

weather
report

56°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 4:48 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:14 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:48 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 57 degrees
• Humidity 59 percent
• Sky mostly cloudy
• Winds south southwest 10
• Barometer 30.07 inches
and falling
• Record High 91° (1950)
• Record Low 7° (1993)

Last 24 Hours*

High 57°
Low 34°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, low mid 40s, wind southwest 10-20. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy, high 70s, low 30s, wind southwest 15-20.

Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: partly cloudy, high upper 50s, low upper 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.71 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.65
Corn — \$1.98 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.72
Loan deficiency payment — 27¢
Milo — \$1.68 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.67 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.59
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.33
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.85 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.27
Confection current — inquire
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.

Is the disease
still spreading?

WASHINGTON — A New York woman believed suffering from anthrax struggled for her life today, triggering fresh concerns the disease was spreading beyond the intersection of the postal service and the news media. Postmaster General John Potter said several billion dollars will be needed to safeguard the nation's mail system.

The nation's capital struggled with fresh evidence of contamination as officials shut down a second post office and said it would take two weeks to decontaminate an anthrax-plagued office building that houses 50 senators.

Rep. Mike Pence, R-Ind., whose office was found to be contaminated last week, said he had been told by investigators that the letter that carried the spores into the Hart building contained two grams of anthrax, and billions of spores.

Crop yields vary as fall harvest ends

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

As fall harvest is nearing an end in Sherman County, elevator managers agree that the moisture levels are good but have varying reports on the yields.

Reported yields have been between 20 and 70 bushels per acre for soybeans and between 80 and 225 for corn.

The dry summer hurt yields especially on dry land crops and some areas received more rainfall than others. Collingwood Grain in Kanorado had the widest range of corn yields as Joshua

Dechant, manager of the elevator, said they had received corn with yields of 80-225 bushels per acre but had received only irrigated crops.

Mueller Grain has seen yields all over the board, Operations Manager Tom Stewart said, from very poor to very good.

Overall the yields have been better than last year, he said, but some farmers didn't have a very good year this year because of a lack of moisture.

The elevator takes in four types of sunflowers, Stewart said, and white-seeded millet, a grass-type of crop that is harvested for bird seed.

Elevators could still receive odds and ends for

the next two weeks, John Bontjes, plant manager of Sigco Sun in Goodland and Edson said, but farmers are almost done harvesting sunflowers. He said Sigco has receiving stations in Grant and Hemmingford, Neb.; Cope and Arapahoe, Colo.; and Pine Bluff, Wyo.

Harvest is still going strong in northeast Colorado and Nebraska, he said, as they started two weeks later than the Goodland area did.

Harvest has been rapid, Dana Belshe, agricultural extension agent, said, because the weather has been favorable throughout the harvest. Pinto bean harvest began in September, he said, and

have been followed by soybeans, sunflowers and corn.

The moisture content has been fine, Bontjes said, at about 9 to 10 percent and getting dryer later in harvest.

He said the plants have taken in about the same volume of sunflowers as last year, but the yields have been lower. The dry summer hurt, he said, especially in the Burlington area.

Harvest was good at Edson, Bontjes said, where smoldering sunflowers damaged the main

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Filling seat tops agenda

Officials to review resolutions at session

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Appointment of a hospital board member and several resolutions are on the Sherman County commissioner's agenda for their final meeting of October, which begins at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

The commissioners placed an ad asking for candidates for the hospital board job.

They received two new applications and two of the previous applicants expressed interest.

The commissioners are looking for a replacement for Dr. Greg Bongers, who resigned because he was leaving town and is no longer practicing in Goodland.

At the previous meeting, the commissioners discussed a resolution from the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group, which would impose fees on contractors and service companies who install and clean septic systems.

The commissioners delayed the resolution to talk to the contractors.

The fees are being proposed because the state budget for this effort has been cut, and the regional board feels collecting these fees will help keep the program going.

The commissioners previously approved a County Solid Waste Plan to be sent to the Northwest Kansas Regional Planning Commission.

However, the county has been asked to adopt the plan by resolution to make it more official.

A third resolution will be presented for the commissioners to approve renewal of Sherman County's participation in the Northwest Kansas Enterprise Zone.

