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weather report

53°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:42 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:43 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 34 degrees
• Humidity 38 percent
• Sky mostly cloudy
• Winds northeast 10 m.p.h.
• Barometer 29.93 inches and falling
• Record High 63° (1923)
• Record Low -9° (1937)

Last 24 Hours*

High 74° Record
Low 38°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy, 60 percent chance of rain turning to snow, low upper 20s, winds north 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy and breezy, low 40s, winds north 15-25 m.p.h., 30 percent chance of rain and snow.

Extended Forecast

Friday: mostly cloudy, high 40s. Saturday: partly cloudy, high upper 30s, low 20s. Sunday: partly cloudy, low 20s, high 50s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.65 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.59
Corn — \$1.96 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.86
Loan deficiency payment — 13¢
Milo — \$1.68 bushel
Soybeans — \$3.78 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.75
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.17
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.95 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 78¢
Confection current — inquire
Pinto beans — \$20 (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.

Plane crashes in Pakistan

WASHINGTON — A U.S. KC-130 transport carrying seven Marines crashed today in Pakistan.

In a brief statement, the U.S. Central Command did not say whether there were survivors. It said the names of the crew were being withheld until their relatives had been informed.

Central Command, which is responsible for U.S. military operations in Pakistan and the surrounding region, said in its statement that the KC-130 aircraft crashed as it was making its landing approach at a base in Shamsi in southwestern Pakistan.

The flight originated in Jacobabad, Pakistan, and was making multiple stops, Central Command said. It crashed into a mountain.

The cause is under investigation.

Day of Infamy

Attacks shocked people here

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

America came under attack on Tuesday, Sept. 11, 2001, as terrorist hijackers crashed three commercial airplanes into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon, sending shock waves across the United States.

Those waves hit Goodland residents hard, and many spent that evening praying for peace in their hearts and minds. People said they were shocked, terrified, saddened and angered.

Goodland clubs and students organized fund-raisers to collect money for victims of the attacks and some volunteers traveled to New York to help at "ground zero."

The attacks and following war in Afghanistan have dominated the news for four months, and the staff at *The Goodland Daily News* have placed the tragedy at the fourth spot of the top 10 Goodland stories of the year because of its impact here.

Newspaper employees reviewed 2001 papers to find the top 10 stories, according to financial and emotional impact. We are recapping the list all week.

4 In one of the most horrifying attacks ever against the United States, terrorists crashed two airliners into the World Trade Center in New York in a deadly series of blows Sept. 11 that brought down the twin 110-story towers. A plane also slammed into the Pentagon as the government itself came under attack.

"I have a sense it's a horrendous number of lives lost," New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said. "Right now we have to focus on saving as many lives as possible."

A fourth hijacked plane, which may have been headed for the White House, crashed in Pennsylvania after passengers apparently devised a plan to overtake the terrorists.

State increases security

Planes were diverted to Kansas airports and security tightened at government buildings following the attacks.

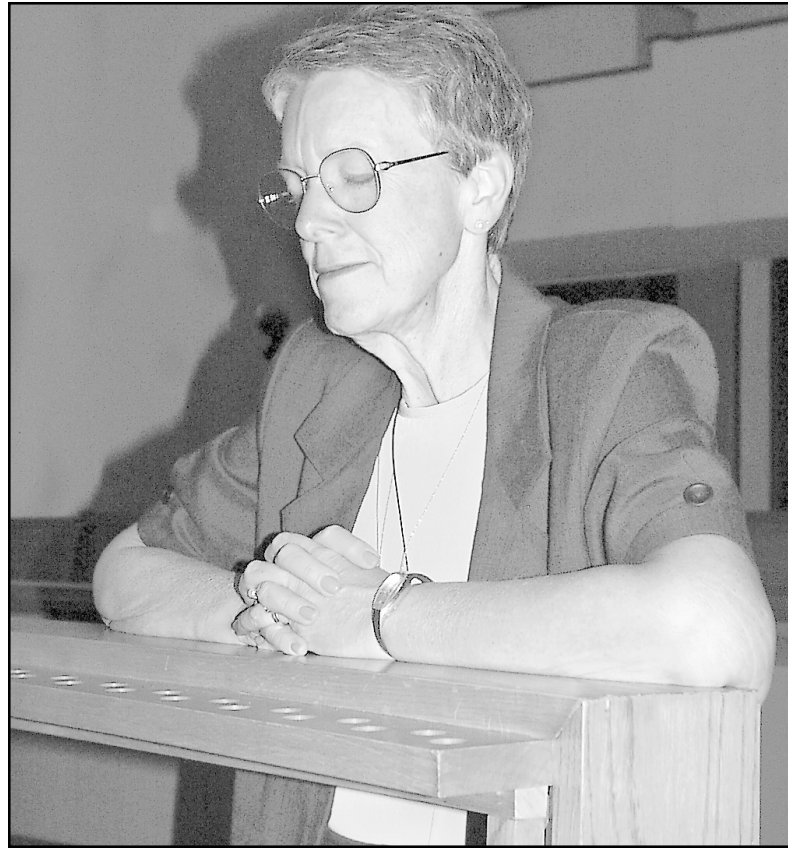
Two private planes holding 17 passengers were forced to land at Goodland's Renner Field that morning, as airports across the nation were shut down.

