

weather
report

73°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:58 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:05 a.m.
• Sunset, 5:57 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 54 degrees
• Humidity 37 percent
• Sky clear
• Winds east 5 mph
• Barometer 29.75 inches
and falling
• Record High 84° (1988)
• Record Low 19° (1936)

Last 24 Hours*

High 65°
Low 33°
Precipitation —

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low upper 30s, wind north 5-10. Tomorrow: sunny, high mid 70s, wind southwest 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Tuesday night mostly cloudy, low in mid 30s, windy. Wednesday partly cloudy, high 50-55, windy.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.55 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.45
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.94 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.74
Loan deficiency payment — 25¢
Milo — \$1.66 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.58 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.59
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.33
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.25 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.36
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.

U.S., Russia
ties stronger

SHANGHAI, China — President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin said Sunday terrorist attacks on America unified their nations like never before, raising hope for long-sought agreements on a U.S. missile defense system and cutting nuclear stockpiles.

The negotiations for a new strategic framework were given a forceful nudge by Bush when he privately urged his Russian counterpart to quickly compromise or squander the opportunity to reduce nuclear arsenals.

“The thing that’s really bound us together most right now is our common desire to fight terrorism,” Bush said after their third meeting in five months. Talks will resume when Putin visits the United States in three weeks.

White House officials said later Bush is prepared to go forward with missile shield plans.

Group can help projects come to life

Council will find money and labor

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Do you or the club or organization you belong to have ideas about how to improve life in Sherman County, but you don’t have the resources or money to get it done? A new group can help.

The six-member Sherman County Resource

Conservation and Development Advisory Board was formed in September and met for the first time this month. The group’s name is long, but its purpose is simple.

Members will listen to any individual’s or group’s project ideas, consider the viability and impact of each idea and pick projects to present to a larger regional organization, which can find financial and technical help. The board has already approved ideas to build a community center/sports arena in Goodland and establish a \$20 million endowment fund.

Sharon Bowker, a board member, said the group’s job is to choose projects that can be ac-

complished and present them to the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development area council — which will consider lending a hand based on the project’s goals and objectives.

If the council approves, it will go to work finding qualified sources that can help, including technical assistance from a private consultant or government agency and donations, grants, loans or cost-sharing from public and private organizations.

“If local people have ideas for projects, bring them to us,” Bowker said. “We want to help. We want people to feel like we can be approached.”

Members of the board include Mary Volk, city

clerk; Janet Rumpel, county clerk; Lois Cossman, a former member of the Western Prairie council; Schyler Goodwin, Goodland Development Corporation president and Western Prairie council member; Sandy Rodgers, Natural Resources Conservation Service office manager in Goodland; and Bowker, Western Prairie council member.

County commissioners and conservation districts in eight northwest Kansas counties sponsor the Western Prairie council, along with the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s Natural Resources

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Anthrax may have killed two

Two more postal employees infected

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Washington-area postal workers have been diagnosed with inhalation anthrax and two more employees at the same facility have died of symptoms consistent with the disease, officials said today as the nation grappled with an unprecedented bioterrorism threat.

Dr. Ivan Walks, the city’s chief health official, also said authorities are investigating as many as nine more cases that have aroused concern. He said he did not know how many of the nine were postal workers or how many were hospitalized.

The disclosures came as postal workers by the dozens lined up for testing, and city authorities urged anyone connected with the affected Brentwood central mail facility to come forward immediately for screening.

“This is a different day,” the city health official said at a news conference.

He said the unidentified man diagnosed with the disease was hospitalized in suburban Virginia, at the same facility where another postal worker was diagnosed over the weekend.

He said authorities were conducting tests on clinical samples from the two postal workers who died.

In one case, he said, preliminary blood testing had further aroused suspicion that anthrax may have played a role.

In the case of the second person, he said, “We do not have even the positive blood cultures ... but his clinical course is highly suspicious.”

The disclosures marked a troubling turn in the nation’s bioterrorism scare.

“Anyone who was working in that back postal area during the last 11 days, you must today immediately come here ... to receive prophylactic medication and to be evaluated.”

Deborah Willhite, a Postal Service senior vice president, said there are roughly 2,000 employees at that Brentwood postal facility in Washington.

