

weather
report

39°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:27 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:40 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 45 degrees
• Humidity 96 percent
• Sky overcast with light rain and fog

• Winds north 20 m.p.h.
• Barometer 29.33 inches and falling

• Record High 72° (1925)

• Record Low 00° (1941)

Last 24 Hours*

High 59°

Low 25°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Winter weather advisory, windy with blowing snow with an accumulation of 2-5 inches, low 30s. Tomorrow: cloudy and very windy, 20 percent chance of snow showers, high 40s, low 20s, winds northwest 30-50.

Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain and snow showers, high 50s, low 30s.

(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 — \$2.00 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.86
Loan deficiency payment — 13¢
Milo — \$1.70 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.92 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.85
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.07
Millett — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.00 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.19
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.

Anthrax tests
are negative

OXFORD, Conn. — Preliminary tests on the mail, mail box and home of a 94-year-old woman who died of inhalation anthrax this week have come back negative for the bacteria, Gov. John Rowland said today.

The early tests also found no sign of anthrax at the Post Office in Seymour, which handles mail for Oxford, or the Wallingford processing center, which sorts mail for southern Connecticut. Rowland said more conclusive test results for the processing center were pending.

Despite the results, Rowland said the mail was not being ruled out as a possible source of the bacteria that killed Otilie Lundgren on Wednesday. But he acknowledged some disappointment.

"I can't speak for the federal authorities, but it's frustrating for all of us," he said at a news conference.

Nebraskan arrested in death of his father

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

A Kearney, Neb., man was arrested Tuesday in Goodland after being charged with felony abuse in the death of his elderly father last month, allegedly of malnutrition and dehydration while in his son's care.

Jerry Crawford, 36, was arrested Tuesday at the Howard Johnson Hotel in Goodland, where had taken a job as a maintenance worker. According to the *Kearney Hub*, he was charged in Buffalo County, Neb., with abuse of a vulnerable adult.

Crawford is accused of depriving his father, Joe Crawford, 77, of Kearney, of water, food, medical care, medications and personal hygiene requirements while he was in Crawford's care. If convicted, he faces up to five years in prison and a \$10,000 fine.

On Oct. 14, court records say, Crawford took his dead father's body, in a wheelchair, to Kearney's Good Samaritan Hospital. The body was found to be dirty, with bed sores, and

the smell of decay.

The *Hub* reported that an autopsy determined Joe Crawford was suffering from malnutrition and severe dehydration, and the bed sores indicated he had been in the wheelchair for some time. He appeared to have died a day before he was taken to the hospital.

Pathologists determined that Joe Crawford had also had pneumonia and cancer of the liver. Live maggots were found in his body, and the pathologists determined the maggots were present before his death. Before his death, officials said, Joe Crawford was partially paralyzed from previous medical problems.

According to police records, the Kearney Police Department searched the home Crawford shared with his father in Kearney and reportedly found feces on the floor in the kitchen and a strong odor of urine and feces throughout the house.

Records say that in March, a Kearney doctor reported to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Ser-

vices that she had attended Joe Crawford and that he was dirty and unkempt and that she was concerned about the possibility that his fiances were being mismanaged.

According to the *Hub*, police had received a report in March of abuse and neglect to Joe Crawford. Jerry Crawford was listed as a suspect. The police inspected the Crawford home and reported Joe Crawford had received inadequate nutrition and may have been financially exploited.

Crawford had been employed at the hotel here for four days when he was arrested Tuesday morning. A desk clerk described him as, "a nice guy. I never would have thought he could hurt anyone. He didn't seem like the kind of guy who would do something like this."

Another co-worker described Crawford as, "a hard worker. He listened to directions and always jumped in with both feet. He always came in 30 minutes early and stayed late until the job was done." Hotel manager Sherri Clements refused to comment.

Red Cross taps volunteers from Goodland to help

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Daily News

A Goodland couple spent nearly a month in suburban Washington as Red Cross volunteers working on relief efforts for the Pentagon disaster.

Marlin and Mary Zimbelman, who do volunteer work through the Salina chapter of the American Red Cross, said they received a call Sept. 17 from Red Cross headquarters in Falls Church, Va., asking if they would be available for at least three weeks. Headquarters said they were handpicking a group of volunteers for a special assignment.

The Zimbelmans, who farm north of Goodland, said they told officials they would not be available until Sept. 26. That date was agreeable with headquarters, as this was the time when they were getting people together to get a special project started. The couple said they needed the time to finish planting wheat and picking corn. The telephone was ringing when the Zimbelmans returned home from finishing their farm work.

