

weather report

84°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 6:38 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:40 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:36 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 64 degrees
- Humidity 26 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds northeast 10
- Barometer 30.06 inches and falling
- Record High 95° (1953)
- Record Low 29° (1945)

Last 24 Hours*

High 79°
Low 39°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low 45-50, light wind. Tomorrow: sunny, high 75-80, low 50, wind east southeast 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Saturday and Sunday: partly cloudy, high 80, low 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.54 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.50
Corn — \$1.90 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.83
Loan deficiency payment — 16¢
Milo — \$1.70 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.91 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.04
Loan deficiency payment — 88¢
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.20 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.29
Confection current — \$13/\$6 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$20 (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.

Fights amidst peace efforts

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip — Israeli forces demolished several buildings in a Palestinian refugee camp early today, triggering a fierce battle with local gunmen, the army said. Three Palestinians were killed and 22 wounded, doctors said.

The fighting came despite pledges by both sides to enforce a shaky truce sought by the United States as it tries to bring Arab and Muslim states into its anti-terror coalition.

In a meeting Wednesday, Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat agreed to resume security cooperation and take a series of confidence-building measures. Israel promised to ease its stifling closures of Palestinian communities in the coming days. It wasn't clear how the fighting would affect truce efforts.

Festival has new features and events

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

There really will be something for everyone at the 15th annual Flatlander Fall Festival this weekend in Goodland: food, games, scruffy dogs, cars, motorcycles, a race, an art show and lots of just plain fun.

Main Avenue will be closed for the street festival, which will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, and other events will be held around the city Saturday and Sunday.

There will be 60 booths set up at the festival,

which will feature crafts, food, games, drawings, entertainment and souvenirs. The Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter will hold the annual "Scruffy Dog" contest at 11 a.m. on Main. Pet owners can sign up at the shelter's booth on the northeast corner of 13th and Main.

A \$2 admission button can be purchased before hand at the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office, 104 W. 11th, or during the event at the Festival Information Booth, 11th and Main.

Jo Simmons, Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office manager, said this year's festival will

have new features, including a chili cook-off, and other events will be held in conjunction with the festival for the first time.

The chili cook-off will start at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday in front of Elliott's Furniture Store, 1019 Main, and judging will take place at 12:30 p.m. The chili must be assembled during the festival, but the meat can be pre-browned and vegetables pre-chopped.

The team with the best chili will receive \$100, with second and third place winners receiving \$50 and \$30 respectively. Teams can sell their chili for

\$1 a bowl, but must provide their own spoon, bowls and napkins.

The sunflower bake-off contest will be held for a second year, with bakers entering their goodies between 10 a.m. and noon on Saturday at the Schneider Building, 1101 Main. The breads, candy, cookies, flavored seeds, cereal/trail mix, gift basket and other miscellaneous entries will be judged between 12:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m.

First prize will be \$50 and a Sunflower Wreath;

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Citizens are urged to board

Feds to be in charge of airport security

By Scott Lindlaw

Associated Press Writer

CHICAGO — President Bush sought to coax Americans back onto airplanes today by putting the federal government in charge of airport security and pledging \$500 million to upgrade security features on airplanes in hopes of thwarting future hijackings.

Bush urged governors to call up National Guard units to protect U.S. airports while he implements a long-term airline security plan.

"Get on the airlines, get about the business of America," Bush told hundreds of flag-waving airline workers at O'Hare International Airport. Two jets were parked nose-to-nose at the event — one each from United Airlines and American Airlines — the carriers hijacked two weeks ago. The attacks left nearly 7,000 dead or missing.

Bush found a message in the two corporate logos: "America is united!" he said. "We are united in bringing justice to those folks who did the evil deed on Sept. 11." As he spoke, departing jets roared overhead.

"We will not surrender our freedom to travel. We will not surrender our freedoms in America," Bush said, his voice rising to a shout. "You may think you have struck our soul, you haven't touched it!"

Terrorists hijacked four airplanes Sept. 11, crashing two into the World Trade Center in New York and one into the Pentagon outside Washington. A fourth crashed in Pennsylvania, apparently after passengers struggled with the hijackers. U.S. air travel has dropped sharply since the attacks.

"The American people are going to get back on your airplanes. They will, believe me, they'll be back on your planes," said Illinois Gov. George Ryan.

"I want to encourage people to take that business trip or the long-awaited vacation they have planned," said Chicago Mayor Richard Daley, drawing a roar of appreciation from the workers.

Bush's plan includes:

—Expanding the use of federal air marshals aboard commercial airliners. "The requirements and qualifications of federal air marshals are among the most stringent of any U.S. federal law enforcement agency," the White House said.

—Spending \$500 million on plan modifications, including efforts to restrict the opening of cockpit doors during flights, fortify cockpit doors to deny access from the cabin, alert the cockpit crew to activity in the cabin and ensure continuous operation of the aircraft transponder in the event of an emergency. The transponder allows air controllers to track a plane.

—Putting the federal government in charge of airport security and screening, including the purchase and maintenance of all equipment.

The government would supervise passenger and baggage security and perform background checks on security personnel. Uniformed federal workers would manage all operations; federal and nonfederal workers would share the security work. Many airport security workers would remain in the employ of private companies, but with increased oversight by the federal gov-

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Building a world



Seventh grade students stood behind the map of the world that they helped paint on the Grant Junior High blacktop. About 100 students helped, but there to be in the picture on Wednesday were (left to right) Brian Boyce, Dual Rall, Landon Williams, Jorge Galvan, Ryan

Gausman, Taylor Frazier, Tyler Anderson, Kerek Mason, Alegra Ragels, Arely Bacasegua, Shandel Simon, Nicole David, Jena McCall, Vanessa Crotinger, Brooke Whitmore, Molly Witzel, Brett Johnson and Jason Knight.

