

weather report

70°

at noon

Today

Sunset, 5:57 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.

Sunset, 5:56 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Soil Temperature 57 degrees

Humidity 22 percent

Sky clear

Winds west 20 gusting to 27

Barometer 29.58 inches and rising

Record High 85° (1939)

Record Low 20° (1938)

Last 24 Hours*

High 79°

Low 38°

Precipitation Trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly sunny, turning cloudy, windy, sw winds 20-30 becoming nw, gusting to 40 mph, low 35. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, windy, high in the 50s, winds nw 25-35, gusting to 45 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 60. Friday: Partly cloudy, lows 25-30, high 60-65.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.61 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.43

Loan deficiency payment — 2¢

Corn — \$1.95 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.72

Loan deficiency payment — 27¢

Milo — \$1.67 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.75 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.53

Loan deficiency payment — 1.39¢

Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7.40 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. strikes front lines

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — U.S. jets swooped down to strike Taliban front lines and an Osama bin Laden stronghold north of Kabul today, while opposition fighters watched from their mountain positions, hoping the bombardment will open the way for their advance.

Opposition officials also reported U.S. attacks around the key northern city Mazar-e-Sharif, where an opposition offensive to recapture the stronghold faltered last week.

Missiles set fire to critical Taliban oil supplies in the southern city of Kandahar.

In recent days, the United States has shifted strategy, drawing planes away from urban areas to target front-line positions of the Taliban and their allies in bin Laden's al-Qaida network facing the opposition northern alliance.

Board suspends teacher

Music instructor won't be hired back

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

After hearing objections from a band member's father, the Goodland School Board suspended the high school band teacher on Monday, deciding to pay him through the end of the school year, and not to rehire him next year.

The board doesn't legally have to give a reason for suspending or firing a teacher, and is allowed to discuss the action in private. Members didn't say why they decided to suspend Paul Garrison, who is in his third year teaching band at Goodland High School, but a parent said whatever the reason, it's a mistake.

During the public forum part of the regular meeting, Ron Asbury — the father of Jeff Moore, a freshman at Goodland High — told the board it would be wrong to fire Garrison because he is an ethical, moral man with 20 years of teaching experience. He said Garrison, who was hired at the start of the 1999-2000 school year, has helped Jeff improve.

"He's been doing a very good job," Asbury said. "It would be a huge mistake to let him go at this time. I think we'll be letting go of a lot of experience."

Dick Short, board president, told Asbury the board appreciates his time and effort, and board members didn't say anything else. The suspension wasn't mentioned until the end of the meeting, when members came out of a 20-minute closed session to suspend and fire Garrison.

The board went behind closed doors at 8:50 p.m. to talk about personnel matters — a subject elected officials are legally allowed to talk about in private. Harvey Swager, high school principal, and Jeff Mason, the board's lawyer, were included in the executive session.

After returning to open session, members passed two resolutions, the first to suspend Garrison with pay and the second to not renew his contract for the 2002-2003 school year.

The resolutions said Garrison would be notified as soon as possible, and required him to turn over his school keys and any school property by 3:30 p.m. today.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the district isn't planning to hire a replacement right now, adding that Deandra Wirth, the high school's other band teacher, will take over Garrison's duties.

The board also accepted a resignation from Linda Bowen, who was the North Elementary School secretary, Professional Development Council secretary and deputy school board treasurer. Bowen is taking another job outside the district.

Members appointed Deb Winter, attendance secretary at the high school, as deputy board treasurer, and hired Dana Murray, a teacher's aide at West Elementary School, as assistant boy's basketball coach.

Anthrax kills mail workers

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials confirmed anthrax today as the cause of death of two postal workers in the nation's capital, the latest victims in the nation's bioterrorism scare. A mail handler in New Jersey also was believed suffering from the disease.

"We need to treat and to treat quickly," said Dr. Ivan Walks, the senior health official in the District of Columbia, adding that anthrax had been confirmed inside the central Brentwood mail facility that serves the entire city. Antibiotics were being dispensed to postal workers across Washington as officials began testing to see if anthrax spread to local post offices.