"We told them to give us Thursday to do our laundry and pack," Mary said. Sept. 28, the couple flew out of Den-

ver International Airport to Cincinnati and on to Dulles International Airport, arriving at their motel in Arlington, Va., at 2 a.m. They said their motel was about 10 minutes from the Pentagon. Early the next morning, they caught the shuttle to a Sam Levitz Furniture Warehouse where they would be working for the next 18 days.

"It is a huge, one-floor building that covers almost two blocks," Marlin said.

About half of the building had been cleaned out and the Red Cross workers used about half of that space, leaving plenty of room to expand if they needed to. This became the headquarters for the new "800" hotline call center, set up for people from all over the world to be able to call in and check on fiends and relatives who were in the Sept. 11 disasters.

Meetings started off the day, with volunteers drawing up guidelines of where, how and what each department would be responsible for. The Zimbelmans worked in staffing and were responsible for asking people to come in and work. The couple also checked all the people into the job, found them motel rooms, made sure they had money, and kept track of the

workers and next of kin in case of emergencies. The information was also fed into computers, and they carried cell phones 24 hours a day in case anyone got sick or needed something.

When workers went home, the couple made sure they had their travel arrangements set up and checked them out of the motels.

There were about 450 American Red Cross workers, about 150 Americorp young people (most were from the Denver branch) and around 200 workers from temporary agencies.

Nearly 250 computers with head sets and with the capability of plugging in up to three headsets were used. The extra headsets allowed more than one person, whether it be ministers or mental health people, to talk at the same time. The computers are manned 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"This is the first time this operation has been tried and, if it works like they think it will, the Red Cross will use it for other disasters," Marlin said.

The Zimbelmans would get up at 6 a.m. (4 a.m. Goodland time) and be on

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The weather outside ...



This snowman displayed at the We Did It craft show last Saturday was a few days ahead the real thing, but with a winter storm advisory for today and tonight from the National Weather Service, it appears Indian Summer may be behind us. Up to 5 inches of snow was forecast for Goodland, with near-blizzard conditions expected west of here in Colorado.

Photo by Rachel Miscall / The Goodland Daily News

City will support plan for grant writer program

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City Commission approved a grant writing program but nixed buying new street lights for K-27 at its regular meeting Monday.

The grant writer, working for the city, county and school district, will look for money from state and federal programs and private foundations, Schyler Goodwin of Goodland Development Corp. said, and get agencies to grant funds.

Goodwin told the commission that the county commission had voted to pay their share of the program, which would cost each agency about \$12,000 a year. The writer is expected to bring in far more than that in grants, however.

The three entities would all get grants brought in by the program. Each entity would have grants written specifically for its needs and each grant would have a fee attached to help pay for the administrative costs of the program.

Part of that fee would go directly to the grant writer as an incentive and the rest would be split between the supporting governments.

If the grant writer really hustles, Goodwin said, he or she will make money on the program through the fees

and bring about \$2 million a year into the community.

An advisory board will need to be appointed and bylaws written up. The agencies will approach that board when they want grants and the board will determine which ones the grant writer will apply for.

"How will we get a fair shot at grants with three entities involved?" Commissioner Rick Billinger asked.

That will be spelled out in the bylaws, Goodwin replied.

"What if we only get \$250,000 in grants one year?" Billinger asked.

With \$36,000 in annual operating costs, Goodwin answered, even if the grant writer only gets \$50,000 in grants, there will be \$14,000 brought into the community above the administration costs.

If the grant writer doesn't do a good job, Goodwin said, his contract would not be renewed. The first year is a probationary period for the writer and the program, he said, and after that the governments can choose to keep the program and hire someone else or can end the program.

The program should be up and running

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Grant writer, sale of land top school board agenda

The Goodland School Board plans to discuss selling some unidentified district-owned land and joining the city and county in hiring a grant writer during its regular meeting Monday.

Ron Schilling, who represents the district on a committee studying the feasibility of hiring a grant writer, will give a presentation.

The county and city commissions have already agreed to pay about \$12,000 a year each to hire a grant writer, who will be paid about \$36,000 a year to seek state or federal money to

pay for projects here. The idea is the brainchild of Schyler Goodwin, president of the Goodland Development Corp., a group working on community service projects.

The board may also go behind closed doors to discuss annual teacher contract negotiations and personnel matters.

In other business, the board will hear reports from Superintendent Marvin Selby and member Mike Campbell, who represents the district on the Northwest Kansas Education Service Center board in Oakley.

Whose break?



Youngsters checked out the rack on one of the pool tables at Q's Billiard Parlor on Saturday. The Main Street parlor is now part of history, as Tom Harrison of TNT Auction sold the pool tables and all the furnishings.

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