

**weather report**

**94°**  
at noon



**Today**

- Sunset, 8:15 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Extreme Fire Danger**
- Soil Temperature 72 degrees
- Humidity 15 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southwest 12 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.84 inches and falling
- Record High 102° (1939)
- Record Low 41° (1945)

**Last 24 Hours\***

|               |      |
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| High          | 84°  |
| Low           | 51°  |
| Precipitation | none |

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of rain, low 60-65, winds south 10-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny with 30 percent chance of rain, high mid 90s, low near 60, winds southwest 5-15.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: partly sunny with 30 percent chance of rain, high lower 90s, lows lower 60s.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.78 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.79
  - Corn — \$1.88 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.87
  - Loan deficiency payment — 12¢
  - Milo — \$1.58 hundredweight
  - Soybeans — \$4.34 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$4.41
  - Loan deficiency payment — 51¢
  - Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$10.35 cwt.
  - NuSun — \$10.50 cwt.
  - Posted county price — \$10.53
  - Confection current — inquire
  - Pinto beans — \$27
- (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.**

**Fire starter gets no bail**

DENVER — A U.S. Forest Service technician accused of starting the wildfire that has blackened nearly 103,000 acres and destroyed 22 homes appeared in court in handcuffs Monday and was ordered held without bail. Prosecutors said Terry Barton, 38, started the fire June 8 while burning a letter from her estranged husband, then lied to investigators about it. If convicted of all charges, she could be sentenced to a total of up to 20 years in prison and fined \$250,000. Barton looked down as the charges against her were read in court. Her voice quavered as she told U.S. Magistrate Michael Watanabe that she understood she could be sentenced to prison. U.S. Attorney John Suthers asked Watanabe to hold Barton without bail pending a preliminary hearing.

## Road work should be done on time

By Doug Stephens  
*The Goodland Daily News*

Summer road construction in Goodland is moving a little slower than expected, but the K-27-U.S. 24 intersection project should still be finished by its deadline of Aug. 1, officials say. "It'll have to be done on time," said Donna Binning, construction engineer for the Kansas Department of Transportation in Atwood, "or the contractor will be fined pretty heavily."

Ritchie Paving, the prime contractor, could be fined up to \$1,000 a day if the work isn't done on time, Binning said. "It hasn't been going very fast, but it looks like it is picking up," she said. "The bugs have been worked out now." Work on the west side of the intersection at U.S. 24 and K-27 is done, she said, and as soon as work is finished on Cattletrail, 19th Street and the new addition to Wyoming, crews will start work on the east side of the intersection.

"We have to finish with the side roads before we can move on to the other side of the intersection," Binning said. "We have to give you some way to get to the businesses in that area."

Cattletrail from K-27 to 17th Street has been torn up and new concrete laid.



A worker from Ritchie Paving, the contractor working on the road construction in Goodland, lined freshly poured concrete on Wyoming near Business U.S. 24 on Friday morning. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Nineteenth was paved for about a block east of Cattletrail, and an addition to Wyoming was put down between 19th and Business U.S. 24 between Buffalo Inn and Sharon's Taco Place.

Most of the work on these roads is finished, Binning said. All that is left is

some shouldering, which is putting in dirt next to the concrete, and some sealing. She estimated that work should begin at the intersection early next week, but it could be even sooner.

"It depends on the strength of the concrete," Binning said. "If it is strong

enough, work could begin as early as Thursday."

Once the concrete is strong enough to support traffic, crews will block off the east side of the U.S. 24-K-27 intersection and allow cars on the new west side. The east side will be torn up and

replaced, and a traffic light will be installed.

