

weather report

87°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:24 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Extreme Fire Danger

- Soil Temperature 79 degrees
- Humidity 46 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds south 15-20 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.03 inches and steady

Last 24 Hours*

High 101°
Low 65°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low near 70, winds south 10-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow: cloudy and foggy early then sunny, high near 92, low near 65, winds south 10-15 m.p.h., 20 percent chance of rain at night.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: partly sunny, 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high near 87, low near 63. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.03 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.89
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.19 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.03
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$1.85 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.70 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.81
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$4.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$10.85 cwt.
- NuSun — \$11.00 cwt.
- Loan deficiency prmt. — 0¢
- 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.

Firefighter set huge blaze

SHOW LOW, Ariz. — A part-time firefighter spurred by the desire for steady summer income allegedly used matches to ignite a blaze that has evolved into the largest wildfire in Arizona history. Leonard Gregg, 29, was charged Sunday with starting one of the two wildfires that merged into a monstrous blaze in eastern Arizona that has consumed at least 423 homes. Gregg worked under contract as a firefighter for the Bureau of Indian Affairs and allegedly told an investigator he set grass ablaze so he could earn money as part of a fire crew. Gregg, who pleaded innocent to the federal charges, is the second person employed to fight wildfires who is accused of setting blazes during one of the country's most destructive fire seasons.

County meeting

At their meeting Friday, the Sherman County commissioners:

- Established a countywide burn ban. The commissioners will meet Tuesday to consider extending the burn ban beyond July 5. Story in Friday's edition.
- Reviewed a draft resolution establishing the Sherman County Economic Development Council. Story to come.
- Discussed a proposal from U.S. Waste Industries to sell the county landfill and lease the transfer station over the next 10 years. Story below.
- Talked to Ed Wolak, city public works director, about the demand meter on the lights at the fairgrounds arena and race track. Story to come.
- Had a request from the Sherman County Historical Society to raise the mill levy available for their budget. Story to come.
- Named three to the hospital board, and discussed names for the Good Samaritan Center advisory board. Story to come.

Officials won't sell landfill

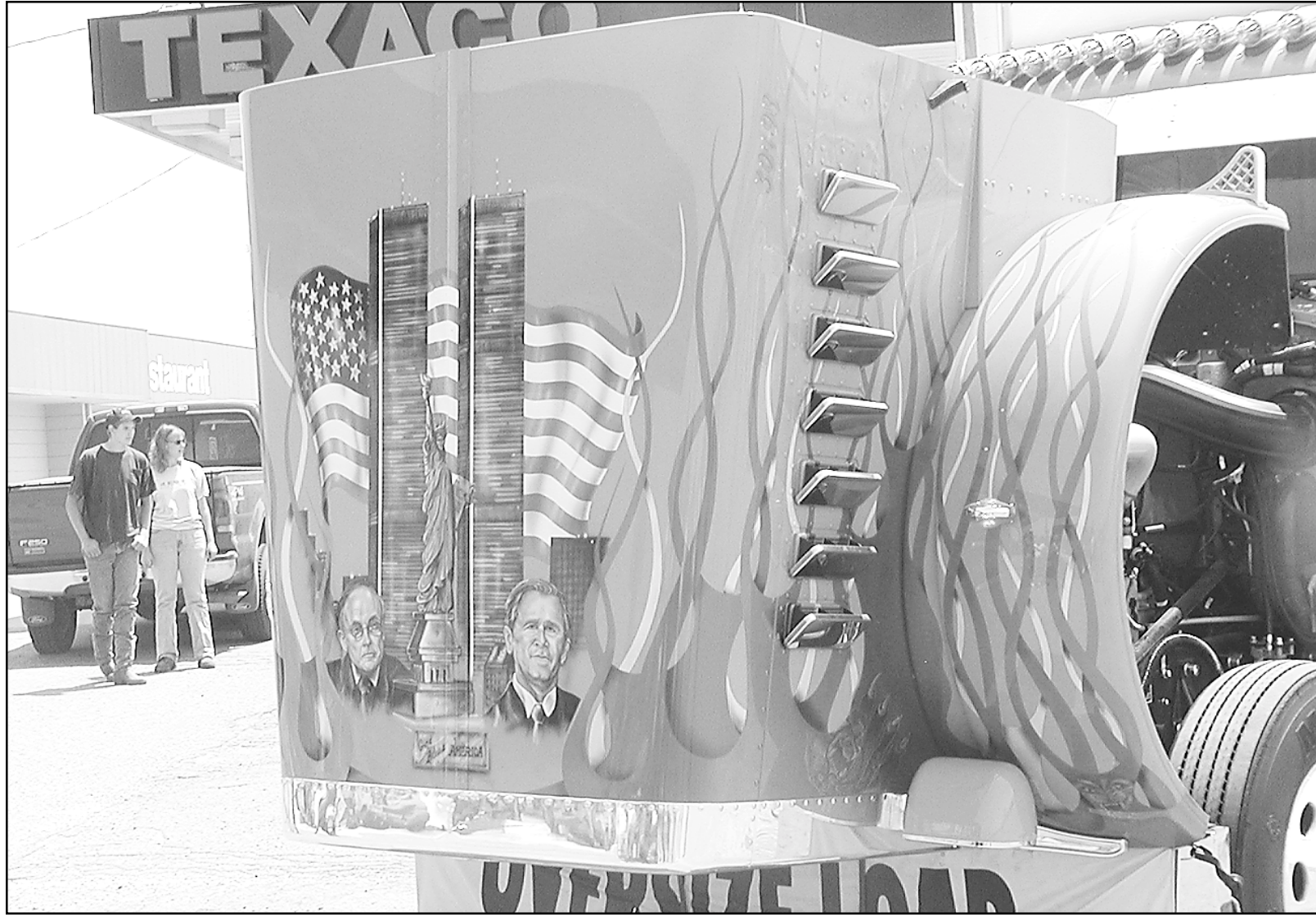
By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News
The Sherman County commissioners voted unanimously Friday to send a letter to U.S. Waste Industries of Colorado Springs saying they are not interested at this time in selling the new landfill. No one from U.S. Waste Industries was present for the meeting, but several citizens were in the audience to hear the commissioners discuss the trash company's proposal. U.S. Waste Industries asked the county to sell the new landfill and all the equipment for \$900,000 to be paid per month at \$10,000 with eight percent interest. The proposal asked the county to eliminate the current solid waste fee so it could be part of the monthly rate to be charged to city/county customers. U.S. Waste said it would lease the county transfer station for 10 years at \$1 per year under the proposal. "How are you looking at this," asked

