

weather
report

76°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 4:41 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:20 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:40 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 55 degrees
• Humidity 30 percent
• Sky mostly clear
• Winds south 19
• Barometer 30.09 inches
and falling

• Record High 79° (1921)
• Record Low 8° (1967)

Last 24 Hours*

High 69°
Low 39°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low 40s,
wind southwest 5-15. Tomorrow:
partly sunny, high 70-75, low 40s,
wind east 5-15.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday and Thursday: partly
cloudy, chance of rain, high 65-70,
low 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.62 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.60
Corn — \$1.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.74
Loan deficiency payment — 25¢
Milo — \$1.65 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.70 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.67
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.25
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.15 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.90
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.

U.S. fighting
for opposition

KABUL, Afghanistan — B-52s
hammered away at Taliban posi-
tions outside a town near the north-
ern border with Tajikistan and
along the Kabul front today in
hopes of helping the opposition
gain ground before winter.

Taliban diplomats in Islamabad,
Pakistan, also reported American
air attacks today in the northern
provinces of Samangan and Balkh
against positions defending the
Taliban-held city of Mazar-e-
Sharif. Opposition and Taliban
forces were fighting in the area of
Mazar-e-Sharif today, both sides
said. But an opposition offensive
launched there a day earlier was
reported faltering hours after it
began.

B-52 bombers struck at three
separate sites about 30 miles
northeast of Taloqan, near the
Tajik border. U.S. jets pounded
Taliban positions to the east.

College evacuated after bomb threat

Officials say brief call likely a hoax

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Officials evacuated the Northwest Kansas Technical College campus for two hours this morning after a secretary answered a call from a man saying there was a bomb in one of the buildings and everyone had an hour to get out.

College President Ken Clouse said Jacquelyn Beal received the bomb threat at 9 a.m., told him about it right way and they called 911.

He said administrators walked to each building to tell instructors and students to leave, while officers from the Goodland Police Department and Sherman County Sheriff's Department began searching.

Clouse said Beal told him the caller, who sounded like an adult male, said, "There is a bomb in one of the buildings. You have an hour to evacuate," then hung up.

Administrators told students to come back at 10 a.m., he said, but they wound up keeping the campus closed until 11 a.m. to give police time to search every



Ed Lofland, a communications network instructor at the Northwest Kansas Technical College, directed students away from the campus this morning after a bomb threat forced the college to evacuate.

Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

building.

"We figure after two hours, it should be safe," he said.

At 10:45 a.m., instructors were standing in front of the administration office directing traffic away from campus while students were parking their

cars in a lot across the street and waiting to return to class.

By 11:10 a.m., things had returned to normal. Students and instructors had returned to classrooms and officers had declared the campus bomb-free. Police Chief Ray Smee and Sheriff Doug

Whitson were in the administration office talking to Beal and other employees.

Chief Smee said later that officers found no evidence of a bomb at the college, but will try to find the caller.

"It was probably a hoax bomb

threat," he said.

Clouse said administrators will try to trace the call today, but don't know if they can because it was so short. He said the college handled the threat as if it had been a fire drill.

"We just got everyone out and away from the buildings," he said.

It was most likely a hoax, he said, but it's important to treat every incident as if it is real.

Clouse said instructors and students agreed.

"It's probably a hoax," Ed Lofland, a communication network instructor said, "but we have to get everyone out just in case."

He said he hopes the caller is caught and punished.

"I hope they realize how many years in prison they can get for this," he said.

Administrators and instructors said they can't remember the college ever receiving a bomb threat before. Students said it was probably someone looking for attention.

"I'm not too worried about it," said Kirk McFadden, an automotive technology student.

Tom Purvis, an automotive technology instructor, said if the media wouldn't focus on bomb threats or other negative news, there would probably be less threats.

"If CNN and some people would lay low," he said, "people would quit doing this"

Officials unveil rapid test

Anthrax detected inside Pentagon

WASHINGTON (AP)—Officials at the Mayo Clinic unveiled a new, rapid test for anthrax exposure Monday and Pentagon officials disclosed the weekend discovery of spores in a small post office at the nation's military nerve center.

The office was decontaminated and "retesting results were all negative," the Defense Department said in a statement.

With the nation's bioterrorism threat in its second month, scores of lawmakers were allowed back into their quarters in the Longworth House Office Building. The building, closed at the height of the anthrax scare on Capitol Hill 10 days ago, reopened to all but Reps. John Baldacci, D-Maine, Rush Holt, D-N.J., and Mike Pence, R-Ind., whose offices were found to be contaminated in testing.

The building's reopening left only the Senate Hart Building still shut down among the six large congressional office facilities. Anthrax-tainted mail was opened in Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle's office inside the structure, and officials are expected to begin a decontamination by chlorine dioxide gas in the next few days. A small building that houses support personnel also is shut.

Half a country away, Dr. Franklin Cockerill III, a Mayo Clinic microbiologist, said scientists had "discovered a new DNA test that identifies anthrax in less than an hour instead of days."

He said it would permit local authorities to get test results for exposure more quickly, and ease anxiety in patients who won't have to wait so long for their individual results. At the Defense Department, officials said two mail boxes in a private post office on a commercial concourse inside the Pentagon tested positive for anthrax, Pentagon officials said today. One of the boxes was rented by an unidentified member of the Navy; the other was unassigned.