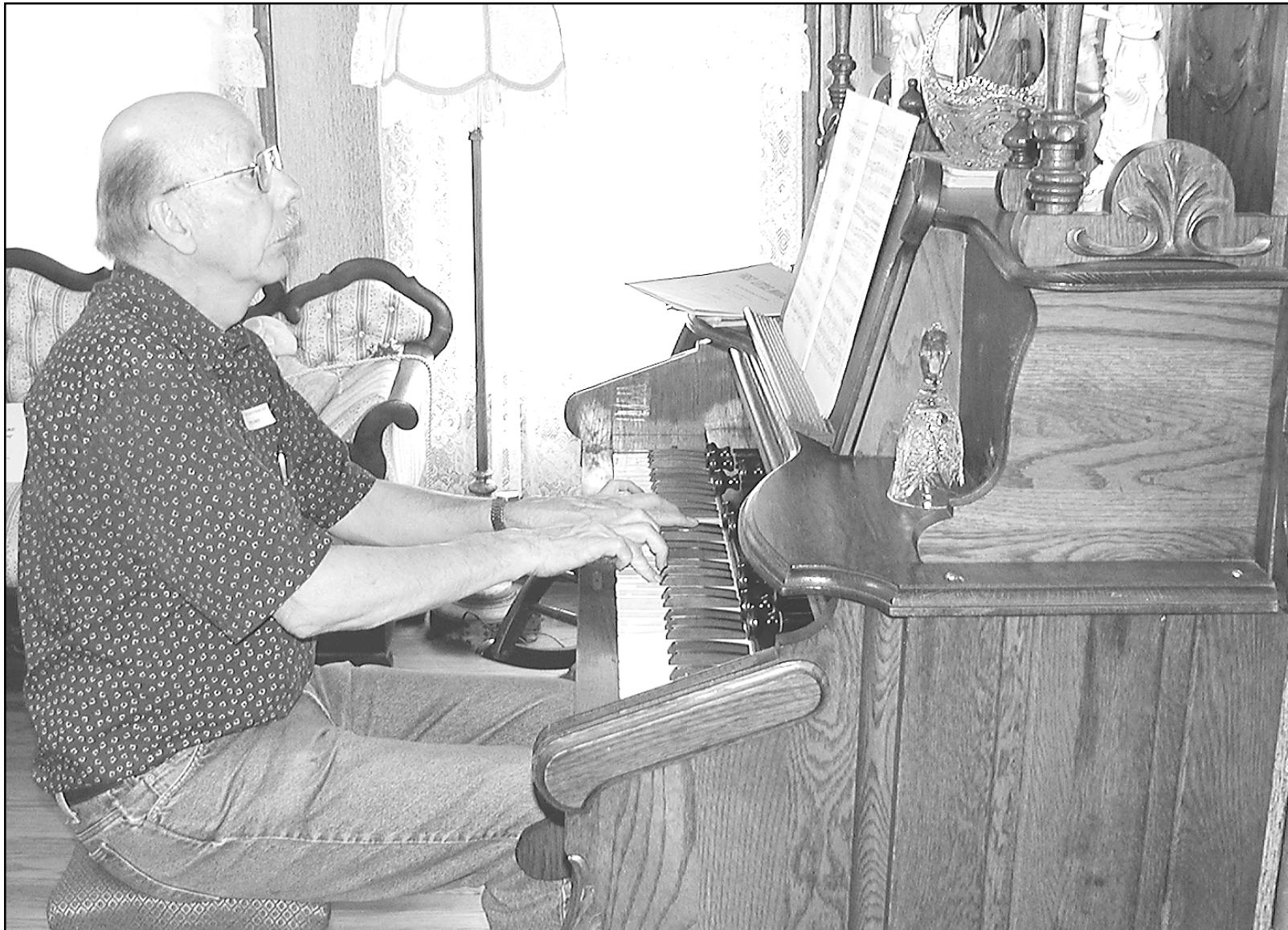
Other than the intersection, the only work left is replacing the pavement on Cattletrail between 16th and 17th. The department waited to block off that section until people could drive south on Cattletrail from 17th. This spring, crews also added a final layer of pavement to K-27 from the intersection north to the Sherman County line. The layer was put on under traffic, and cars were stopped as workers did their job, a few for as long as 15 minutes.

