

weather report

53°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:07 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:35 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:08 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil Temperature 43 degrees
• Humidity 28 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds north 12 m.p.h.
• Barometer 30.01 inches and steady

Last 24 Hours*

High 73°
Low 28°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low 25-30, winds variable 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high lower 60s, low lower 30s, winds southwest 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly sunny, high lower 70s, low mid 30s. Monday: mostly cloudy with slight chance of showers late, high near 70. Tuesday: chance of showers changing to snow (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.64 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.56
Corn — \$1.84 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.82
Loan deficiency pmt. — 17¢
Milo — \$1.55 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.10 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.11
Loan deficiency payment — 86¢
Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.05 cwt.
NuSun — \$9.20 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 43¢
Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$27
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. Markets closed due to holiday.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Troops storm Arafat office

RAMALLAH, West Bank — Israeli troops stormed Yasser Arafat's headquarters complex today and moved room to room toward the Palestinian leader, knocking through walls and trading fire with his guards in a building where Arafat took cover in a windowless office. Palestinian officials said Israeli troops in the compound had taken over the top and bottom floors of Arafat's office building by nightfall, trapping the Palestinian leader on the floor in between, with the electricity cut and cellular phones Arafat's only outside contact. Five Palestinians and one Israeli soldier were killed, 25 of Arafat's guards were wounded and at least 60 Palestinians were detained in the assault on this West Bank city, launched after Israel declared the Palestinian leader its enemy.

Fugitive caught after highway chase

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

A man wanted in Oklahoma for assaulting a police officer was caught Wednesday on I-70 near Goodland after a car and foot chase which ended after he jumped off of an overpass.

The chase began at a construction zone east of Kanarado. Lt. Kelly McGuire, troop commander in Hays for the Kansas Highway Patrol, said that Adam J. Meyer, 20, from Missouri, was driving a stolen 2002 Dodge pickup westbound through the road

construction at mile post 7 on I-70 about 3:30 p.m.

Trooper Troy Smith checked the truck with dispatch and found that it was stolen, and tried to stop Meyer.

Meyer took off down the Interstate, McGuire said, going in circles, driving over the median and into eastbound lanes and back again.

"It didn't take too long to track this guy down," McGuire said. "He just kept going in circles."

Troopers Dave Albers and Rich Hageman from Goodland joined the

chase, which went off the freeway at Goodland, through the road construction on K-27 and back onto the Interstate.

It ended when Meyer got stuck behind two cars on the freeway. The drivers slammed on their brakes, McGuire said, and Meyer did too, causing a trooper's car to run into the pick-up. The damage to the car was minor, McGuire said, because the trooper was driving slowly.

Meyer got out of the truck and led the officers on a foot chase. He jumped off

of the Interstate overpass over K-27, about a 10-foot drop, followed by Smith, who caught up with him.

Meyer has been charged with fleeing and eluding law enforcement officers, reckless driving, and driving on a suspended Missouri license. He also has felony warrants from Oklahoma and Arkansas, including assault on a law enforcement officer with a deadly weapon, said McGuire.

"He is a bona fide bad guy," McGuire said. "We didn't find out about the assault warrant until after we had caught

him. It wouldn't have made any difference in how we treated him. We might just have been a little more careful, though."

McGuire said the troopers did a "bang-up job."

"Nobody got hurt, and everyone went home happy," he said. "Well, everybody but the bad guy."

Meyer is being held in the Sherman County Bastille. He might be extradited back to Oklahoma or Arkansas, the lieutenant said.

"Both states want him back."

Farmers discuss image

Couple participate in national meeting

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

A Goodland farmer got to talk with a national panel of farmers and journalists on television last week to try and come up with ideas on how to improve the image of farmers in the media.

Fred and Jeanie Schields, who farm about 10,000 acres of land, went to an Ag Day 2002 Symposium last week in Chicago and met with six other farming couples and seven Midwest newspaper journalists. Shields was on a panel televised on Chicago television.



Fred Schields

The annual meeting was sponsored by DuPont and the Agriculture Council of America. The Schieldses also attended last year's symposium in Charleston, N.C.

"It was definitely worth going to," Fred Schields said. "It's always good for farmers to express their opinions in the public eye."

There is a growing gap between farmers and the media, Schields said, not so much in agricultural areas, but in national news stories and talk shows.

"They show a false image of what we really are," he said.

Bio-technology and farming subsidies were big issues at the meeting, Schields said. He said he expected environmental issues to come up, but the journalists were from agricultural areas and understood farmers have an interest in keeping the land healthy.

"We make our living off of (the land)," Schields. "If anyone should understand how to take care of it, it is us."

The biggest issue was bio-technology, Schields said.

"A lot of people are scared of it," Jeanie Schields said.

Bio-technology can make farming more efficient, Jeanie said, adding that pharmaceutical and medical products are the future of farming.

"We are past feed for cattle, or even just food for people," she said. "Farmers are going to be getting more and more into pharmaceuticals."

Research has always been important to the American farmer, she said, and that is what farmers are doing now with bio-technology, finding more efficient ways to use land and produce crops.

"What we're doing is spending less money, and using less pesticides," Jeanie said.

Fred Schields said many people have the wrong idea about bio-technology.

"It is sometimes made to look almost evil by the media," Fred Schields said.

Farming subsidies is also an issue farmers think is misrepresented by the media, he said.

"As producers, we hate hearing media and city consumers calling subsidies welfare," Fred said. "We are asked to produce quality, quantity, and a safe product, which we do. We would not be



Crew tearing out old to make new

Construction workers from Dustrol Inc., based in Towanda, stripped the pavement off of Cattletrail on Thursday afternoon, and hauled away the waste. The road was closed last Friday, along with part of U.S. 24 and K-27, so it could be repaved. Construction is to be finished by Thursday, Aug. 1, or Ritchie Paving, the prime contractor, could be fined up to \$1,000 a day.

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Board buys two rides for this year's carnival

Volunteers hope to attract riders, sponsors

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The board that runs Sherman County's five-year-old home-owned carnival has given children and adults two more reasons to visit the fairgrounds this summer. They're called "The Bullet" and "La-Go-Go."

The Bullet has one bullet-shaped compartment attached to each end of a large metal bar, which swings the bullets around in the same way a wheel turns. Riders are strapped into the compartments, which rotate as the bar turns.

La-Go-Go has smaller, open-top compartments attached to the end of several arms extending from the central controls. The arms move up, down and around, while the compartments rotate.

Volunteers on the Sherman County Community Services Inc. board say they hope the two new rides will attract more people to the carnival Aug. 6-10 during the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair.

More people will mean more money, they say, which will mean more rides and games.

The carnival, which is operated by organizations and clubs in Sherman County, is still in its infancy, but board members say it becomes more popular with each summer.

"We're growing every year," said Merwin Jensen, president of the 18-member board of directors. "As we add more rides, hopefully we'll make more money."

He said last year's carnival was the most successful yet, attracting more people and bringing in more money than ever before. About half of the profits go to sponsoring organizations and the fair board, while the rest is used to buy and renovate rides and games.

Jensen said board members bought the Bullet and La-Go-Go from a Garden City man a couple of months ago after the carnival equipment commit-



Merwin Jensen, president of the board that runs the Sherman County home-owned carnival, looked at "La-Go-Go" at the fairgrounds this morning. It is one of two rides the board bought earlier this year.

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