

weather
report

92°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:55 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:52 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:53 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 76 degrees
• Humidity 39 percent
• Sky partly sunny
• Winds east 12 mph
• Barometer 30.24 inches
and falling
• Record High 106° (1938)
• Record Low 48° (1990)

Last 24 Hours*

High 101°
Low 65°
Precipitation 0.27 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low mid 60s, southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny, high 90-95, low 60-65, south wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, high 90-95. Thursday and Friday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.55 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.45
Corn — \$1.97 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.89
Loan deficiency payment — 16¢
Milo — \$3.17 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.57 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.27
Loan deficiency payment — 65¢
Millet — \$4.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.30 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$7.25 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.19
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.

Tropical storm
in Alabama

MOBILE, Ala. — Tropical Storm Barry plowed across the Florida Panhandle and into Alabama today, rapidly weakening as it lashed the region with heavy rain and wind that knocked out power and blocked roads with fallen trees.

Barry was downgraded to a tropical depression after it moved inland and all hurricane and tropical storm warnings were dropped.

By late morning, Barry's maximum sustained wind speed had dropped from near 65 mph to 30 mph, below the minimum for a tropical storm, and it was expected to continue weakening.

No major damage was reported in Alabama as the core of the storm blew into the state, but residents were warned of the possibility of flooding and tornadoes.

While some visitors fled the coast, others were entertained.

Goin' way back



Bonnie Martin (middle) held a picture on Saturday of the giant A&W mug the old drive-in's car hops made for the fair parade many years ago, while talking about working at the A&W in Goodland with Bonnie Zwegyardt (right) and Jo Mann (left), who owned the restaurant from

1963 to 1974. Mann had a reunion for 20 employees this weekend during the All-School Alumni Reunion. Martin came from Florida and Zwegyardt from St. Francis.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

A&W car hops remember drive-in

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

They remember a day when one especially boy-crazy A&W car hop was paying more attention to the vocational school students outside than her work and dipped her hand in a vat of boiling french-fry grease.

They all laugh about it — even the girl who had to go to the hospital. She's a grown woman now and her hand is fine.

Jo Mann, who ran the old A&W drive-in on U.S. 24 between 1963 and 1974, had 20 former employees, including car hops and cooks, over for breakfast Saturday morning.

Many of the women, girls when they worked for Mann, were in town for the All-School Alumni Reunion this weekend or still live in Sherman County. Mann said she invited 21 girls and 20 showed up.

The group spent the morning reminiscing about work at the old drive-in, now just an empty lot east of Goodland Motors.

Though it's been almost 30 years since Mann sold the business, her "girls," some of whom were only 13 when they started working, had no trouble remembering.

She had more than a few memories to share herself.

Mann said she remembers city police speeding up to the restaurant one day to ask if something was wrong. She had no idea what they were talking about, she said, until they explained that two tourists called after noticing the American flag on the shop was hung upside down, a sign of distress.



Ester Elliott, Edson, and Maxine Howard, Tribune, talked with other former A&W employees at the car-hop reunion Saturday.

She said Joy Hayden, a car hop who now works at the National Weather Service Office in Goodland, wrote the "10 Commandments for Car Hops" at the restaurant.

"She had beautiful handwriting," Mann said, recalling that the first commandment was "Thou shalt not flirt with another car hop's boy friend."

Hayden and the other girls said they thought of Mann as their second mother.

"She used to let me take her car to town," Hayden said.

The women said Mann let them borrow her old El Camino, gave them advice, listened to their problems and taught them how to work hard.

"I think she's the best boss I've ever had," said Bonnie Martin, a 1968 Goodland High graduate who now lives in Florida.

Mann said she tried to be fair and didn't have to do much firing. Once, she said, she had to let one of the girls go because she refused to pull her hair back.

"I looked out," she said, "and I could see that hair flying into the ice cream."

Mann said it wasn't long before the girl came back with a haircut and a ponytail.

The car hops remembered the boys from the vocational-technical school, which opened in Goodland in 1964, and talked about accidentally spilling root beer on customers.

There was a freezer, Lorna Thorpe, who lives outside Goodland, remembered, where the mugs were frosted that would give you a little shock when you stood against it.

"It wasn't real bad," another car hop said, "but it was just enough that you didn't do it again."

They joked that Mann would lean against the freezer when she was tired and needed a jump-start.

Every day, the A&W employees would peel 100 pounds of potatoes for the store, and Mann said she would bake fresh pies and cinnamon rolls.

Mann said she remembers one of the girls coming out of the walk-in refrigerator with a pie on her hand. There were slippery potato peels all over the floor, she said, and the car hop fell to her knees, but managed to save the pie.

