


weather report

73°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:36 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:41 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:34 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 69 degrees
• Humidity 42 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds southeast 14-20
• Barometer 30.14 inches and steady
• Record High 94° (1942)
• Record Low 25° (1985)

Last 24 Hours*

High 93°
Low 46°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

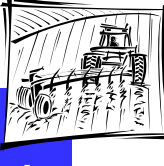
Tonight: clear, low 50-55, wind south 10-20. Tomorrow: sunny, breezy, wind south 15-25, high 80-85, low 50s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: partly sunny, chance of thunderstorms, high 70s, low 40s.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.52 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.51
Corn — \$1.90 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.82
Loan deficiency payment — 17¢
Milo — \$1.70 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.84 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.02
Loan deficiency payment — 90¢
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.24
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.

Sides meet to seal truce

JERUSALEM — Israeli and Palestinian security commanders met today to try to cement a shaky truce ahead of Palestinian marches commemorating the anniversary of their latest uprising against Israel.

In new violence, a Palestinian was critically wounded in what Palestinians said was an unprovoked shooting by Israeli troops at the Rafah refugee camp in the Gaza Strip. The army said it was checking the report. In three Palestinian gunfire attacks in the West Bank, two Israelis were lightly injured, the military said.

The State Department, meanwhile, criticized Israel for what it said was a “provocative” military strike in Rafah, launched after Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat pledged to shore up an informal cease-fire.

Banners put new face on Goodland

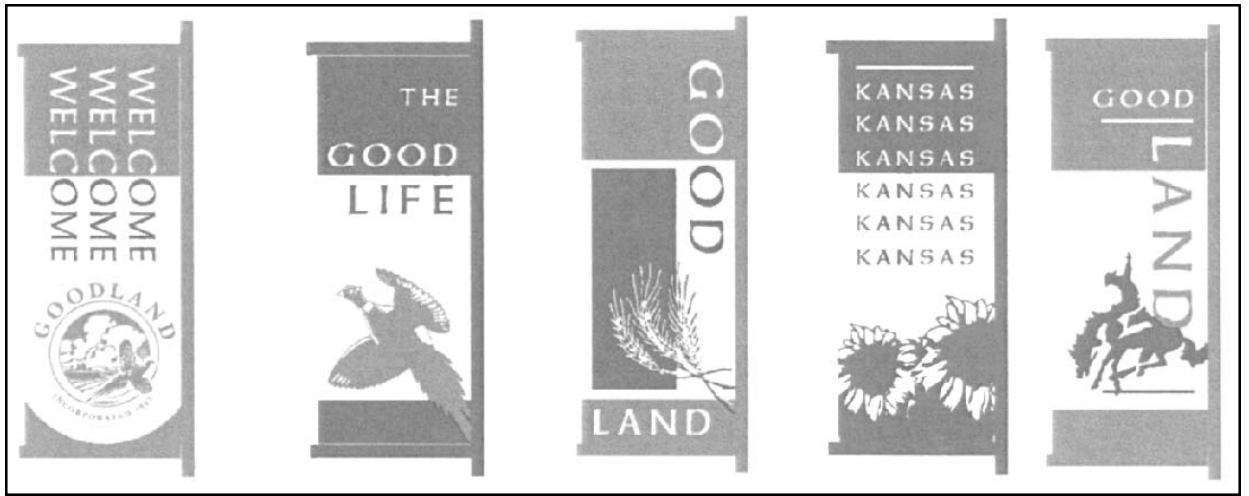
By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Daily News

Goodland is getting a facelift from the Chamber of Commerce Business Promotion Committee in the next two months, with banners going up to make visitors feel welcome and hopefully, help guide them downtown.

Donna Swager, head of the committee, and Scott Schroller, manager of Wal-mart, have been visiting businesses for the past three months asking the owners and managers to buy banners. The banners are two-foot by six-foot aluminum rectangles to be attached to poles along major streets.

The banners are finished with an acrylic polyurethane automotive paint for the longest outdoor life and should last 10-15 years. There are five designs that will alternate in sequence and feature themes that reflect the lifestyles of Goodland.

The project has two phases, Schroller said, and most of the money has been collected for phase 1. That will include



These five banner designs will alternate on poles on major Goodland streets to set the tone for shoppers and, eventually, direct people to downtown. The banners, done in burgundy, green and beige, are being purchased by business owners through the Chamber of Commerce Business Promotion Committee. The group hopes the Banner Project will beautify the city.

Designs by Commercial Sign Company

Four of the banners have been hung on K-27, Schroller said, to test the brackets that attach them to the poles and adjust them to fit properly. The rest of the banners for phase 1 should be hung by the end of October, he said. Phase 2 will include 50 banners, Schroller said, to be hung on Business

U.S. 24 from K-27 to the new portion of Cherry Avenue, on Cherry to 17th Street and on 17th from Cherry to Main.

The deadline for phase 2 is set for the end of November, he said, but the money to pay for those banners has not been collected yet. About 95 percent of the business owners approached about the project have been very excited about it, Swager said, and very generous.

“We’ve been really pleased with the enthusiasm that has been shown by the business people we’ve talked to,” she said.