The facility, which is served by the big Brentwood postal plant in Washington that was closed after anthrax spores were found Oct. 15, does not process official Defense Department mail. That task is handled by other facilities, which have tested negative for anthrax.

Meantime, the Food and Drug Administration said today that confirmatory testing showed FDA mailrooms do not contain the bacterium.



Lewie Nowak held up the two-pound goldfish he caught Wednesday at the Smoky Gardens. The life-long Goodland resident said it was the biggest goldfish he had ever seen.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Huge goldfish caught swimming at Smoky

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

A Goodland man was surprised to catch the largest goldfish he had ever seen in his life while fishing at the Smoky Gardens.

Lewie Nowak said he was fishing for trout Wednesday afternoon when he caught a two-pound goldfish. The critter fought like crazy, he said.

And it caught Nowak off guard. Nowak, who has fished in the gardens since he was "about two feet tall," was using canned corn for bait when he caught the whopper, he said, but didn't expect to catch a goldfish. "It surprised the heck out of me," he said.

He was fishing at the north end of the gardens, Nowak said, south of the bridge when he found his "sur-prize" fish. The gardens, also known as Soldiers Memorial Park, are about 19 miles southwest of Goodland.

He hadn't heard of any reports of goldfish being found in the lake, Leonard Hopper, wildlife and parks conservation officer for Thomas County, said, but the goldfish found was probably one that was used for

bait that survived in the lake. He doesn't like people dumping their bait buckets in the lake, Hopper said, because he never knows what he might find in the lake.

Nowak said he has lived in Goodland for 80 years, and has been at 117 Center for 50 years. He bought the house when he got married, Nowak said, and has lived there since then.

He delivered freight for 20 years, Nowak said, delivering almost everything but mail as the owner of Nowak Transfer Co. But having your own company, he said, is not as glamorous as some may think.

"If I had it to do over again," Nowak said, "I wouldn't try to get by on my own."

When you don't work for a company, he said, you don't have any money put away for retirement unless you are smart enough to put it away yourself.

But he has some retirement, Nowak said, from when he did maintenance work for 14 years at the Northwest Kansas Vocational Technical School.

Recycling effort to get jump-start

New program on county agenda

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

In an effort to get a stalled recycling program moving, the Sherman County commissioners have invited city officials and a representative of Southeast and Eastern Colorado Recycling to attend Tuesday's meeting.

Ray Lariviere of Lamar, executive director of the 10-year old Colorado recycling program, will talk about establishing an intergovernmental agreement with the Colorado recycling group.

Earlier in the year, Lariviere met with the county/city recycling committee, and after a joint meeting with the county and city commissioners, there seemed to be agreement to join the Colorado group.

The county has invited city commission members and the city manager to see if a joint effort can be arranged.

County Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he would let the county use part of his lumber yard's parking lot for a set of the recycling containers.

He said he had talked to a Kit Carson County commissioner about how the program could help in Sherman County.

Lariviere said this is the right time of year to get the program established, as the group is seeking new intergovernmental agreements from all the current counties.

He said that it appears very possible to add Goodland, as the recycling truck already comes as far as Kanorado on a regular schedule.

Lariviere is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Earlier, Dorendo Harrel, county health administrator, will meet with the commissioners about an increase in salary for the county health officer, Dr. Robert McCullough.

The commissioners will review the annual city-county recreation agreement, which is to be renewed before Nov. 15 each year.

Several resolutions were approved at the final October commission meeting held Wednesday, including the county solid waste plan, fees for the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group and renewing the Northwest Kansas Enhanced Enterprise Zone.

The commissioners had previously approved a five-year solid waste plan for the county, but were required to approve a formal resolution adopting the plan for it to be submitted to the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission board.

Rasure said he had talked to the contractors and septic system cleaners about the license and use fees being proposed by the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group, and they told him there was no problem.

He said the contractors told him there was no state program so there is no duplication.

Michael Balthazor of Hill City, program director for the regional group, was present to answer any of the questions the commissioners might have, and introduced Chad L. Zimmerman of Colby, who is the agency's new field specialist.

Balthazor said all but three counties in the state are part of a local environmental protection group, and that in talking to the contractors, he believed they all supported the program.

He said the need to charge fees stems from an effort in Topeka to cut the program's budget, and that several proposals were defeated in the last session of the Legislature to kill the program entirely.

A report being prepared for the Legislature will suggest full funding for the program with a provision for local match, which can be either monetary or in-kind, he said.

The county commissioners approved the resolution unanimously.

Donald Ballek, field representative for the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, met with the commissioners about the county renewing participation in the Northwest Kansas Enterprise Zone.

He encouraged the commissioners to pass the resolutions.

He also encouraged the commissioners to contact the surrounding counties about establishing a joint program to encourage businesses to grow, and a way for those with good business ideas to be able to get them off the ground.

"This is a way of helping our own fantastic people," Ballek said.

He said Charlotte Krenzel will be holding an organizational meeting in Leoti on Thursday for a seven-county group, and that the head of the state program, Ned Webb, will be there.

He said the commissioners were invited to attend to learn more about how the program could work.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said it would be a good opportunity, and they would consider attending.

The commissioners meet at 8 a.m. in the commission room on the main floor of the courthouse, Eighth Street and Broadway Avenue.