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Company has mixed reviews

By Doug Stephens
The Goodland Daily News
U.S. Waste Industries, the company interested in taking over Sherman County's trash service and landfill, has an "unsatisfactory" record with the Colorado Springs Better Business Bureau, but the company says the report is exaggerated. The bureau says that customers of the Colorado Springs-based waste disposal company have complained that it does not pay refunds, does not provide contracted service and charges for services not provided. The bureau report also says the company did not return phone calls dealing with these issues. To have a satisfactory record, the bureau says, a company has to be free from an unusual volume of pattern of complaints or law enforcement action. Dave Sander, corporate controller for U.S. Waste, said any business is going to have some complaints. "Unfortunately, when you are picking up over 100,000 customers, you aren't going to have zero complaints," Sander said. "Over all, we have had a good record." Sander said the company had six complaints to the bureau in 2000, 25 last year, and five so far this year. Mary Sellers, a customer represen-

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The truck that carried a damaged fire engine in a convoy of materials from the World Trade Center sported an airbrushed painting of the twin towers between President George Bush and former New York City mayor Rudolph Gulliani. Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

9-11 memorial evokes emotion

By Doug Stephens
The Goodland Daily News
A moving 9-11 memorial moved people in Goodland this weekend. A convoy hauling 30 tons of World Trade Center steel to California and a fire truck damaged in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks stopped at the old Appletrail truck stop in Goodland about 2 p.m. Sunday, bringing tears to more than one eye. Dolly Irvin, a support manager from Wal-Mart and a Goodland Ambassador, was on hand to welcome the convoy and hand out over 200 miniature American flags. She didn't get right to work though, she said. After looking at the moving memorial, she said she took a few moments to calm down. "I had to compose myself," she said. "I had tears in my eyes. It is really an emotional thing, a piece of history, really." The Queens, N.Y., fire truck, which was a few blocks from ground zero on the day of the attacks, was draped in a tattered American flag, and was spray painted on both sides with "N.Y.F.D. Queens." It had a battered windshield and flat tires. The truck carrying the fire engine was painted with two pieces of art. One showed the World Trade Center towers before they collapsed in the attack between the faces of President George Bush and former New York City Mayor Rudolph Gulliani. The other was a bald eagle with a falling tear. Inside the tear were the twin tow-



