

## weather report

**88°**

at noon

**Today**

• Sunset, 6:30 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 6:45 a.m.  
• Sunset, 6:28 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 70 degrees  
• Humidity 18 percent  
• Sky clear  
• Winds southwest 12  
• Barometer 29.89 inches  
and steady  
• Record High 93° (1953)  
• Record Low 30° (1999)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 86°  
Low 54°  
Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low upper 40s, wind north 10-20. Tomorrow: partly cloudy, high 70s, low 45, wind northeast 5-15.

### Extended Forecast

Wednesday and Thursday: partly cloudy, high 60s, low mid 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.41 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.43  
Loan deficiency payment — 2¢  
Corn — \$1.84 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.77  
Loan deficiency payment — 22¢  
Milo — \$1.64 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.82 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.86  
Loan deficiency payment — 1.06¢  
Millet — \$1.64 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$6.85 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.**

## Bombing kills 38, hurts 60

SRINAGAR, India — Officials clearing the debris of a car bomb set off outside the state legislature in Indian-ruled Kashmir found seven more bodies today, raising the death toll to 38.

Shortly after the explosion Monday, a Pakistan-based militant group fighting for the independence of India's Jammu-Kashmir state claimed responsibility for the assault, which also wounded 60 people in the region's worst violence in two years.

On Monday night, the Indian foreign ministry said the group that claimed responsibility, Jaish-e-Mohammed, was founded by Masood Azhar, a former member of Harkat ul-Mujahideen.

# 17-year-old killed in accident

By Rachel Miscall

*The Goodland Daily News*

A 17-year-old Bird City girl was killed Monday afternoon when the small Chevrolet she was driving crashed into a semi-trailer rig on a county road about seven miles east of Goodland, igniting a fire that destroyed both vehicles.

Sheriff Doug Whitson said Brandon Gorr, 20, Goodland, was driving the empty grain truck east on County Road 72, heading back to the field where he was helping to harvest corn. He said Gorr works for Fred Schields.

The sheriff said Gorr drove through a yield sign at County Road 28 and Lynnette DaPron, driving south on Road 28 towards Goodland, struck the driver's side of the trailer, rolling her car into a field on the northeast corner of the intersection.

A dispatcher called emergency workers out at 3:48 p.m., saying there was a rollover accident at the intersection of County Roads 28 and 72. A few minutes later, firemen were called out, too.

The rig also ended up in the field, where both vehicles burst into flames. Firemen snuffed the blaze by 4:20 p.m., but all that was left of the tractor and car were piles of black metal.

There was a large hole burned in the middle of the trailer. Sheriff Whitson said officers haven't been able to find the year or make on either of the vehicles.

Gorr was taken to the Goodland Regional Medical Center, where he was treated for minor injuries. Whitson said DaPron, a senior at Cheylin High School in Bird City, was pronounced dead at the scene. He said someone driving by the accident pulled her body out of the car and then left.

"We don't know who it was," he said.

The sheriff said DaPron's body was taken to Bateman Funeral Home in Goodland. She was later transferred to Knodel Funeral Home in St. Francis.

Owner John Knodel said DaPron's mother, Linda, is driving up from Augusta and her father, Darwin, lives in Bird City. He said he won't have funeral information until after he meets with both parents.



Firefighters (above) sprayed foam on a car that caught on fire after colliding with a grain truck on a county road east of Goodland on Monday

afternoon. Both vehicles were destroyed in the accident, which killed a 17-year-old Bird City girl.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Officers finished cleaning up the accident about 9 p.m., Whitson said. He said fault hasn't been determined and no one has been issued a ticket.

"It's terrible," the sheriff said, noting that people have to be careful driving on county roads, especially during the busy harvest time. "You have to be attentive at all times. It only takes a second for this to happen."

David Zumbahlen, superintendent of the Cheylin School District, said DaPron, who was editor of the yearbook, was well-liked in the small school and town.

"It is definitely being felt in the building today," he said.

He said that the school has brought in ministers and counselors to help students and faculty cope with the tragedy.

"How do you deal with something like this?" he said. "You do the best you can with what you've got."



## Livestock in city left homeless

*After much discussion, officials defeat animal ordinance*

By Sharon Corcoran

*The Goodland Daily News*

The Goodland City Commission turned down an ordinance allowing livestock in certain areas, annexed Finley Motors into the city and voted to give the city manager a raise at its regular meeting Monday.

The action on the livestock ordinance left landowners who have stock in a quandary, but commissioners said they would continue to look for a way to handle the situation.

It arose in response to a complaint about animals. Jerry Nemecek, head of building inspection for the city, researched the law and found a 1992 ordinance prohibiting livestock within the city limits.