The zone allows people to use special tax breaks and incentives in starting or expanding a business within the zone area.

Joe Fuentez, Good Samaritan Center administrator, will talk to the commissioners about replacing the concrete at the front entrance to the center.

Sheriff Doug Whitson and Trent Blythe of B and B Electric, will discuss the needs and details of the cost of an emergency generator to handle the power needs of the Bastille.

Commissioners will also review a bid from Rhoads Construction for work on the Sallyport at the Bastille.

The commissioners meet in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, Eighth Street and Broadway Avenue.



Meal, carnival bring in \$900

Tiffany Schlink (above), a seventh grader at Grant Junior High, painted Mary Isenberg's face at a chili supper and carnival the school held on Thursday to honor local law enforcement officers and emergency workers. Jorge Galvin (far right) and Shane MacDonald, both seventh graders, played Twister, one of the games set up in the classrooms, while others enjoyed the chili and other foods. Principal Jim Mull said 295 adults and 150 students attended the event, which raised about \$900. He said the student council will meet this week to decide how to distribute the money, which will go to local groups. Mull said the event was a success, with at least 100 more people attending than expected, and the school plans to do it again.

Photos by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News



Ghouls, goblins will stay busy this Halloween

The elementary schools have costume parades planned for their students Wednesday and two haunted houses will be open tonight and one Wednesday for Halloween in Goodland.

Central Elementary will have a parade at 8:15 a.m. in front of the school at 1311 Main Ave. Third and fourth grade students will march around the block in their costumes, and classes may have parties also.

West Elementary will have its costume parade at 8:15 a.m. in the gym

at the school, with some classes having parties following. Some class parties will be at 2:15 p.m. Preschool, first and second grade students will parade in costume.

Kindergartners at North Elementary will have a costume parade between 10 and 10:15 a.m. and at 2:20 p.m.

The Goodland Development Corp. is having a haunted house in the storm shelter under the student union at the Northwest Kansas Area Technical College.

The house will be open from 7-9 p.m.

today, with the cost of admission being canned goods or non-perishable food items.

The food is being collected for Genesis, which collects food, toys and other items for families in Sherman County.

Cynthia Butts is holding a haunted house at her home at 1020W 14th. It will be open from 7-9 p.m. today and Wednesday.

There is no charge for admission.



Agents look into shooting

KBI to determine if officers were right

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Kansas Bureau of Investigation agents are still trying to figure out why a 19-year-old Indiana man ran from a car accident in Colorado on Friday — sparking a bizarre chase that ended with officers shooting the youth to death on I-70.

Bob Blecha, assistant director in charge of field investigation at the KBI, said three agents were in Sherman County this weekend and the investigation should be done by the end of the week.

He said he couldn't release details, adding that the agents still had a few leads to follow up before the investigation is finished.

Blecha said the agents are looking into the background of Mark Christopher Palmer, trying to figure out why he acted so erratically and determining whether officers were right in shooting him.

Meanwhile, Palmer's friends and family in his hometown of Carmel, Ind., are trying to cope with the young man's death and are also wondering what went wrong with him.

Palmer wrecked his car on I-70 in Burlington on Friday afternoon, running from the accident and hiding in a group of trees on a county road. After officers approached him, he stole a white pickup from a farmer, tried to run over the undersheriff and headed back to I-70, where he drove towards Goodland.

He rolled the pickup on I-70 right after crossing over into Sherman County and then stole an Oklahoma man's pickup when he stopped to help Palmer. Sherman County officers started chasing the young man after he got off the freeway at Ruleton.

After speeding through Goodland, he got back onto I-70 and headed back west in the eastbound lanes. When he ran into a Sherman County couple's truck, officers caught up to him.

After a struggle, and after Palmer

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Armed thief robs station

An armed robber stole \$720 in cash from the Conoco Travel Shoppe, 2423 Enterprise Road, at 11:44 p.m. on Thursday.

A city police report said cashier Dee Albers was the victim of aggravated assault and aggravated robbery and the gas station and convenience store was the victim of aggravated burglary and theft.

The robber used a gun, Police Chief Ray Smee said, noting that what type is not known and the police do not know who committed the crime and are still investigating.