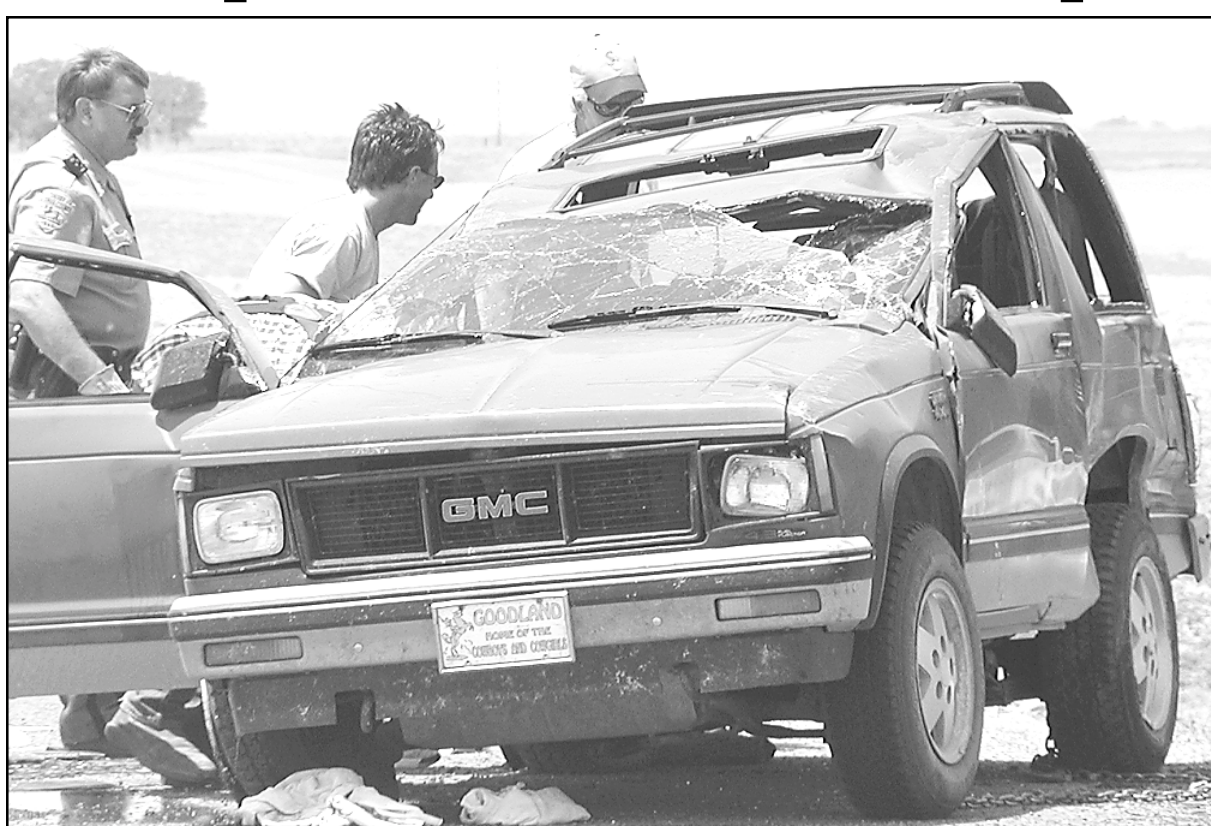
Amber Walls, 12, put an American flag into her 2-month-old sister Elora's hand when a convoy of debris from the World Trade Center pulled into the old Appletrail parking lot Sunday.

ers. Another trailer hauled 30 tons of debris collected from ground zero. The rusted building supports were also partially covered with a battered flag. The convoy is headed to California, where the materials will be used to build Freedom's Flame, a memorial designed by William Lecky, who also designed the Vietnam and Korean memorials. Volunteers from Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., are trying to raise \$17 million for the project. The fire truck will be displayed in a firefighter's museum, which will be built in Rancho Cucamonga. About 500 people showed up to get a look at and take pictures of the convoy, which was only in town for about 45 minutes. It was on its way from Salina to Denver, with plans to visit 11 state capitals in 12 days. Salina was the only non-capital which had a scheduled stop, because one of the women with the group is a

Salina business owner. The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce coordinated the unscheduled, quick stop, and got businesses and restaurants to donate meals to the people on the convoy. "It is really great they were able to stop here," said Jo Simmons, Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office manager. "This is something people in Goodland might not otherwise get an opportunity to see." The Chamber got word Friday night that the convoy would stop in Goodland, only no one was sure when it would show up. Up until Kansas, the group had been moving at about 50 miles per hour, Simmons said, and thought they would be in Goodland between 3 and 4 p.m. "They hit that flat land in western Kansas and they really started moving," Simmons said. Curtis Duncan with KKC Radio kept in touch with the convoy, Simmons said, and kept people updated on its arrival time, and not only people in Goodland. "We had people from all over pull off the interstate," Simmons said. "People who had heard it on the radio." Simmons said Wal-Mart, Gambino's, Subway, McDonald's, and Cowboy Loop donated food for the convoys' lunch, and the Goodland Ambassadors, Golden Chiropractic and the Goodland Rotary helped organize the event.

Rollover accident puts two in Denver hospital

Two people injured in a car accident Sunday at the intersection of Old U.S. 24 and County Road 17 were flown to a Denver hospital, one with critical injuries. Sharon Hall, a Goodland High School teacher, and her teen-age son were reportedly headed west on U.S. 24 around noon about two miles west of Goodland when the rear of their GMC Jimmy was clipped by a pickup going north on County Road 17. The driver of the pickup was not injured and the Sheriff's Department would not release more information this morning. Sheriff's Deputy Roger Studer said the Halls' vehicle rolled two and a half times and ended up on its top. Sharon is doing fine, said her mother, Geraldine Gannon, but she says her grandson hit his head and was more seriously hurt, although he seems to be better now. "Of course, I'm the grandma," Gannon said. "I'm upset, and I don't know everything." She said the Halls, who live in rural Ruleton, were coming home from church services in Goodland when the accident happened.



Deputy Sheriff Roger Studer, investigators and onlookers inspected Sharon Hall's GMC Jimmy, which rolled during an accident Sunday at the intersection of Old U.S. 24 and County Road 17. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News