on Cherry Ave. say they are getting the short end of the stick.

Pickman and Morrison said there is little they can do to help, but they wanted to let businesses know they care and are trying their best to make the road work as painless as possible. While the officials said they felt the meetings went well, business owners and operators say they are still upset over the road closings.

Pickman, Morrison and Billinger also spoke to Department of Transportation representatives about the miscommunication that led to the simultaneous closings of Cherry Avenue and K-27, where workers are rebuilding the road between Business U.S. 24 and the Cheyenne County line.

The work on Cherry will provide a more direct route to downtown Goodland by moving the entrance on Cherry and Business U.S. 24, straight-

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Workers on Wednesday morning smoothed the curb and gutters on a new section of Cherry Ave. at the junction of Business U.S. 24. Ritchie Paving will pave the new road. The old section is closed and businesses along the street are upset.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

# Seedy accident



A worker started sweeping spilled sunflower pellets off of K-27 near the Wallace County line after Enrique Rodriguez, a Ulysses man, rolled his truck about noon Wednesday.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

## Accident leaves road covered in pellets

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

A feeder truck driven by a Ulysses man rolled on K-27 south of Goodland Wednesday, spilling sunflower pellets and diesel fuel and forcing law officers to close the highway for two and a half hours.

State Highway Patrol trooper Dave Albers said about noon Enrique Rodriguez, 34, was southbound on

K-27 near the Wallace County line, when he left the road, lost control of the semi-tractor trailer and rolled it. Rodriguez was driving for Custom Hauling out of Goodland, said Albers, and was carrying sunflower pellets in his rig.

The driver was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center, the trooper said, and was admitted for the night for observation. He said Rodriguez had a

head injury and other bumps and bruises. Brenda McCants, director of patient relations at Goodland Medical Center, said Rodriguez was treated for his injuries and released this morning.

The truck was towed by West Side Motor and Radiator Repair, Albers said, and the crew from West Side also cleaned up the pellets that were scattered over the highway. The trooper said the road was closed from noon to

2:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

Sheriff Doug Whitson and Deputy Roger Studer from Goodland were on the scene to help direct traffic.

A hazardous material team of the City of Goodland Fire Department had to be called, Whitson said, for the diesel fuel cleanup. Whenever there is more than five gallons of diesel spilled, he said, they have to be called.

## Lie detector test asks Condit four questions

WASHINGTON (AP)—A lie detector test given to Rep. Gary Condit asked just four questions about missing intern Chandra Levy and none about a flight attendant's allegations that the congressman tried to persuade her to sign a false affidavit, according to people who have seen the polygraph results.

Three individuals who saw the results since they were turned over to police said the former FBI lie-detector test expert who administered it did not directly ask the congressman if he had an affair with the missing former federal intern.

The test did ask another question designed to get at the issue, according to the sources, who spoke to The Asso-

ciated Press only on condition of anonymity.

"Has Chandra Levy ever been to your residence in Washington?" the polygrapher asked, according to the sources. Condit answered "yes," and the polygrapher concluded he was truthful, the sources said.

Condit, D-Calif., acknowledged an affair with Levy in his third interview with police, according to a police source. He took the lie-detector arranged by his lawyers a few days later. Since Condit took the test, police have openly questioned its validity.

The expert who conducted it, former FBI agent Barry D. Colvert, concluded Condit was not deceptive on any of the

10 questions, the sources said. And a separate computer calculation conducted after the test concluded the chances of his lying were less a hundredth of one percent.

Police say Condit is not a suspect in Levy's disappearance. Federal authorities are separately looking into whether the congressman engaged in obstruction of justice or encouraged perjury since Levy disappeared May 1.

Federal authorities are investigating whether Condit or his representatives pressed various people in Washington or California not to cooperate with authorities.

Levy, 24, of Modesto, Calif., was in Washington for an internship with the

federal bureau of prisons.

Washington police have publicly suggested the private polygraph was inadequate because it was administered on behalf of Condit's lawyers. Police are pressing for a fourth interview with Condit and a second lie-detector test, this one conducted by authorities.

"Our point all along is that it can't be validated because none of our professionals were there," Executive Assistant Police Chief Terrance Gainer said Wednesday. He declined to discuss the actual results, saying he had never seen the polygraph.

The sources said the FBI and police

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## Board will see new bids

### District budget also on agenda

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board will hold a special meeting at noon on Friday to review bids for mechanical work at the high school and discuss the district's budget for the next school year.

The board had previously approved a \$164,900 bid from Peterson Mechanical of Great Bend, but decided to take new bids after learning the price was actually \$264,900.

Glenn Strait, district engineer, had taken the bid over the telephone, but found the price was much higher when he received the written bid.

The board had conditionally accepted the bid, waiting for the official document.

The mechanical work, which includes heating, plumbing and piping work, is part of a summer remodeling project on the second floor of the high school.

The board wanted to finish the project by the start of the school year on Aug. 28, but the bid mistake and other delays have made that impossible.

The district's bid committee will open the new bids before the meeting and may recommend one to the board. If the board picks a mechanical bid that is over \$200,000, the amount members expected to spend on the work, members will also have to decide how they will pay for it.

The board agreed to keep the project's budget under \$800,000, with \$500,000 coming from banks in Goodland and the rest out of the district's capital outlay account, reserved for facility improvements.

Superintendent Marvin Selby suggested at a previous meeting that the board take more money out of the capital account, which he said will have about \$600,000 in it at the end of the next school year.

The board has also discussed installing an air conditioning system on the second floor and in the high school's lunch room and kitchen, which would push the project's price up even more. The board will discuss the district's budget for the next school year.

Members are planning a slight raise of the mill levy, which partially determines how much tax money the district will bring in, to cover rising insurance and education costs.