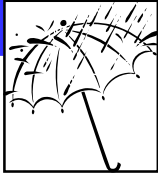


weather report

78°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:33 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:08 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:31 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 72 degrees

• Humidity 64 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds northeast 15-20 mph

• Barometer 30.07 inches

and falling

• Record High 101° (1943)

• Record Low 38° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

High 95°

Low 60°

Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 60, east wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 90-95, low 60, south wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: dry, high 75-80. Sunday and Monday: chance of thunderstorms, high 80s, low 50s-60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.51 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.51

Corn — \$1.98 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.88

Loan deficiency payment — 11¢

Milo — \$3.18 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.36 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.35

Loan deficiency payment — 57¢

Millet — \$4.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.10 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$7.20 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 95¢

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.

Mania grows with jackpot

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP) — Powerball mania is certain to intensify in the coming days as players across the country get another chance Saturday at winning a jackpot that could approach \$300 million.

The unofficial prize for Saturday's drawing is \$280 million, Joe Mahoney of the Multi-State Lottery Association said today. "And that's a conservative estimate at this point," he added.

No tickets matched all six numbers in Wednesday night's highly anticipated draw, worth \$193.5 million.

Mahoney said that while no one won the jackpot, more than a million people will get prizes for matching some of the winning numbers: 2-28-30-36-39 and Powerball 10. A total of 42 tickets matched the first five numbers but missed the Powerball to win.

County tax levy to take 5-mill dive

Officials happy to reduce taxes

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Following a day-long review of department budgets Tuesday, the Sherman County commissioners were happy to hear that the property tax levy will drop by about 5 mills for next year.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said Wednesday that with adjustments from the budget review, the actual figures will change, but she is confident that the total tax levy will be down by at least 5 mills.

"It looks like about a five mill decrease based on the preliminary figures," Rumpel said. "The commissioners were pleased with the news. The department carryover and being conservative has helped, along with the increase in county valuation."

The actual figures will be known when Rumpel and the county's auditor have completed the calculations. The county levy for this year is 51.845

mills, and a drop of at least 5 mills would be about 9.6 percent.

The tax levy for the city this year is 46.454 mills; for Brewster schools 33.916; Goodland schools 38.049; Kanorado 45.557; and the state 1.5.

The commissioners met with Dorendo Harrel, head of the county health department. She said the engine in the 1998 Ford Windstar may need to be replaced and that it would cost about \$3,000. Commissioner Mitch Tiede said she should get bids and bring them to the commissioners.

The department budget was approved as sub-

mitted.

Assessor Terry Ballard was next, and he told the commissioners he was looking at a new camera system in the next couple of years. He said another alternative might be a Global Information System, which would be pretty expensive. His budget was approved as submitted.

Register of Deeds Carol Armstrong told the commissioners her budget included some money to have the records which were microfilmed this year put onto compact disks. Her budget was ap-

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Helpers needed for event

Lewis and Clark preparations behind

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Kansas officials admit they've lagged badly in preparing for the 200th anniversary of the Lewis and Clark expedition, but they're counting on a Kansas City engineering and architectural firm to help them catch up.

"We are already way behind," said Karen Seaberg, chairwoman of the state's Lewis and Clark bicentennial commission. "But we are going to get it done."

Kansas' 200th anniversary observance is set for 2004.

On Tuesday, a contingent from HNTB Architects Engineers Planners began a survey of the Missouri River's Kansas banks from Atchison to Leavenworth. Members of the Kansas group did the same thing, on a boat trip down the river.

Two facts became obvious during the trip: There are few public boat landings for expected throngs of tourists to tie up to, and little in the way of riverfront infrastructure for them to use.

"Historian Stephen Ambrose has said that he expects about 1.5 million people, which frightens me a little," Seaberg said.

But plans being discussed, she said, include improvements in public riverfront areas in Leavenworth and Atchison, as well as construction of a 10-mile hiking and biking trail from Atchison to nearby Independence Creek. That is where the original Lewis and Clark expedition observed Independence Day on July 4, 1804.

HTNB has contracted with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the Kansas Water Office, a water-use planning agency, to prepare a study of facilities.

Meriwether Lewis and William Clark led an overland expedition to the Pacific Northwest and back. Their party left St. Louis in May 1804 and returned there in September 1806. Much of the time they followed the Missouri River.

Their detailed diaries and maps about much of the Louisiana Purchase helped fuel westward expansion.

Seaberg said the state's observance of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial would be a commemoration, rather than a celebration, because some members of American Indian nations consider their ancestors' contact with Lewis and Clark to be the beginning of the end of a way of life.

Brad Hamilton, director of the Kansas Native American Affairs office, said that emphasis was appropriate.

"Without it, I don't think the tribes would be as engaged as they are," he said. Many American Indian residents of Kansas are pleased with the opportunity the bicentennial presents to tell their story, Hamilton said.

