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**MONDAY** 

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weather report

#### **Today**

• Sunset, 8:02 p.m.

- **Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:46 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:01 p.m.

### **Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 75 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest 17-25 mph
- Barometer 29.92 inches
- and steady • Record High 106° (1935)
- Record Low 43° (1971)
  - Last 24 Hours\*

High 96° 65° Low

#### Precipitation none **Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 65, winds south 15-25 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, 50 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 95, low 65, south wind 10-20 mph.

#### **Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: chance of thunderstorms, high 85. Thursday: chance of thunderstorms, high 80, low 65. Friday: chance of thunderstorms, high 80s, low 60s.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



### Noon

Wheat — \$2.63 bushel Posted county price — \$2.53 Corn — \$2.03 bushel Posted county price — \$1.93 Loan deficiency payment — 6¢ Milo — \$3.26 hundredweight Soybeans — \$4.69 bushel

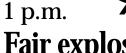
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Oil current crop — \$8.40 cwt. Oil new crop — \$7.20 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.32 Confection current — no bid

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.)



Late news from the Associated Press



### Fair explosion kills four men

MEDINA, Ohio — Investigators today focused on the possible failure of a safety device as the reason an antique steam-powered tractor exploded at a fairground and killed four men and injured 50 people.

The blast, which hurled hot oil and shrapnel up to 100 yards, came on the eve of the opening of the 156th Medina County Fair, an annual event that drew 120,000 people last year. It is one of Ohio's

oldest and largest county fairs. The fair opened as planned today but admission started two hours later than scheduled so organizers could finish setting up.

Grace Fulton waited in line for the gates to open so she could watch her eight grandchildren

show their animals. "This is a farming community and they know the safety that has to be in place," said Fulton, 64.

# Fair primping



gravel in the livestock barns at the fairgrounds Friday as part of the next Monday.

Brook Redlin, a 4-H member in Sherman County, smiled as he raked annual clean-up day. The Northwest Kansas District Free Fair will start

# 4-Hers, parents prepare for next week

**By Sharon Corcoran** 

The Goodland Daily News More than 40 4-Hers and their parents met fair board members Friday morning to clean up the grounds and get ready for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair next week.

The clean-up crew swept out the agriculture building, swept the pavement in the livestock barns and raked the gravel in the barns. They tore up the old project booths to make room to set up new ones and set up pens for the animals.

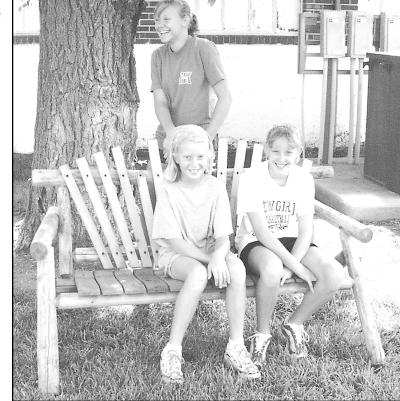
Steve Duell, president of the Sherman County Fair Board, said they hold the clean-up day once a year to get the dirt and the bugs out and get ready to bring the projects in. The fair will be Monday-Saturday, Aug. 6-11. Children, teen-agers and adults all

pitched in to shape up the fairgrounds. And while some youngsters said they "have to help out," others said they enjoy it. Jessica Lake said she was helping

out this year "just because," while Megan Sheldon said she helps with the clean-up every year. "It's part of being in 4-H," she said.

"It's something we have to do."

Rebecca Gattshall said she has helped with the clean-up since she was



BreAnna Nemechek and Stephanie Sheldon (sitting) and Megan Sheldon took a well-deserved break during 4-H clean-up day Friday.

"I've helped out since I was this tall," she said, holding her hand just above her knees.

BreAnna Nemechek and Stephanie Sheldon were not enthusiastic about cleaning but said they enjoy their 4-H I like it.'

Sheldon said about the cleaning, 'It's not that much fun.'

She said she likes working with her goats and Nemechek said she likes to ride her horse, which will be in the horse show at the fair.

Both girls talked enthusiastically about the booth their 4-H club, the Country Clubbers, will set up at the

"The theme of the booth is 'Examine the possibilities of 4-H," the girls said, "and will show a child looking through a magnifying glass.'

Brook Redlin was hamming it up while raking gravel in the livestock barns but said he didn't really like cleaning; he just helps out sometimes. He was more eager to talk about his 4-H projects for the fair. He said he made a sprint car and a motorized dump truck out of K-Nex, building blocks that are similar to Legos. He also made a faux aquarium with glass fish in a jar of water.

Not all of the young people dislike cleaning. Jason Krayca was sweeping the livestock building with a smile on his face and said he *likes* to sweep.

Jake Kling used a shovel to help smooth the gravel in the barns.

"Ihelp out every year," he said, "and

### County to order tax sale, discuss fair budget By Tom Betz prises' Dennis Bentzinger about fire book.

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County hasn't had a tax sale since 1993, but County Attorney Bonnie Selby and Treasurer Shelby Miller and changes being required by the city. have been working on the details to hold one this fall.

