



Even addresses can water lawns today.

Odd addresses can water Monday, Thursday, even Tuesday, Friday, for three hours each day. No watering on Wednesdays and weekends.

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weather report

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Today

• Sunset, 7:42 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:01 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:41 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 78 degrees
• Humidity 43 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds southwest 23-29 m.p.h. and falling
• Barometer 29.95 inches and falling

• Record High 105° (1983)
• Record Low 51° (1978)

Last 24 Hours*

High 85°
Low 61°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy with slight chance of thunderstorms, low lower 60s, winds south 15-25 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high lower 80s, low upper 50s, winds north 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy with 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high lower 80s, low upper 50s. Monday: chance of showers in the morning. (National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.63 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.56
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.60 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.51
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Milo — \$2.35 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.40 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.40
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Millet — \$10.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$12.25 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$11.15 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection current — inquire
Pinto beans — \$25
(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.

Elvis honored on anniversary

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — To the strains of Elvis Presley's "Memories," thousands of fans walked through rain to his gravesite at Graceland for a candlelight vigil marking the 25th anniversary of his death today.

More than 7,000 people began the vigil at the singer's estate more than an hour late because of a thunderstorm that swept into Memphis just as fans were congregating outside the gates. This morning, tens of thousands of people had filed past his grave, and more were waiting.

A minister led the crowd in the Lord's Prayer before the vigil.

City saves 17 million gallons of water

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

About 1.2 million gallons a day. That's the amount of water the city has saved after setting water restrictions last Tuesday afternoon. In the first 14 days of this month, the city pumped 30 million gallons. In the same number of days last month, it was 47 million, and Goodland ended up using more water in July than the city ever has.

"We are obviously getting a lot of cooperation," City Manager Ron Pickman said. "There has been some excellent participation in the conservation program."

If the numbers stay low, he said, the restrictions will probably be pulled at the end of the month.

After using more water in July than ever before, the city said people could only water their lawns three hours a day and two days a week, from 6 to 9 a.m. or 7 to 10 p.m. Even-numbered houses can water Tuesday and Friday and odd on Monday and Thursday. Trees, shrubs and gardens can be watered any day during watering hours.

Pool water to be recycled

Goodland is conserving water and Steever Water Park is closing Sunday — city officials put the two together and came up with a plan to recycle the pool's water.

The pool will be pumped out and the water used on the grass and trees at Steever Park, City Manager Ron Pickman said. There are about 350,000 gallons of water in the pool, he said, and it would be a shame to waste it.

"We wanted to do something with all that water besides let it go down the drain," Pickman said.

At a city commission meeting last

week, the commissioners said they thought it was a good idea.

"We want to set a good example," Mayor Tom Rohr said. "If we're doing all we can to save water, maybe other people will make an effort, too."

Once the city stops putting chlorine in the water, Pickman said, the chemicals will dissipate and shouldn't hurt the plants. It will be tested before it's used, he said, just to make sure it is safe.

"This should help our park look better," Pickman said, "and we'll be saving water at the same time."

Vehicles can only be washed at car washes and wasting of water is prohibited.

There has been some grumbling about the rules, Pickman said, but most people understand the need to conserve

water. "Some are upset they can't use the water in the ground," he said, "but if we don't plan for the future, there will be less and less water to use."

"I would love to announce tomorrow

City says it's following rules

The city has imposed lawn watering restrictions on all residents, with police officers giving tickets to violators, and many people are wondering if the city is following its own rules.

City officials say they are. Parks and other city property have been divided up, they say, and the lawns at each are watered only six hours per week at the designated times.

The city is allowing odd addresses to water on Monday and Thursday, and even addresses on Tuesday and Friday. Lawn watering isn't allowed on Wednesdays or weekends.

Since most city property doesn't have a true address, the property was just divided up evenly according to locations.

Steever, Chambers and Memorial parks and the High Plains museum are watered on Tuesday and Friday. The museum and Chambers are watered between 6-9 a.m. and the other parks between 7-10 p.m.

Rosewood, Centennial, Gulick and Philip's parks are watered on Monday and Thursday.

The parks are watered between 6-9 a.m., except Rosewood, which is watered between 7-10 p.m.

that the restrictions have been lifted, but it's not going to happen. It's just not feasible."

Pickman said there have been indications that this could be only the first year of a dry weather cycle.

"We don't really know if this is the first of many years of drought," Pickman said, "or if it will end this year. If we don't plan for it now, though, it

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Ron Meyer, a Colorado State University extension agent, explained to about 75 farmers how to search for stem weevils on sunflowers during the Sunflower Celebration this morning about 10 miles east of Burlington. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Farmers hear benefit of crop

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Sunflowers use less water than other crops, are adapted to Kansas weather and aren't being grown enough was the message farmers got at the annual Sunflower Celebration this morning.