The attacks halted travel plans for people all over the country, with most forms of interstate transportation stopping for part of the day. A Goodland business owner on his way to Milwaukee on an Amtrak train had to turn around at Ottumwa, Iowa, and said he planned to rent a car and drive back.

Dean Fenner and Scott Collett, pilots and maintenance technicians for Butterfly Aviation, said one of the two planes was on its way from Virginia



Minutes after one hijacked airliner crashed into one of the World Trade Center towers on Tuesday, Sept. 11, another slammed into the second tower, sparking a series of events that led to the war in Afghanistan.



Pastor Carol Moore Ramey at the Goodland First United Methodist Church prayed on Sept. 11 after terrorists attacked New York and Washington.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

to San Jose and had 12 passengers on board. The other, they said, was being flown by John Topliff, a Goodland man who works for Raytheon in Wichita, and had 5 passengers on board.

Churches hold prayer services

People of all ages filled pews at the Goodland First United Methodist Church on Sept. 11. Some sat with their heads hung, wringing their hands with a look of anger on their faces. Others sniffled and gasped, wiping tears from their red eyes.

Pastor Carol Moore Ramey stood before the congregation reading verses from the Bible.

"At our weakest moments," she said, "we're drawn to a power greater than we are."

Ramey and other church leaders in Goodland scheduled special prayer services after the attacks to help people cope with the tragedy.

After learning about the attacks at school, a fifth grade student wrote a poem at home and brought it to the prayer service.

After the service, Tashaya Abbott, 11, walked to the front of the church to ask Pastor Ramey if she could read her poem, which talked about the sadness and confusion the day's events had caused.

"They can rebuild the buildings," Tashaya said, "but they can't rebuild the hearts that were lost today."

Anthrax scare hits Goodland

The anthrax scare that swept the nation a month after the terrorist attacks made its way to Goodland, as an office at the hospital was cleared Monday, Oct. 22. A hazardous materials team was called in after an employee found a white, powdery substance while opening mail.

Jay Jolly, administrator at Goodland Regional Medical Center, said hospital officials believe the letter was a hoax. Nine employees had nasal cultures, he said, and all tested negative for anthrax.

The disease, mailed to news offices and government officials in Washington, Florida and New York, killed five people in the U.S. — including two postal workers — and infected millions with fear.

Jolly said an employee in the hospital's business office was opening mail when he or she discovered the white powder.

The office was cleared, he said, and law officers were called in to investigate.

Sheriff Doug Whitson said the Kansas Department of Health and Environment requires law enforcement officers to hang on to the substance for a week to see if anyone gets sick.

"If no one gets sick," he said, "then it's not anthrax."

No one in Goodland has been diagnosed with the disease since the incident.

City sets time for trash talk

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland City commissioners have scheduled a workshop to hash out the city's solid waste problems for 5 p.m. Monday.

They will discuss landfill fees, waste pick-up, recycling, how to handle lawn waste, and waste pick-up barrels.

The commission has decided to eliminate special dumpsters for yard waste, but hasn't come up with a plan on how to handle it. The city also faces a new tipping fee imposed by the county at the new landfill, which prompted a recent increase in trash collection fees, and is getting ready to open up recycling programs for the first time.

The meeting at the City Administration Building will be open to the public.

Also at their regular meeting Monday, commissioners discussed plans for repairs to the Carnegie Art Center, including the roof and gutters. The city plans to file a grant application to the Heritage Trust Fund of the Kansas State Historical Society. The estimated cost is \$46,520, and if the grant is approved, the city's share will be \$9,504.