City officials made their startling disclosures as the Capitol reopened but congressional offices remained shuttered for environmental testing.

And nearly three weeks since anthrax first surfaced in Florida, the government announced that federal money from the Superfund environmental program will be used to clean up the headquarters of a Boca Raton-based tabloid company where one man died of the disease.

Willhite issued an unusual plea to reporters to extend prayers to the families of the dead postal workers, rather than barrage them with questions. “Give them time to grieve and to take care of their own business,” she said.

She said the affected facility would remain closed as long as it takes to make sure it’s safe again.

Officials over the weekend had said that a 57-year-old postal worker, Leroy Richmond, had been hospitalized with inhalation anthrax in serious and stable condition.

Officials did not provide the names of any of the other affected workers.

On Capitol Hill, congressional sources said it was unlikely that all the



Haunting a basement

Jeannie Topliff (above), scout leader for Girl Scouts Troop 158, decorated a gravestone on Saturday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College campus for the Goodland Development Corporation’s haunted house. Her daughter, Kirsten Topliff (left), a member of troop 95, helped paint decorations for the house, which will open the weekend before Halloween. The girl scouts spent Saturday helping corporation members design the house. It will be in the college’s storm shelter under the student union and admission is one non-perishable food item, which will be donated to the Genesis Food Bank.

Photos by Rachel Miscal
The Goodland Daily News

Jets pounding Taliban positions

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. jets pounded Taliban positions today near front lines outside the Afghan capital and a key northern city, the Taliban said. The attacks appeared aimed at helping Afghan opposition forces advance.

In Islamabad, Pakistan, Taliban Ambassador Abdul Salam Zaef claimed U.S. and British jets attacked a hospital in the western Afghan city of Herat, killing more than 100 people. The report could not be independently confirmed.

Britain denied its planes took part in any raid against Herat, and the United States cast doubt on the Taliban claim.

Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said he did not have any specific information about a hospital, “but I put as much credibility in this Taliban report as others that have been proven wrong.”

Zaef also claimed the Taliban had shot down two U.S. helicopters over the weekend — one of which landed crippled in neighboring Pakistan, while the other crashed in Afghanistan.

The Pentagon has denied any of its helicopters were shot down, though it said a Black Hawk helicopter crashed in an accident Saturday in Pakistan, killing two U.S. servicemen on board.

Meanwhile, a refugee crisis was building at Pakistan’s sealed border with Afghanistan.

An Afghan man died of wounds suffered when border guards opened fire to force back up to 15,000 trapped Afghan civilians pushing and pleading for

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Safety group to report

Committee discussed bioterrorist attack

The board of directors of the Goodland Regional Medical Center will hear a report from the Safety Committee, review September’s finances and hold a preliminary review on next year’s budget at their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. today.

The Safety Committee meets monthly, Dale Schields, head of the committee, said, to discuss issues — such as exposure control and physical plant hazards — related to safety at the hospital. The committee has discussed emergency preparedness, Schields said, with regard to the possibility of bioterrorist attacks.

The hospital had a smaller loss in operations in August than was budgeted and will now have the final numbers for September.

The process of setting a budget for next year has begun and will continue into December when Administrator Jay Jolly said he expects to have a budget ready for the board to approve. The first report on the budget will be presented at the meeting today.

In other business:

- The board will have a staff appointment approval for Dr. David G. Younger.
- The board will hear quality assurance reports.
- Jolly will have an update on the new mammography machine, will discuss personnel changes and will have an update on Rural Health Ventures, the clinic next to the hospital.
- The board will discuss physician recruitment.
- The board will set the next meeting date.

Board to meet at school

The Goodland School Board will meet at 7 p.m. at North Elementary School, 700 E. 4th., today to watch presentations from students and hear about classroom progress from teachers.

During the school year, the board devotes the second meeting of each month to visiting one of the district’s five schools to hear about new programs or technology.

It’s North Elementary’s turn this month, and classes have prepared presentations for the board. After the presentations, the board will hold its regular meeting, discussing a proposal from the Goodland High School vocal music department.

Members will also hear a report from Mike Campbell, who represents the district on the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center board in Oakley, and approve a payment to Hicks-Ashby, a company the board ordered classroom furniture from.

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