

weather report

53°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:05 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:01 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:04 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 50 degrees
- Humidity 44 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds northeast 22 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.09 inches and rising
- Record High 87° (1958)
- Record Low 22° (1996)

Last 24 Hours*

High 84°
Low 36°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low 30-35, wind southwest 5-15. Tomorrow: sunny, high 75-80, low 35-40, wind west 5-15.

Extended Forecast

Saturday and Sunday: mostly sunny, high 75-80, low 30-35.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.60 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.59
 - Corn — \$1.97 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.76
Loan deficiency payment — 23¢
 - Milo — \$1.69 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$3.67 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.71
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.21
 - Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$7.30 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.49
Confection current — \$13/\$6 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$19 (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.

Bombs kill five civilians

KABUL, Afghanistan — U.S. jets attacked targets in the heart of Afghanistan's capital today. Residents said at least five civilians — including four members of one family — were killed when bombs crashed into residential areas in Kabul.

With the air campaign in its 12th day came the first report that the bombing had killed a prominent figure in Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network. A London-based Islamic group said an Egyptian who was a veteran al-Qaida fighter died in a U.S. strike on Sunday.

In Washington, defense sources said U.S. special forces were now in place aboard the USS Kitty Hawk in the Indian Ocean — ready for any search-and-destroy missions ordered against bin Laden and his Taliban allies. Two houses were destroyed in Kabul's Quilzaman Khan neighborhood.

Group works to attract businesses

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

Steve West, Economic Development Committee president, detailed work the committee is doing to promote new business and business expansion in Goodland on Monday.

During a regular Goodland City Commission meeting, West also gave an oral presentation explaining some of the committee's projects.

Seventeen boy scouts from Troop 142 sat in on the meeting, where they heard the committee report and observed the commission approving payments and appointing representatives.

The boy scouts got a view of city government at work as part of the requirements to earn their citizenship and community merit badges.

West told the commissioners there is a man interested in moving to Goodland who has a patent on a cleaning product. He said the committee is working with him to arrange the move and may help him with the financing.

Ron Harding, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, is working diligently to bring in another truck stop, West said, but has had trouble reaching the right people. The Appletrail Truck Stop on K-27 closed earlier this year.

The committee is working to set up a community cooperative grocery store, he said, adding that he has talked to a couple in Greeley, Colo. who are interested in managing the store. Goodland has had only one grocery store at Wal-Mart for about two years, since Jubilee Foods closed.

West said he has hired an attorney from Denver who is a co-op specialist, and has visited a community in Iowa that has successfully run a similar store.

The store in Iowa is 10,000 square feet and employs 20 people, he said, while the store proposed for Goodland would be at the former site of

Jubilee Foods, 11th and Broadway, and would be 17,000 square feet. The town in Iowa is smaller than Goodland, he said, but the county has the same number of people as Sherman County.

If the cooperative is workable, West said, he will invite the couple from Greeley to meet with business people, city commissioners and county commissioners here and will invite members of the community to sign pledges toward membership in the cooperative.

The pledges will be investments, he said, that

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Becoming leaders



Holding hands, arms, shoulders and about anything else was important as members of the Leadership Sherman County class worked to arrange themselves while balancing on the "Teepee Shuffle" log Wednesday morning. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

New leadership class learning the ropes

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Completing the "Teepee Shuffle," "Nitro Crossing," "Mohawk Walk" and "Spider's Web," Leadership Sherman County Class of 2002 members got their first lessons on working as a team Wednesday morning.

The group's first session was completing the Challenge Ropes Course behind North Elementary School, designed to build teamwork.

The course, located on the north part of the playground at North Elementary, uses various challenges to de-

velop cooperation, camaraderie and teamwork. Doug Bean, youth minister at Sunrise Christian Church, acted as the facilitator for the first session.

Members of this year's Leadership Sherman County class are Mike Briney, Schyler Goodwin, Janda Linn, Jan Lohr, Scott Lockhart, Janice Phipps, Christina Rasure, Sara Rice, Michelle Shoff and Sherida Shoff.

People in the community nominated the class members, who will spend the next eight months learning how to become leaders.

The Ropes Course was the first part

of the 10 sessions the leadership class will participate in until they graduate in April.

Brad Schick, a class graduate, was leader for the first day's session. After the ropes course, the class was to visit the Carnegie Arts Center and the High Plains Museum, take a city facility tour and finish with a tour of the Handy House.