"Oh, we had a lot of fun," she said.

Storms
light sky,
ground

Lightning damages
sign, starts field fires

By Reaghan Smith

The Goodland Daily News

Brief, intense thunderstorms lit up the sky Sunday night into early this morning, and caused some damage to area businesses, keeping the city and rural fire departments on alert.

Thirsty corn got up to half an inch of rain, but lightning put one gas station out of business and started a small natural gas fire in a field about two miles south and a mile east of Goodland.

Two storms swept through Goodland. The first at 11 p.m. lasted for about an hour until just after midnight.

It produced a lot of lightening and rain from 36 hundredths of an inch at the airport to 45 hundredths in town, said Kevin Lynott, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service here.

The second storm came later; it was not as severe and didn't produce much rain.

These monsoon-type storms began north-northeast of Goodland and slowly moved to the south-southwest, providing some areas of Sherman County with up to a half inch of rain.

Lynott said the storms were caused by a high pressure system, which trapped moisture in the upper atmosphere.

He added, that thunderstorms are usually associated with low pressure systems, not highs.

He said a combination of the movement of the high, moisture, and high temperatures Sunday caused the storms.

Temperatures were 100 to 105 degrees for most of the area. The official high for Goodland was 101 degrees, while parts of Wallace County got to 106.

The lightening caused damage and havoc for businesses and fire departments.

Around 11 p.m. last night, a bolt hit the sign at Total Petroleum at 2710 Commerce Rd. Marie Enfield, store manager, said she wasn't there but was called in after it happened.

Enfield said the lightening fried the cash registers, computers and sign. The station will be closed down for two to three days, she said, until they get their registers replaced and computers and sign fixed.

"Everything is tied into the registers," she said. "I can't turn the gas pumps on, and we can't sell merchandise either."

This is the second time this year the Total has been hit by lightening, she said, and they were hit twice last year. Last summer, the building was hit and they had to replace the registers, Enfield said, while the second time, the canopy and side of the building were hit.

This June, the sign was hit and they had to replace it, and last month they had to replace the windows on each side of the front due to two separate incidents of cars driving through them.

A lightning bolt hit near enough to the sheriff's office to knock the power out and have reports of the smell of smoke, said Dean Jensen, Goodland fire chief.

"The smoke smell was probably because the lightening hit so close," he said. "There was no fire."

Rural Fire Chief Ken Griffith could not be reached for information on the other fires, however, Jensen said lightening started numerous fires in fields in the county which the rain then snuffed.

There was a report of a fire in a field near Wendy's on K-27, but Jensen said firemen didn't find anything.

There was some damage in a field south of town, where a lightning bolt apparently hit equipment holding natural gas about midnight.

The fire, which an employee of People's Natural Gas said was minor, was out by 1 a.m.

Even though the lightening was severe, the storm itself was not, and no warnings were issued, Lynott said.

"This is one of the more vivid lightening storms you'll see for the rest of the summer," he said.

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The 2001 Reunion Assembly at the Max Jones Fieldhouse took a standing-room-only crowd on an odyssey through the past 107 years, remembering the historic events, the entertainment and the classes that attended the Sherman County high schools.

Remembering the years 1894-1939 took the audience through silent movies, the Charleston, the three stooges and Charlie Chaplin. Larry Scott, Bonnie Neville, Patti Thompson, Jara McKee, Janae McKee, Sara Price, Luke Stone and Matt Mentzer danced the Charleston. The Three

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Leader says she's glad reunion is behind her

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Standing in the Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday afternoon, surrounded by old friends, Barb Whisler said she realized five years of planning and organizing a huge party of people had come to an end. It was a good feeling.

"Once the assembly was over," Whisler, president of the Sherman County Alumni Association, said, "it was like, 'Whew!' It was a great excitement."

As president, it was Whisler's job

to put together this year's All-School Alumni Reunion.

The event is held every five years, and she estimated 4,000 to 4,500 Goodland, Ruleton, Kanorado and Edson alumni were here this past weekend to take part.

For Whisler, the climax of the reunion came Saturday during the assembly, a 2 1/2 hour show which featured graduates singing, dancing and performing skits. She said more than 3,000 people attended the production, filling every seat in the fieldhouse and forcing some to watch the

show standing up.

"People I've talked to said they really enjoyed it," Whisler said, giving credit for the show's success to Linda Charron, the assembly committee chairperson.

"She did an outstanding job," Whisler said. "She managed to get the right people to do the right stuff."

The assembly was only one part of the reunion, and Whisler said the other events were just as successful.

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