Commissioners will be asked to take the next step at 8 a.m. Tuesday morning at their final meeting for July. Selby and Miller will present a resolution setting out the terms and dates of the tax sale, and a listing of the over 100 pieces of property they are considering putting up for sale. The county can sell property on which taxes have not been paid for at least three years, providing it will: meets a complicated set of legal re-

Steve Duell, chairman of the county fair board, will talk to the commissioners about the budget for next year's fair, Representatives of the Goodland De-

velopment Corp., Schyler Goodwin and Mitch Hixson, will be asking the commissioners to consider waiving any landfill fees and allow people to bring things to the transfer station for a Junk Parade on Saturday, Sept. 22.

The two young men are hoping the junk will help clean up the city before the Flatlander Festival in September.

In other business, commissioners

extinguisher service. The letter says there are a couple of options which could save the county about 10 percent.

• Review the emergency medical training contract as proposed by the Goodland Regional Medical Center. · Review draft copies of the agree-

ments for between the city and county City-County Recreation and the prisoner care agreement.

 Consider leases for the fairgrounds for the Alumni Association and Relay for Life.

· Review the holiday schedule for

• Discuss whether to have a consult-• Review a letter from Med Enter- ant review the county employee hand-

• Kay Barton of the district court will ask the commissioners to consider adding the microfilming of the court records to the current project.

· Discuss with Curt Way, road and bridge superintendent, a letter concerning getting electricity to the new landfill, and the issue of whether to allow scavenging.

• Hear Rebecca Downs, executive director of the Carnegie Arts Center, who will be requesting money for the Arts Council for next year.

The commissioners will meet in the commissioners' room on the first floor of the Sherman County Courthouse,

### Search begins for cause of apartment explosion EMPORIA(AP)—An investigation what a neighbor called a "mushroom

into an explosion and fire that killed two cloud of flame.' people at an apartment building will probably take most of a week.

One adult and an infant were killed

and seven other people, including a All five apartments in the building at firefighter, were injured. No informathe Eastgate Plaza complex were de- tion was released about the adult and stroyed about 9 a.m. Sunday, blowing infant, whose bodies were recovered out two walls and quickly leading to later in the day and were taken to To-

peka for autopsies. A woman and her baby lived in the apartment which exploded, neighbors said.

"I've never seen an explosion like this one," said Emporia Fire Chief Jack Taylor, whose department was joined by firefighters from nearby Olpe and

Taylor said injuries were mostly minor. The firefighter and five of the injured were released from Newman Memorial County Hospital after treatment while the seventh person, Stacy Depriest, 39, was in good condition

Sunday night at a hospital in Wichita. No cause was immediately apparent.

# **Kansans** mourn **Finney**

### First female governor died this weekend

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer TOPEKA — Across the state Sunday, people from all backgrounds mourned Joan Finney and remembered Kansas' first woman governor for her ability to connect with them.

Mrs. Finney, 76, died Saturday from complications from liver cancer diagnosed earlier this year.

She served one term as governor, in 1991-95, after 16 years as state treasurer, holding both offices as a Democrat. However, she began her career in 1953 as a Republican, working on U.S. Frank Carlson's staff and considered Carlson, who also served as governor. her mentor.

Mrs. Finney had friends in both parties, and even her opponents admired her ability to work crowds and remember faces, names and personal details about people, down to their pets' names.

"Within a minute, you felt like she'd known you forever," state Sen. Jim Barone, D-Frontenac, said Sunday. "She just had that magic about her. People liked her." A rosary was scheduled for 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday at Topeka's Most Pure Heart of Mary Catholic Church, to be said by members of the Sisters of Charity from Leavenworth. An ecumenical service will follow at 7:30 p.m. Mass for the former governor is

scheduled at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the church, with a burial set for 9 a.m. Thursday at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Topeka. Mrs. Finney was to be cre-Gov. Bill Graves, a Republican who

succeeded Mrs. Finney in office, de-

scribed her as "one of our finest public

servants" and ordered all flags at state buildings flown at half-staff through her funeral. "Gov. Joan Finney's passion for personally knowing and understanding Kansas people, and her desire to serve their needs, endeared her to this state,"

Before she was diagnosed with cancer, Mrs. Finney's most serious illness had been the heart problems that led to

Graves said.

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## **Crossing** to close for repairs

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News Kyle Railroad plans to repair the

crossing on Cattletrail Avenue early Tuesday, closing down one lane of traffic for at least an hour at the only major entrance to downtown Goodland left open from the south. City Manager Ron Pickman said

Kyle will start work at 6:30 a.m. and plans to finish by 7:30. He said the railroad is going to smooth out the crossing to reduce damage increased traffic on Cattletrail is causing to the rails. Contractors working for the Kansas

Department of Transportation have closed Cherry Ave. from Business U.S. 24 to 18th Street and most of K-27 from the Cattletrail entrance to the Cheyenne County line for construction. The closings have increased traffic along Cattletrail and 17th Street, Pickman

He said one lane of traffic on Cattletrail will be closed at a time, and city workers will help with traffic control and repairs. He said Kyle had planned to make the repairs on Thursday, when hundreds of people will be coming to town for the five-year alumni reunion, but the city asked them to do the work before that.

The manager said the city volunteered to help to avoid major traffic problems. The city has taken a lot of heat from business owners and residents about the untimely road closings.