"Hopefully, we can create events that will raise awareness of native cultures," he said.

Seaberg also described some potential components of the 2004 "signature" event for the Kansas City-Fort Leavenworth-Atchison area, sanctioned earlier this year by the National Council for the Lewis and Clark Bicentennial. The commissioning of a musical composition, large-scale fireworks displays and live television coverage of a re-enactment of the expedition's 1804 Independence Day observance all could be part of the mix, she said.



Yellow buses get checkup

The start of the school year is close, and Bob Harkins and his helpers at the Goodland School District bus barn checked to see that the yellow vehicles are ready. Harkins (above) had to give the battery of this bus a little help. Checking to see that the lights are all working (left) is a vital task, as the buses will need the lights when they pick up and drop off students.

Photos by Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

Volunteer roofers quick but good

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

More than 50 volunteers put a new roof on the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Goodland on Friday and made other repairs to the building.

The old roof was torn off on Thursday, with work beginning at 6 a.m. and ending at about 7 p.m., said Richard Bouzidan, presiding overseer of the congregation. The project was planned for Friday and Saturday, he said, but the elders wanted to tear off part of the old roof on Thursday to be sure the job would be completed on time.

That was not a problem, he added, as the volunteers were able to put 4,800 square feet of shingles on the roof by 11 a.m. Friday and install a new furnace and air conditioning coil that afternoon.

Some of the area congregations that sent volunteers were not notified until Wednesday afternoon, Bouzidan said, that their help would be appreciated on

Thursday, but members arrived early Thursday morning ready to work.

All of the workers volunteered their time, Bouzidan said, and paid for their own expenses to drive to the project.

The farthest traveler was roof overseer Calvin Peck, who drove from Baxter Springs, Mo. Project Coordinator Norman Lowe said, arriving at 7 a.m. Friday, and others came from Colby, Atwood, Dodge City, Salina, Topeka, Imperial, Neb., and Burlington, Colo.

The volunteers were all professional contractors, Lowe said. The project was done quickly, he said, but it was done properly.

Meals were served three times a day by volunteers, Bouzidan said. Some of the food was bought by the congregation, he said, and some was donated by those who prepared it.

The building materials were purchased by the congregation, he said,

from Rasure Lumber Do-It-Center. The project went smoothly, Bouzidan said, due to willing volunteers and cooperation from the city's building inspection department.

The volunteers view each other as spiritual brothers and sisters, Lowe said, and have no arguments over who is the boss.

"We have one leader, Jesus," he said, "and everyone respects the decisions of those in charge."

"These projects are like a big family reunion."

The elders of the Goodland Congregation had requested help from the Regional Building Committee of the Watchtower Bible and Tract Society. Lowe said it is the society's policy to have the committee involved whenever assistance is needed from congregations other than the one occupying the

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Festival brightens city, park

Sponsors say event was more popular

By Reaghan Smith

The Goodland Daily News

Downtown Goodland was alive with people and activities during the annual Sunflower Festival last weekend, and sponsors say they thought the event drew more participation from businesses and the public alike.

Jo Simmons, office manager for the Chamber of Commerce, and coordinator of the festival, said the chamber keeps trying to make the festival better.

"There were some differences this year compared to last," Simmons said. "We learn from years before and make changes for the next year."

Last year, for instance, the musical entertainment was a judged talent show.

"It really wasn't what people wanted to do," Simmons said.

This year the entertainment, held in Chambers Park, and arranged by Sabrina Twombly and Schylene Goodwin, was called a talent show and was not judged.

The quilt program at the Sherman Theater was an addition this year. Stacie Shaddock of McCook, Neb., was the speaker and 25 people attended. Simmons said it was about the kind of turnout they expected and she felt it went well.

247 ping pong balls were sold and entered in the first annual Ping Pong Ball Race on Main Street. Volunteers from the city and rural fire departments used hoses to power the balls and guide them to the finish. The race was originally planned to begin at 10th and end at 13th on Main street, but due to the

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Contest results come in

Here are complete results from the contests at the Sunflower Festival last weekend, which was sponsored by the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce.

Sunflower Antique Tractor, sponsored by Goodland equipment, parts, repair and vehicle dealers:

Best Looking: first, Alan Pizel (1949 LA Case), Second, Bill Gannon (1938 WK 40), third, Merle Stasser (1957 Oliver 99).

Ugliest: first, Bernie Stefan (1950 JD AR); second, Clarence Scheopner (1929 McCormick 22-36).

Garden Tractor Team Obstacle Course Race, sponsored by Northwest Kansas Technical College: first, Mike Skyler and Angie Barnes; second, Richard Hoffman and Lynn Hoffman; third, Tracey Purvis and Jennette Cobb; fourth, Jim and Marshall Kennedy

Sunflower Quilt Show
Most Unique Quilt — Barbara Springsteen, Brewster, (Handkerchief

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