She and Schroller hope that will continue as they seek money for the remaining 50 banners. They have not been able to speak to every business owner in Goodland personally, Swager said, because there are only two of them working one morning a week on the project. But they would appreciate any money that individuals or businesses

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Special forces in hot pursuit

By Christopher Newton
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush said today the United States is “in hot pursuit” of terrorists behind the Sept. 11 attacks, and a top administration official said U.S. special forces have conducted scouting missions in Afghanistan, where suspected terrorists are hiding.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the work of U.S. and British forces is a prelude to potential military action.

The official denied reports that the forces, deployed in the last few days, are actively seeking prime suspect Osama bin Laden.

More than two weeks after the attacks, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said any economic stimulus legislation could include relief for workers — a step that congressional Democrats are demanding to assist

those laid off in the aftermath of the strikes.

In another development, a Bush Cabinet member said Reagan National Airport outside Washington will “definitely reopen.” Fleischer said Bush has yet to make a decision about the facility, in close proximity to critical federal buildings.

The rapid pace of events came as a delegation of Pakistani religious leaders and government officials pressed the ruling Taliban regime in Afghanistan — with no sign of success — to turn over bin Laden, suspected as the mastermind behind the attacks on Washington and New York.

In an Oval Office meeting with King Abdullah II of Jordan, the president said he and his military planners have taken note of lessons learned by Russia in its long, brutal struggle against

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Rod run highlights annual fall festival

Event has grown, with 300 cars expected

The 15th annual Early Iron Rod Run will fill blocks of Main Avenue with vintage cars on Saturday and Sunday, highlighting the annual Flatlander Fall Festival.

Main will be closed for the street festival, which will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday. 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.

The Rod Run began in the late 1960s as a car show hosted by the High Plains Performance Association at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The first outdoor rod run was held at Steever Park in 1986, drawing 38 cars. In 1987, the event was integrated into the Flatlander Fall Festival and was moved to Main.

That same year, the name of the car club was changed to Early Iron of Western Kansas. There are currently 21 members in the club with many more friends and family members volunteering their time during the festival.

The rod run has grown since 1986, becoming the largest event of its kind between Salina and Denver. Attendance was 233 in 1998 and 282 in 2000. Around 300 cars are expected this year, with entrants from Kansas and surrounding states, including Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska.

Past Rod Run entries included original Model-Ts, ’30s and ’40s hot rods,

’50s customs and classics, ’60s and ’70s muscle cars, all years of custom and classic pickups and more modern cars of the ’80s and ’90s.

Early Iron is a nonprofit organization that relies on donations to hold the run. These allow the club to provide entrants with a large “goodie bag” and door prizes. The \$20 event registration fee registers entrants to win a Chevy 350 engine and Chevy Turbo transmission. Included with registration is a dash plaque and a continental breakfast, dinner and dance at the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars on Saturday night.

A fun walk is held on Sunday before the awards ceremony, when the larger prizes, Top 50 awards and other awards are given out.

Registration is from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at Central School, 1301 Main. If you are interested in providing a donation, small items for the goodie bags or a door prize, contact club president Joel Phillips, at (785) 899-2421.

A \$2 admission button for the street festival can be purchased 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, 1019 Main, and judging will

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Joe Fuentez, the new administrator at the Good Samaritan Center, talked with Leona Smith, 93, in the center’s hallway Thursday afternoon. He said his favorite part of the job is talking with staff and residents.
Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

Chief wants to change minds

Administrator has ideas to make nursing home more homey

By Rachel Miscal
The Goodland Daily News

Joe Fuentez, the new administrator at the Good Samaritan Center, said most people think of a nursing home as a place to come and die, but he wants them to see the center as a place to come live.

That’s why the 28-year-old hopes to improve the atmosphere and level of care in the county-owned home.

He said he wants to switch to a neighborhood concept, dividing the dining area into three rooms to create a more intimate setting and replacing the nurses’ station with a waterfall, pond and benches.

Smaller dining areas will allow staff members to talk more with individuals, Fuentez said, and help residents feel at home and relaxed. He said that’s the idea behind the waterfall area, too.

“I’ve talked to residents,” he said,



Joe Fuentez

“and they say they like it.”

The Sharon Springs native took over the job in June, replacing Paul Rainbolt, who now runs the Good Samaritan Center in St. Francis.

Rainbolt lives in St. Francis and was commuting to Goodland.

It’s Fuentez’s first administrator job, but he said it’s going smoothly, thanks to the staff.

“It’s a dedicated staff,” he said. “They’re good at their jobs.”

Growing up in Wallace County — where his parents Oscar and Bonnie Fuentez still live — Fuentez said he knew that he wanted to work with people and help them.

When it was time for college, he said, he decided to major in social work.

“I thought it was a good way to interact with people,” he said.

After receiving a degree from Fort

Hays State University, Fuentez said he spent a few years doing social work in Kansas and Colorado until a friend convinced him to make a career move.

“I worked as a social worker in nursing homes,” he said. “My friend was an administrator and talked me into getting my license.”

Fuentez, who is married but has no children, said he wanted to work for Good Samaritan, which operates nursing homes in rural areas across the Plains and the West, because the company has a good reputation. He said he wanted to become an administrator to make a difference.

“The administrator sets the tone and attitude for the nursing home,” he said, adding that he wants the center’s attitude to be positive, resident-centered and comforting to staff and residents.

Fuentez said he trained in Liberal, and was assigned to Goodland because that’s where he was needed. It was just luck that he ended up so close

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