



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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50¢

weather report

85°

at noon

Today

Sunset, 7:23 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:08 a.m.

Sunset, 7:31 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Soil Temperature 81 degrees

Humidity 34 percent

Sky sunny

Winds light and variable

Barometer 30.15 inches

and falling

Record High 101° (1943)

Record Low 38° (1964)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 93°

Low 61°

Precipitation .02

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: 60 percent chance of thunderstorms, low near 60, winds southeast 15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: cloudy with 50 percent chance of thunderstorms, high upper 70s, low upper 50s, winds east 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly sunny, high upper 80s. Monday: partly cloudy with slight chance of thunderstorms, high upper 80s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.65 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.48

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$2.54 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.42

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Milo — \$2.29 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.11 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.02

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Millet — \$15.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$11.70 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$11.10 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.

Terrorism law misinterpreted

WASHINGTON — A special court with power over sensitive law enforcement surveillance misinterpreted a broad anti-terrorism law when it ordered the Justice Department to alter new guidelines for FBI terrorism searches, the agency said in an appeal.

The U.S. Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Court ruled in a May 17 decision that the USA Patriot Act did not justify the use of certain investigative techniques. In the appeal, Attorney General John Ashcroft said the court failed to acknowledge that the new law altered the standard lawyers must meet when seeking to monitor a person.

Woman dies in collision with semi

By Doug Stephens The Goodland Daily News

A 35-year-old Kanorado woman was killed Thursday afternoon when her car crashed into a semi-tractor rig about three miles southeast of Kanorado.

Mary Alice Garcia was driving west on County Road 60 near County Road 5 about noon when she collided with the rig going east, Sheriff Doug Whitson said.

The truck was driven by Alejandro Ledesma, 31, of Kanorado, he said. The truck is owned by Livengood Farms.

Garcia was following a two-ton truck that was throwing a lot of dust in the air, Whitson said, and the two drivers in the crash probably didn't see each other.

Garcia's 1985 Ford Crown Victoria and the 1972 Peterbuilt collided in the middle of the road, Whitson said.

The driver's side of the truck was damaged and the front of the car was totaled.

"I would say nobody was probably



A medical worker looked Thursday afternoon at the car Mary Alice Garcia was driving when she collided with a semi-trailer rig around noon about three miles west of Kanorado. Both drivers were from Kanorado. Garcia died at the scene.

at fault," Whitson said. "It was more of an environmental condition which caused it." Garcia was pronounced dead at the

scene, and was taken to Koons Funeral Home in Goodland.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Ready for students?



Michelle Owens, a library technician at Grant Junior High, hung a poster over a book shelf this morning, preparing for the first day of school on Monday. Superintendent Marvin Selby said administrators and teachers have been getting ready for the start of school all week. Today schools are opening their doors to parents. Parents can stop by anytime, but the official open house will be from 4 to 6 p.m.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Forum focus is drought woes

By Rachel Miscall The Goodland Daily News

Farmers and ranchers will have a chance Monday to paint a picture for state and federal officials of the devastation drought has caused in the tri-state area.

The Kansas Drought Forum will be held between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Monday at the Goodland Elk's Lodge, 1523 Arcade. Agriculture officials from Kansas and Washington D.C. will be there to answer questions and listen to farmers and ranchers talk about the damage drought is doing to crops and the economy.

Ken Palmgren, a Sherman County farmer and chairman of the Kansas Wheat Commission, is a main organizer of the event. He said the commission and the Kansas Association of Wheat Growers are backing the program, along with a long list of sponsors ranging from major commodity groups to grain elevators and three banks in Goodland.

Ross Davidson, administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Risk Management Agency, will be a special guest and will speak and take questions. Palmgren said Davidson is stopping in Goodland on a drought tour of the tri-state area.

He said Larry McCants, president of First National Bank, plans to take Davidson for a ride in the bank's airplane on Monday afternoon to give him an aerial view of crop damage.