Bryce Cole and John Baker are co-chairs for this year's class, and will be handling the coordination of the other sessions.

Bean had the class do some warm-

ups before the first activity, the "Trolleys." The class members each stood on two boards, holding ropes attached to each board, and the object was to walk the two boards ahead about 50 yards, circle around an object and head back to the starting point.

Once the leadership class got situated, they tried to move forward.

It was slow in the beginning, but after some discussion and deciding to have the last person count the steps — "One, two, left; one two, right." —

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Car thief remains in Texas

Misunderstanding delays extradition

By Patty Decker

The Colby Free Press

Just when Thomas County law enforcement officials thought they had one of the two people involved in the high-speed chase in August, it turns out they don't.

The woman partner in the duo, Tina Janice Pearce, 23, was expected to be extradited back to the county on Wednesday, but due to a misunderstanding and her refusal to sign the extradition papers, she is still in Angelton, Texas, said C. D. Hopper, investigator with the sheriff's office.



Pearce

"It was a miscommunication on our part with Texas authorities," said Hopper today. "We were under the impression extradition orders were signed for Kansas, but in fact, Pearce signed for Mississippi."

Hopper said Mississippi authorities had forwarded extradition papers ahead of Kansas, but in communications with Texas officials, the impression from them was that papers were signed for Kansas.

The Kansas warrant charging Pearce and Kristopher Aaron Lambert, 21, with aggravated burglary, aggravated assault, kidnapping, felony theft and criminal damage to property will follow Pearce to Rankin County, Mississippi.

Those same charges are still pending with Lambert as he faces similar charges in Texas.

Although Pearce is still in Texas, she will be returning to Mississippi to face charges of auto theft.

As of today, the Thomas County Sheriff's office submitted a fugitive warrant to Allan Taylor, county attorney, who is expected to request a warrant issued from Gov. Bill Graves' office.

The warrant will then be sent from the governor's office in Kansas to the governor's office in Mississippi.

Based on probable cause, Hopper said, the court in Mississippi will decide whether or not Pearce should be extradited back to Kansas.

"Right now, we are just waiting on the extradition process through the governor's office," Hopper said.

Both Pearce and Lambert are wanted in at least four states and possibly five, he said.

"For sure they are wanted in Wisconsin, Texas, Mississippi and Kansas," Hopper said. "They might even be wanted in Utah for allegedly stealing vehicles out of Tremonton and Ogden, but our last contact with authorities there were that lab reports weren't back yet on fingerprints."

Of all the states, however, Hopper said the more serious charges occurred on Wednesday, Aug. 8, in Kansas where charges are pending for their involvement in the kidnapping of a rural Colby teenager, stealing her 1998 Ford Escort, reportedly stealing a 1991 White Jeep Cherokee in Hoxie and eluding Thomas County authorities earlier in the day in a high-speed chase on I-70.

Laying the foundation



The bricks have arrived for the new intersection at Sixth and Main, and workers from APAC of Hays, were pouring the final sections of the six-inch concrete base Wednesday. Weather had delayed the project. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

Two new anthrax cases reported; now six total

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two new cases of the skin form of anthrax were reported today, one involving an assistant to CBS anchorman Dan Rather and the other a postal worker in New Jersey. That brought to six the total number of confirmed cases of infection.

In addition, up to three more suspected cases were being investigated, according to Dr. Julie Gerberding of the Atlanta-based Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The additional cases "are in large part linked to Florida and New York situations," she said.

"We do have other individuals who are reporting skin lesions or exposure circumstances that are under active investigation," Gerberding said in a telephone conference with reporters. "We are working around the clock to confirm or rule out" anthrax infection.

The new cases were reported as the FBI and the Postal Service offered a \$1 million reward for information leading

to the arrest and conviction of perpetrators of anthrax attacks, the House of Representatives remained dark and six congressional office buildings were closed for further germ tests. The Senate remained in business.

Overseas, a letter containing a suspicious substance was found at the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo. Employees who handled it were being given appropriate tests, said Philip Reeker, the deputy State Department spokesman.

Seeking to calm an anxious nation, Homeland Defense Director Tom Ridge said that despite the new case, "thousands and thousands and thousands" of people had been tested for anthrax exposure — and had come up negative.

"We are more vigilant today and continue to get more vigilant every day as we assess different risks that might present themselves in this country,"

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