Landowners in some partly rural areas of Goodland had believed that they were protected by a grandfather clause to a 1972 ordinance, but the clause was not included in a more recent ordinance.

The city attorney drafted a new ordinance allowing a restricted number of animals per acre in certain areas of the city, which the commissioners discussed at the Sept. 17 meeting and again Monday.

Commissioner Curtis Hurd made a motion to approve the ordinance, which Commissioner Rick Billinger seconded. Commissioners Dean Blume and Chuck Lutters both said they thought that the law would open the way for more animals in the city, which could become a problem.

Dolly Irvin, a landowner affected by the ordinance, said she had spoken to her lawyer and he assured her that the law passed in 1992 could not supersede the grandfather clause. City Manager

Ron Pickman said the grandfather clause is not included in the ordinance and the commission can only go by what is on paper.

Linda Koons, another landowner, said she had the minutes of the meeting at which the ordinance passed and a previous meeting at which the grandfather clause was discussed. The minutes didn't mention anything about the clause being removed from the books, she said.

After some discussion and still no solution to the problem, Pickman said the commission could defeat the ordinance and that would not prevent having another version drawn up after more research. The landowners could take legal action, he said, seeking to prove that the 1992 law does not govern.

The commissioners voted and the ordinance failed on a 3-2 vote with Hurd and Billinger voting for and Blume, Lutters and Mayor Tom Rohr voting against.

The commissioners reviewed a request from Darold Finley, owner of Finley Motors, to have the property annexed into the city. The business is not currently paying city taxes, Pickman said, but is paying higher fees for utilities. The owner requested to be annexed into the city and to have 12 months to hook up to the city sewer system in case problems prevent them from hooking up sooner than that.

The commission approved the request and passed an ordinance annexing the property.

The commission met in an closed session for the annual evaluation of the city manager. After reconvening, commissioners voted to give Pickman a

\$2,500 per year raise effective Jan. 1. Neither the city manager nor City Clerk Mary Volk was present in the closed session.

Visitor Janda Linin requested that part of Arcade Avenue be closed for the Nu Phi Mu sorority's craft fair the first weekend of November.

That will be fine, Pickman said. He asked that she call him to remind him later this month.

In other business, the commission:

- Passed an ordinance regulating parking in city-owned parking lots, including Steever Park, Pioneer Park, the Carnegie Arts Center, Centennial Ball Park and the airport. The ordinance states that no parking will be allowed in these lots between midnight and 5 a.m. except in designated areas and forbids parking certain vehicles in these lots, for example, trucks weighing over 26,000 pounds, house trailers, tractors and buses.
- Passed an ordinance designating voting wards.
- Approved a lease with the Federal Aviation Administration for office space at the airport. The new lease says that the government will pay the city \$11,200 a year for the space.
- Approved a proposal from Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson and Associates, engineers, for an evaluation of the city's sewer treatment facilities.
- Approved payment of \$64,219 to Associated Pool Builders Inc. for construction of Steever Water Park.

## City will close three intersections on Main

Construction crews will be closing three intersections on Main Avenue to replace the curbs and gutters and the bricks in the street, a project that the city commission approved last year.

The intersection of Sixth Street and Main Avenue closed today, Public Works Director Ed Wolak said, and the intersection of Eighth and Main is set to close the week of Monday, Oct. 15.

The intersection of Seventh and Main will close when the others are finished, he said, noting that each

intersection will be closed for two to four weeks. The intersection at Seventh cannot be closed at the same time as the others because this would block access to the blocks of Main in between.

The work will begin with the demolition of the curbs and gutters and the old bricks, he said, and then the curbs and gutters will be replaced.

A concrete base will then be laid in the intersection, he said, and the new bricks will be laid last.

APAC of Hays (formerly Allied Construction) is doing the work.

## Bush, Congress work on boosting economy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said today he is nearing consensus with Congress on a stimulus plan that could boost the economy without doing long-term damage.

"There's no question our economy is hurting," he said, stopping short of saying it is in recession.

After a breakfast meeting with Vice President Dick Cheney and congressional leaders, Bush said they were pursuing a plan that would encourage corporate investment and continuous demand for U.S. products. They have yet to agree on the size, he said.

"There is agreement that we've got to come together with a vision about how big the package ought to be to

make sure we affect the economy in the short run in a positive way, but don't affect it in the long run in a negative way," Bush told reporters.

When asked whether the economy is in recession, Bush replied: "You let the number crunchers tell you that. ... We don't need numbers to tell us people are hurting."

After the meeting, House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said the hope is to determine a size for the relief, then agree on its elements. He said he wants the plan to address the needs of workers left jobless by the Sept. 11 tragedy who are ineligible for unemployment benefits, and to seek ways to generate demand for consumer goods.