The city had solicited bids to repair a water-damaged wall at the center. Miller Construction submitted the only bid at \$885. Commissioner Curtis Hurd was concerned the city was "putting the cart before the horse," by getting the wall repaired before the roof.

The commissioners decided to sit on the bid and to add the wall repairs to the grant proposal. Any repairs to the center have to be approved by the historical society because it is a registered historical landmark.

The repairs are not covered by the city's budget, so the commission will have to figure out where to get the money.

"For \$9,000, we can't let a building like that go," said Commissioner Chuck Lutters.

In other business, the commission:

- Discussed attending City Hall Day at the capital building in Topeka. This replaces the Kansas Municipal League's annual legislative conference. State legislators will discuss the main focus of the Legislature, which City Manager Ron Pickman said will be the state budget shortfall, and will answer questions.

"This will be a good chance to get information," said Pickman, "and what goes on in the state will have an impact on our local budget."

- Heard from Gene Tromble, chairman of the Pioneer Park Committee, who proposed that the city authorize a Goodland City Parks Endowment Trust. The trust would raise money to improve all city parks, paying for projects approved by the city at no cost to taxpayers. The commission will discuss the proposal at its Jan. 21 meeting.

- Mayor Tom Rohr ask the commission if the "crater" at 15th Street and Caldwell Avenue was going to be repaired. He was told it will be fixed when the weather warms up.

Partnership may cut dependence on foreign oil

DETROIT (AP) — The Bush administration launched a partnership today with domestic automakers to spur the growth of hydrogen fuel cells for the next generation of cars and trucks, hoping to reduce the country's dependence on foreign oil while reducing tailpipe pollution.

The new program, called Freedom Cooperative Automotive Research, will also focus on developing a hydrogen refueling infrastructure, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said.

"The long-term results of this cooperative effort will be cars and trucks that are more efficient, cheaper to operate, pollution-free and competitive in the showroom," Abraham said at the North American International Auto Show.

The government hopes fuel cells will spur industry efforts to develop motor vehicle power systems that eventually will replace the internal combustion engine.

The new program replaces the Part-

nership for a New Generation Vehicle that was started by the Clinton administration to develop a vehicle that could attain 80 miles per gallon fuel efficiency.

The Energy Department and senior Bush administration policy officials have expressed little enthusiasm for that program, which was aimed at quadrupling automobile fuel economy by the middle of this decade.

"This new initiative that the Department of Energy is launching is exciting not only because it can replace gasoline as a way to power vehicles making America more energy independent, but it's pollution-free," White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.

Fuel cells produce electricity from a chemical reaction in which hydrogen and oxygen are combined without a flame. The only byproduct is water.

In recent years, the cost of fuel cells has dropped sharply. Hydrogen can be produced from

natural gas aboard vehicles or pure hydrogen can be used, though that would require development of a supply infrastructure.

Automobile fuel economy likely is to be a major issue when the Senate takes up energy legislation next month. Democrats are calling for the government to require increased auto fuel efficiency, especially for popular sport utility vehicles.

The New Generation partnership had pushed industry development of hybrid gasoline-electric cars now just entering the market.

It also had focused industry attention on finding ways to improve fuel economy without reducing car size and zip.

Using advanced aerodynamics, new engine technologies and lighter composite materials, the automakers in the program developed prototypes of vehicles capable of getting more than 70 mpg, three times better than most cars

now on the road. But commercial development of large numbers of these cars in the next few years, as once envisioned, was not expected.

Although Abraham supported the program as a senator from Michigan, shortly after he became energy secretary he said the program had outlived its usefulness because the auto industry was going in a different direction.

The Bush administration proposed slashing funding for the program as part of its first budget a year ago. However, Congress kept it alive, even as some environmental groups and the watchdog Taxpayers for Common Sense called the program an unnecessary subsidy for the car industry.

This new government-industry partnership "will further the president's national energy policy, which calls for increased research in hydrogen technology to diversify and enhance America's energy security," the Energy Department said.

Incident forces changes

WICHITA (AP) — Kansas flight schools have tightened security after a 15-year-old flight student flew his plane into a Florida bank building during the weekend.

Some have stopped giving plane keys to students for preflight checks, and others are doing more background checks on would-be pilots.

David Dewhirst, owner of the Sabris Corp. flight school at Jabara Field in Wichita, said every flight school in the country uses the same procedures as the Florida flight school.

"That is the way it has been done since the Wright brothers," he said.