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Seventh graders paint map on blacktop

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Seventh graders at Grant Junior High have given their school the world.

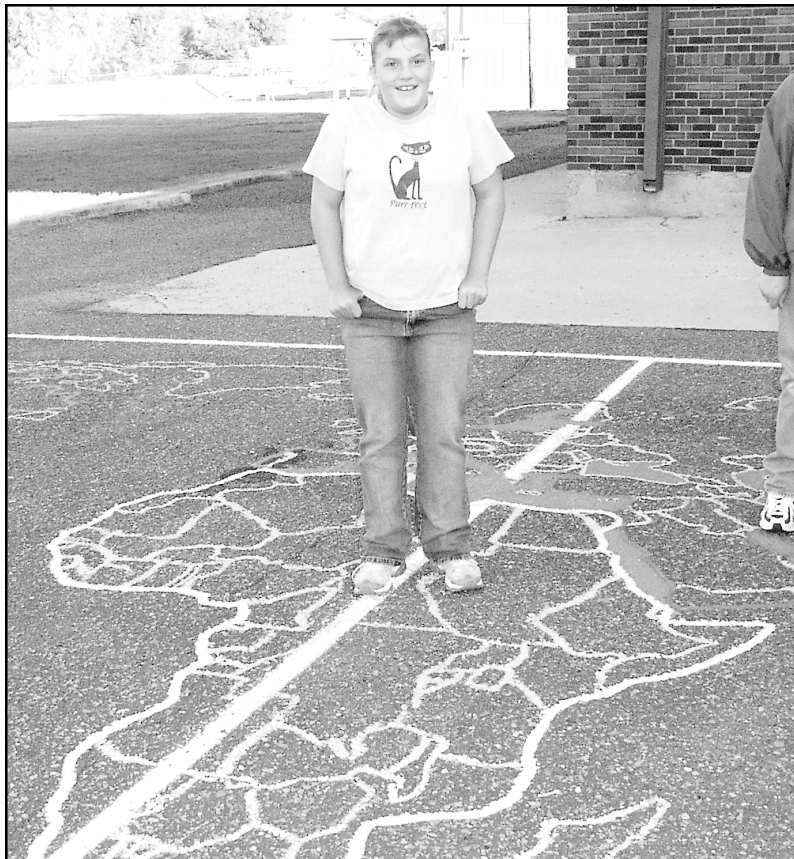
Kids in Brenda Linin's and Dave Hardy's social studies classes spent four days after Labor Day weekend painting a huge map of the world on the blacktop west of the school, at 11th and Montana.

The teachers say the project will help them teach students about different countries and cultures. Students say it taught them about the importance of cooperation and working together as a team.

Linin and four of her students told the Goodland School Board about the project Monday night, taking members outside to show them the outline of the map, which will take about four years to finish.

Linin said she first heard about the project at a middle school conference, where a teacher said she had made a stencil which students used to paint the outline of the map. She said she had been thinking about trying it for several years, and jumped at the chance when she found a stencil kit in an educational supply catalog.

The students said the first step was to clean sand off the blacktop so the paint would stick to the surface. Nathan Linin, Linin's son, who is a seventh grader, said it took them four hours to sweep five one-gallon buck-



Brooke Whitmore stood on Africa on Wednesday.

ets of sand off the pavement.

Tiffany Bennett, a seventh grader, said the students then used duct tape and eight 36-foot-long stencil strips to paint an outline of the map. Brenda Linin said the stencils had little dots in them, and the students had to con-

nect the dots after they picked up the stencil.

It was neat to watch the map grow, she said, adding that about 100 students worked on the project.

"We had to be a big team," Nathan Linin said, noting that the stencils

were flimsy and would fly up with the slightest wind.

"If one person wasn't helping," he said, "then it would come up."

Brenda Linin said the students painted the outline of each country a different color and drew in some lakes, but the map won't be finished for another four years as the kids fill in the details.

"We're done for this year," she added.

Linin said future classes will color in different countries as they learn about that country.

"I'll probably focus on Europe first," she said, adding that this year would have been a good time to learn about the Middle East, where a terrorist group that attacked the United States this month is centered. This year, she added, the students are focusing on the world.

"By the end of the year," she said, "the kids will know all of the countries."

Jim Mull, Grant Junior High principal, said the project has been popular with all of the students. He said the eighth grader students are disappointed that they won't be able to work on the map.

School board members said they thought it was a good idea, as they walked around the map identifying different continents and countries.

"We had a lot of fun doing it," Brenda Linin told them.

Hospital loses money but less than expected

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland Regional Medical Center board approved last month's financial statement and talked about getting next year's budget ready at their regular meeting Monday.

Andy Laue, chief financial officer for the hospital, gave the board copies of

last month's financial statement. He said the hospital did better than expected, with the loss for operations being \$54,263 instead of the \$59,158 loss that was budgeted. That put the hospital right on budget for the year, with a total operating loss of \$472,901. That is about \$250,000 better than last year. Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly said

he planned to have the preliminary numbers for next year's budget ready in October. There would need to be more budget discussions in November, and the board should make the final adjustments and approve the budget in December.

The department heads will develop their budgets based on historical costs

and revenues, Jolly said, and will talk with him and Laue. He will present the department budgets to the board at the next meeting, Jolly said.

In other business, the board:

• Approved the reappointment of Dr. Alfred Carr, ears, nose and throat spe-

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