Buffeted with questions, White House spokesman Ari Fleischer defended health authorities who initially opted not to test the Brentwood facility.



Most of the cemetery portion of the haunted house at 1020 W. 14th has been set-up in the front yard. Cynthia Butts is using her home to entertain spooks and goblins next week from 7-9 p.m. on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 30 and 31. Photos by Bill Wagoner / The Goodland Daily News

Spooks, goblins haunt two houses here

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

After there were no haunted houses in Goodland last year, there will be two this year for little spooks and goblins, as Cynthia Butts is planning one at her home at 1020 W. 14th.

The Goodland Development Corp. is also putting together a haunted house in the storm shelter at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

Butts said she has put up the house in the past, but things didn't work out last year. This year the haunted house returns for two nights, from 7-9 p.m.

on Tuesday and Wednesday, Oct. 30 and 31.

Butts says there is no charge for admission, but cautioned parents that children under age six may not want to go through all of the sections.

She said there will be a cemetery in the front yard, and a corn maze in the back yard, which is based on the horror movie, "Children of the Corn." The real spooky part will be the house itself, she said.

"We leave it up to the discretion of parents about the haunted house portion," Butts said. "We don't want the

very young kids to be too frightened, but want them to enjoy our efforts. We feel that if the kids can make it through the cemetery and the corn maze, they will probably do fine in the haunted house, but if the kids are really scared either in the cemetery or the corn maze then they probably shouldn't go through the haunted house." Butts said a group of about 20 volunteers will help set-up and man the haunted house, corn maze and cemetery. They will begin getting it ready on Saturday.

"The idea behind the corn maze was because we have a number of young

people who wanted to help and be part of the haunted house," she said. "Using the 'Children of the Corn' movie as a sort of base, we have planned the maze for the back yard where the young people can help."

Butts said the haunted house has been very popular every year they have had it, and added that she looks for a large crowd again this year.

"We can always use more volunteers," she said, "and anyone who wants to help is welcome."

If you want to help call Cynthia Butts at (785) 899-3944.

Junior high to thank local officers, firemen

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Daily News

Teachers, students and administrators at Grant Junior High plan to thank law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency workers in Sherman County on Thursday, with a chili supper and carnival at the school.

Everyone is invited to enjoy food, games and family fun at the "Thank You For Making a Difference" chili supper and carnival in the cafeteria and gymnasium at Grant from 5:30-7 p.m.

The Grant staff, students and their parents are planning the chili feed and carnival to honor local heroes — firefighters, law enforcement officers, members of the National Guard and reserves, Red Cross workers and emergency medical technicians.

The idea came up at a junior high site council meeting, Grant Principal Jim Mull said.

He said council members, parents, teachers and members of the community discussed organizing a patriotic event after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Members of the council wanted to do something that the students and their parents could do together, the principal said, something that could be a family activity.

The students and parents took time to think about it, he said, and came back

to the council with the idea of the chili feed and carnival.

At the time, Mull said, police officers and firemen in New York were being honored for their heroic efforts in rescuing attack victims from the World Trade Center, and the council thought it would be nice to do something similar locally.

The parents and students will have a couple of hours of entertainment together, he said, and the local heroes will be their honored guests.

He said entertainment will include such games as balloon-shaving, a high jump, twister, a blind basketball shoot and a pumpkin roll, and there will be a haunted house. Students will be able to get their face painted, Mull said, while parents can participate in the cake walk.

Vocal students will perform a short program of patriotic songs, the principal said, in honor of the heroes.

The public is invited, he said, and there is no charge for the carnival and only a small charge for the chili — \$2 for students and \$3 for adults.

Mull said people in the community are donating ingredients, but there will some expenses to cover.

If there is any money left over, he said, the students will decide which charity to donate it to.

Call Grant Junior High at (785) 899-7561 for tickets to the chili feed.

Volleyball mom



Judy McKee, Janae McKee's mother, cheered for her daughter and the rest of the Cowgirls volleyball team on Saturday at the Class 4A Sub-State Volleyball Tournament in Goodland. The Cowgirls played hard and the crowd cheered hard, but the team lost the championship match. See photo and story on Page 6. Photo by Rachel Miscall/ The Goodland Daily News