

weather report

65°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:38 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:04 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:37 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 75 degrees
- Humidity 78 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds northeast 11 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.08 inches and falling
- Record High 101° (1952)
- Record Low 44° (1960)

Last 24 Hours*

High 92°
Low 50°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy with 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, low mid 60s, winds southeast 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny with 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high lower 90s, low lower 60s, winds south 15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: partly sunny with 30 percent of thunderstorms, high mid 90s, low upper 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$3.66 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.56
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.56 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.50
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.31 bushel
- Soybeans — \$5.27 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.32
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$10.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$12.05 cwt.
- Oil new crop — \$11.00 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.

Tapes show terror training

NEW YORK — A cache of videotapes that CNN acquired in Afghanistan purports to show al-Qaida terror training, bomb-making and poison gas experiments in which dogs die agonizing deaths. The tapes that began airing Sunday also show al-Qaida operatives appear to be practicing ambushes and kidnapping. Most of the tapes appear to be made before Sept. 11, although some show television coverage of the attacks in New York and Washington. CNN said its correspondent, Nic Robertson, was given access to more than 250 tapes through a longtime source, and he drove 17 hours from Kabul to Afghanistan to see them. Robertson took about 60 of the tapes out of the country. CNN did not pay for the tapes. The network said it showed the tapes to several experts to verify their authenticity.

Former sinner tells story

Pastor tells youth they can help others

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Youth can make a difference was the message at a Christian rally Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Doug Loman, pastor of Summit Christian Fellowship in Colorado Springs and a former outfielder for the Milwaukee Brewers, spoke to about 150 people at the R.I.O.T. — Righteous Invasion of Truth — organized by teenagers from Goodland churches.

"I used to be amazed at what young people can do. Not anymore," said Loman. "Look what they accomplished tonight. There is nothing a young person can't do if he or she sets a mind to it."

The event was organized by about 10 students, all members of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes from four area churches. Amy Anderson acted as the unofficial head of the project because of her church's connections with Loman. She said the pastor of the Word of Life, John Coumerilh, is friends with the former ball player.

"We wanted to reach out to kids," Anderson said. "We wanted to lift their spirits before they have to go back to school."

Loman brought a Christian band from his church, and T-shirts, compact disks and signed baseballs and a bat to give away at the rally, including a ball signed by Hall of Fame pitcher Bob Feller.

Coumerilh started out the evening: "Are we going to have a riot tonight, or what?"

Then he turned it over briefly to Bud Chester, pastor of the First Baptist Church.

"I don't remember a riot in my lifetime that has started with a prayer," Coumerilh said, "but let's start it that way tonight."

After the prayer, the band played three Christian rock songs, bringing the crowd to its feet, singing and clapping along with the music.

"We're not just here to sing songs," said Rick Remington, the band's leader. "We're not that great of entertainment. We want you to join us as we meet the Father with our faith."

Loman took the stage after the music and told the crowd that the future of the country rests on the shoulders of today's youth. He encouraged teenagers to reach out to people who might be different, and to try to understand what other people are going through.

Loman said he lives near Columbine High School, the site of a shooting in 1999, and he said kids can work to prevent that from happening somewhere else.

"I am not justifying the massacre," he said. "It was one of the worst things that can happen, but I can understand why it might have happened. People can be

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City meeting

At a meeting at 5 p.m. today, the Goodland City Commission plans to:

- Decide on proposals to take over the city's trash service.
 - Consider joining the Rural Water Association.
 - Update traffic regulations and municipal offense codes.
 - Fill a spot on the cemetery board.
 - Conduct the annual review of Topside Daycare's conditional use permit.
 - Reschedule the next meeting to Tuesday, Sept. 3, because of Labor Day.
- The commission meets the first and third Monday of every month at the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th Street.

Sunflower heaven

Princess crowned at festival

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Laramie Farris' expressions during the Sunflower Princess crowning Saturday at the Sunflower Festival told it all.

She said as the tiara was being placed on her head, the sash adjusted around her neck and a bouquet of sunflowers laid in her arms, her emotions were all over the map.

"When they called my name," the 5-year-old said, "I was ... like I was excited and scared."

Wearing a yellow-and-blue dress adorned with sunflowers and a bunch of sunflowers in her hair, Laramie stared with wide eyes at the cheering audience and managed a slight smile.

It was over in a few seconds, but the little girl said she was happy to have the plastic tiara.

"It feels good," she said.

Laramie was one of four youngsters to be crowned during the sixth annual festival on Saturday at Chambers Park.

Page Seeger, 8, won the title of Sunflower Queen; J.P. McCool, 10, was crowned king; and Daniel Phillips, 4, was named prince.