Extension agents from Colorado and Kansas state universities, as well as seed dealers and a representative from the National Sunflower Association spoke to farmers from Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and Oklahoma about the benefits of growing sunflowers. A camera crew from a public access channel in Kansas City, Mo., showed up to film the event.

About 75 farmers gathered at a test site about six miles west of the Kansas-Colorado border this morning. Two plots at the site, one run by the sunflower association, the other by Colorado State University, are testing methods of growing sunflowers.

About 15 seed companies have hybrid strains growing, said Colorado agent Ron Meyer, and there are about 40 varieties. There are other nearby sites, Meyer said, and a total of five tests.

The outing was organized by the High Plains chapter of the sunflower association, the extension agents and seed companies and dealers. Lynn Hoelting, general manager of Mue-

ller Grain and one of the organizers, said the plan was to show farmers the most up-to-date methods of growing the crop, and to give support to any thinking of growing it for the first time.

The hybrid strains are being tested under different conditions to give farmers an idea of which would be the best for their land.

"There is no miracle hybrid," Meyer said. "You need to find out what is best for your circumstance."

The plots the farmers looked at were irrigated before the seeds were planted, Meyer said, then were flooded

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College classes start Monday

By Rachel Miscall

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Ken Clouse, Northwest Kansas Technical College president, estimated about 515 students will start classes on Monday, including 291 freshman.

That's not the institution's entire enrollment, he said, because more students will be coming in later this year, as different programs start at different times and some go year-round.

Still, he said, the college considers Aug. 19 as the first day of the new school year.

Enrollment is down a little this year, Clouse said, because less students are enrolling in the communications programs, as the once-booming industry is sagging.

There used to be a waiting list for the communications technology program, but no more. The big communications companies used to be hiring like crazy, but Clouse said they're now going bankrupt or downsizing.

"They're not in hiring mode," he said. "They're more in lay-off mode."

The president said he believes the industry will make a comeback when the economy improves.

"Telecommunications continues to carry tomorrow's technology," he said.

Clouse said a trend he's noticed is that when the economy slows down enrollment usually picks up, but that's

not the case this year. Student numbers are still holding steady, he said.

Students who will live in the college's dorms will start moving in on Sunday, he said, adding that the rooms are packed and some students may have to double bunk for a couple of weeks until others graduate and move out.

Clouse said the college will hold a cookout for students in the dorms on Sunday night, and a picnic for all students on Monday.

Some students will register for classes on Monday, he said, and freshman will hear talks on financial aid and earning an associate's degree and take math and reading tests.

Students will attend a welcoming ceremony, Clouse said, where they will meet city and church leaders.

He said City Manager Ron Pickman; Steve Rains, a representative of the ministerial alliance; and Jason Hickson, director of the city/county recreation program, will speak. Clouse said students will also have a chance to talk with people from churches and banks.

Registration will continue through Wednesday, he said, and then everyone will start settling into the new year.

"Hopefully by Thursday," he said, "we will be up and running pretty strong."

Workshop teaches staff how to stay safe

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

As Northwest Kansas Technical College staff prepares for an influx of students on Monday, they're focusing on ways to keep instructors and students safe and healthy.

Richard Hoffman, college vice-president, said instructors always spend a few days in training sessions before the new school year starts, and this year's theme is safety.

The three-day workshop at the col-

lege campus started Wednesday, Hoffman said, with a general discussion about policies, future and past renovation projects and ideas for improving education. Then the training began.

On Thursday, he said, staff learned proper postures when standing, lifting or typing to prevent injuries, how to backup data on a computer and keep information private and how to prop-

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Gov. Graves orders \$41 million in cuts from state budget

By John Milburn

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — With the fiscal year less than two months old, state agencies are now faced with working with \$41 million less than they budgeted.

The reductions were made Thursday by Gov. Bill Graves as revenues con-

tinue to slide.

The cuts equal about 1 percent of the state's \$4.4 billion budget for fiscal 2003, which began July 1, and mark Graves' effort to keep the state from ending the year in the red.

That task has been hampered by lagging tax collections, which were \$18

million below predictions in July.

"This is the kind of news you take sitting down," Graves said as he announced the cuts.

Elementary and secondary education lost \$17.5 million in Thursday's cuts, while higher education lost \$5.2 million.

The cuts were based on an estimate from budget director Duane Goossen that state revenues would be approximately \$108 million below what is needed to fund the budget for the first six months of the fiscal year. Goossen based that figure on July's shortfall.

"I don't anticipate that this will be the

last bit of bad news that state agencies will have to endure," Graves said.

Multiplied over 12 months, the cuts mean agencies could be looking at total cuts of \$216 million for the year. A group of economists will meet in November to establish new revenue estimates for fiscal 2003 and 2004.