The state and federal governments are picking up the tab for most of the work, but the city is helping pay for repaving Cattletrail, City Manager Ron Pickman said, at a cost of \$175,000.

All the road work started March 23 as a continuation of last year's project, when K-27 was blocked off north of town and Cherry Street was shut down. The work this year is part of the same contract as the K-27 project last year, Binning said, and was meant to be a two-year job.

Cherry was a separate contract under the city, but the two projects combined last year to reduce access to downtown Goodland for a time.

## House party



Lloyd Holbrook, a member of the Sherman County Historical Society, played the organ at the Handy House on Saturday morning, during a Flag Day cookout at the remodeled Victorian home at 13th and Central. Society members gave tours of the house and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary made a flag presentation. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

## County may sell landfill

By Tom Betz  
*The Goodland Daily News*

County commissioners will hear a presentation on selling the new county landfill and transfer station to U.S. Waste Management of Colorado Springs at 8:30 a.m. Tuesday.

Representatives of Waste Management have been talking to both the City of Goodland and Sherman County Public Works Manager Curt Way over the past several weeks. They were to be at the city commission meeting on Monday to talk about purchasing the city collection system.

The timing of Waste Management may be good, as the county commissioners will also be looking at what they can do with the solid waste fee, which has to be set by July 1 of each year. Currently the fee is \$150 for a residence and on a scale for businesses. The fee was the only source of income for the county landfill operation until March, when the county began charging a tipping fee to commercial users at the transfer station.

Selling the transfer station and landfill will not take the county entirely out of the solid waste business, as it is responsible for continuing efforts to contain the contamination of the groundwater under the old city-county dump.

The Sherman County commissioners will start their meeting at 8 a.m. with an update from the Sherman County Economic Development board on efforts to get organized and have the commissioners approve a resolution establishing the organization under the county.

Crystal Linsner, county household hazardous waste manager, will update the commissioners on a state training session she attended the first week of June, and on plans for a household hazardous waste collection for the county.

Following the Waste Management presentation, the commissioners will receive annual reports and budget requests from the Sherman County Extension Council, Development Services of Northwest Kansas and the Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council.

Phil Samuelson, new administrator of the Good Samaritan Center, will introduce himself and update commissioners on the center's status.

Samuelson became the administrator last month when Joe Fuentez left to take a job with a different company in Hays.

William McKnight, county building maintenance supervisor, and Ann Middleton will talk about using the fairgrounds for Project Graduation over the next year.

The commissioners will discuss ap-

## Recent college grad takes over at Good Sam

By Rachel Miscall  
*The Goodland Daily News*

Phil Samuelson didn't waste time mulling over his future when he graduated from college. He knew he wanted to be a health care administrator, and that's what he did.

The 23-year-old graduated from Concordia College in Moorhead, Minn., in December, started administrator training in Olathe in January and moved to Goodland in late May to run the Good Samaritan Center here.

He says it's right where he wants to be.

"It's a nice facility," he said, "and a nice town."

Samuelson, who grew up in a small Minnesota town, replaced Joe Fuentez, who ran the nursing home here for almost a year before taking a job in Hays. The new administrator said he has no definite plans besides becoming more involved in the community and making the center the best it can be.

"I'll kind of see where the road takes me," he said. "I don't have anything set in stone."

One thing Samuelson said he will do is see through Fuentez's goal of replacing the nurses' station with a fountain and benches to give the center a friend-



Phil Samuelson, new administrator at the Good Samaritan Center, talked with resident Rita Ackerman on Friday afternoon. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

lier feel. He said the project should be finished by the end of the summer.

"We're trying to get rid of that institutional feel," he said.

Samuelson said the nurses' station, which now sits in the middle of the center's main gathering area, will be moved into a room across the hall, giving

nurses more privacy and residents more space.

"The residents like sitting out where the movement is," he said, "and right now all they see is the nurses' station."

Samuelson said he decided to become a nursing home administrator because he was interested in health care