Other speakers will be Jamie Clover Adams, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture; Palmgren, who is also on the U.S. Wheat Board; Dana Belshe, Sherman County agriculture extension agent; Mel Thompson, a staffer for U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts; and Marty Melia, owner of KLOE, KKCI and KWGB Radio.

Congressman Jerry Moran and candidates for governor, Republican Tim Shallenburger and Democrat Kathleen Sebelius, have been invited, but

Palmgren said he hasn't heard if they are coming.

A free lunch will be served after the forum ends at noon.

Palmgren said the idea to hold a drought forum started forming during a recent U.S. Wheat Board meeting in Oklahoma City. He said farmers from all over the country were telling about how drought has ruined crops in their state.

A Montana farmer talked about how drought has been hurting crops in that state for five years, Palmgren said, and a South Dakota farmer told about how some areas of that state are suffering.

They concluded drought is a major problem across the country, he said, but the 2002 farm bill, passed in May, doesn't provide any relief.

"We wanted to bring it to the attention of people in Washington," Palmgren said, noting that federal officials realize there is a drought, but they may not realize the seriousness of it.

"We want to make them aware of the situation," he said, "paint a picture for them and recommend possible solutions."

Palmgren said he and others have been working to bring the forum here for about three weeks.

"It came together rather quickly," he said.

At first, he said, he was hoping for a crowd of at least 150, but there could be more than that if the stories he's heard are true.

"It's hard to predict," he said.

Palmgren said he's not sure if Davidson will announce any type of new drought relief package during the forum, but said there are at least eight bills in front of Congress addressing the problem.

"Hopefully we can get something done," Palmgren said, "because if we don't, the economy is really going to suffer."

County may increase tax rate

By Tom Betz The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County commissioners on Tuesday reviewed the budget requests from all departments and discovered they may need to raise taxes to cover expenses.

This week the commissioners began the task of reviewing and revising the county budgets to get them ready before October.

Last year the county was able to drop the tax levy by about 10 percent because of an increase in the county valuation, but that is not the case this year, said Janet Rumpel, county clerk.

The proposed budget would require an increase of about six mills to cover the estimated costs.

Rumpel told the commissioners the proposed budgets would require an increase of \$352,805 and a mill levy of 52.636. Last year the mill levy was 46.478. (A mill of tax raises \$57,932, which is based on the county valuation.)

The commissioners had suggested having every department budget for a maximum of a three percent raise in salaries, and Rumpel said that she had plugged that in to reach the new figure.

"I think the departments need to go back and look at their true expenses from last year and the true estimates from this year and adjust their budgets," she told the commissioners.

On Tuesday afternoon, the commis-

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Hospice showing new staff

By Rachel Miscall The Goodland Daily News

Hospice Services is inviting people to see its new office and meet new staff at an open house from 3-5 p.m. on Tuesday at the doctor's clinic attached to the hospital.

Hospice employees help dying people and their families by making the patient's last days as comfortable as possible and giving the family support during the death and grieving process.

Earlier this year, Hospice moved from its office on 12th Street to Rural Health Ventures, 106 Willow. It also got two new employees.

Mindy Greene, a social worker, started in January and Shelly Willems, a nurse, came on board full-time in May. Before that, Willems said, she sometimes filled in for the full-time Hospice nurse.

Greene, a Weskan native, moved here from Salina in January with her



S. Willems



M. Greene

husband Joe, who is a state Highway Patrol trooper. Willems, a Benkelman,

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Truck stop, 24-hour restaurant may open

By Doug Stephens The Goodland Daily News

The old New Trail building on K-27 will soon have a new owner, and Goodland may get back a truck stop and all-night restaurant.

The property, which includes a gas station, restaurant and parking lot big enough for semi-trailer rigs, will be sold at an auction by Doug Whitson, county sheriff, at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17 at the county courthouse.

Trail Restaurant, owned by New Wave Corp out of California, went bankrupt in early July last year. It closed its doors without warning and put 38 people out of work.

Ron Harding, executive director of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, said he has spoken with some large gas companies to get them interested in buying the property, but nothing could really be done until the title

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