There were no judges, and the 13 contestants didn't have to answer questions or parade around in bathing suits. It didn't matter who was the best looking or the smartest, just how much money they had.

Jo Simmons, Chamber of Commerce office manager, who helps coordinate the festival each year, said each contestant decorated a jar or can with a sunflower theme and then went out to collect pennies. Each penny counted as a vote, she said, and the kids with the most votes got the crown.

And the votes added up to a sizable pot.

The contestants raised a total of \$1,023, which will be used to install a new water tank and pump under the fountain at Chambers Park. The Mann family is renovating the fountain as a



Laramie Farris looked a little shocked as she was crowned princess of the Sunflower Festival on Saturday at Chambers Park. Later the 5-year-old said she felt scared and excited at the same time. She raised \$380 to win the contest.

Photos by Rachel Miscall and Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

memorial to cancer victim Craig Mann, who died in Sept. 2000.

The city never turns on the fountain because it wastes too much water, and City Manager Ron Pickman says it will cost about \$1,000 to fix the fountain so it recycles water.

Laramie collected more votes than any other contestant, raising \$380. Her mom, Nancy Farris, said they

knocked on doors, went into businesses and walked around during the county fair.

Nancy said Laramie was motivated to collect as much money as possible. "She really wanted to do this for some reason," she said. "She was pretty persistent."

Laramie said it wasn't hard to convince people to give her money.

"I just asked," she said, "and I got it from everyone."

Daniel, the son of Carrie and Jerrod Phillips, raised \$118; and Page, whose parents are Rhonda and Duane, collected \$132. J.P. was asked to join the contest late because two other king contestants dropped out, and his parents, John and Kris McCool, donated \$5 to the contest.

Simple obstacle course tough for blind drivers

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

People needed a little help getting through the tractor obstacle course Saturday at the Sunflower Festival. It's hard to drive when you're wearing a blindfold.

The small course was set up on Center Avenue, east of Chambers Park, where contestants could guide a lawn tractor borrowed from Goodland Greenline around orange cones.

It took two people to get through the course, one to ride, and another to shout out directions. And when picking a partner for this event, it's a good idea to make sure you both know your right from your left.

John Baker tried his hand at the course and completed it, even if his young partner got his directions mixed up.

"Right, left, no, not that way, stop!" yelled his son, Connor Baker, 5.

"Did you hear those directions I got?" Baker asked after finishing with the worst time of the day. "But we got through it."



Kris Krayca, 16, steered a tractor around an obstacle course during the Sunflower Festival on Saturday.

The Northwest Kansas Technical College sponsored the event, and awarded \$30 to the winner, \$15 to second

place and \$5 to third. Tom Purvis, an automobile technology teacher, said the course is harder than it looks.

"You don't know where you are, where you're going, or even if you're moving sometimes," Purvis said. "It takes a lot of teamwork to get through this."

Alan Cebula and Amanda Hoffman breezed through the event, though. They finished in 38 seconds, with no one else coming in under a minute. Only about 13 people tried the course.

"It comes in spurts," said Marshall Kennedy, a former secretary at the college, who was helping run the event. "We'll have a line over here, then nothing for a while. We're kind of set aside from the rest of the festival. Everyone might not know we're here."

There were time penalties for hitting cones, going too far off course, putting the tractor into reverse or hitting people. To enter, people had to be at least 16 years old and sign a release of liability.

"We're just having fun out here," said Jim Kennedy, another technology instructor. "It gives the adults something to compete in."

Sunflowers everywhere for festival that honors crop

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

There were sunflowers on dresses and vests, stuck in peoples' hair and glued to shoes and hats.

People spit sunflower seeds, counted the petals on a sunflower and painted sunflowers on a big canvas.

If you like sunflowers, Chambers Park was a paradise Saturday. But even those who could care less about

the plants still said they had a good time.

The Sixth Annual Sunflower Festival went off without a hitch, said Jo Simmons, Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office manager, who helps organize the event each year.

The festival is held to honor the sunflower industry in Goodland — known as the "Sunflower Capital of Kansas."

The day started off a little chilly, Simmons said, but the sun came out about 10 a.m., and so did the people.

"The park was full in clusters," she said.

The festival, which started at 9 a.m. and lasted until after 1 p.m., featured more than 35 games, contests and activities for young and old people. The events were scattered around the park, and so were the people, as they moved

from activity to activity.

There were almost 20 new games and contests added this year to bring out more people. Those included a Horseshoe Pitching Tournament on the west side of the park which attracted 24 participants. Bud Chester, a Kansas State Hall of Fame horseshoe pitcher, organized the tournament. He

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