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**50¢**

**weather  
report**

**83°  
at noon**



**Today**

Sunset, 7:28 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

Sunrise, 6:10 a.m.

Sunset, 7:27 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 73 degrees
- Humidity 52 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds south 25-30 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.07 inches and rising
- Record High 106° (1926)
- Record Low 47° (1958)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High 88°  
Low 64°  
Precipitation .04

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: partly cloudy with 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, low mid 60s, winds southeast 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny with 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high lower 80s, low lower 60s, winds south 10-20 m.p.h.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local  
markets**



**Noon**

- Wheat — \$3.75 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.62
  - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
  - Corn — \$2.58 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.44
  - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
  - Milo — \$2.28 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$5.10 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$5.05
  - Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
  - Millet — \$15.00 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$11.60 cwt.
  - Oil new crop — \$11.00 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Confection current — \$15/\$7
  - 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.**

**Girls found buried in yard**

OREGON CITY, Ore. (AP) — An FBI agent said the mystery of two Oregon girls who disappeared from their apartment complex appeared to be solved after officials searching a neighbor's home identified the body of one girl and found a second set of remains. Police said the unidentified second body was found in a barrel beneath a cement slab Ward Weaver poured after the disappearance of Miranda Gaddis and Ashley Pond, both 13. "Obviously, this is a very sad conclusion to this investigation," said Charles Mathews, the FBI's special agent in charge in Oregon. "On the other hand, I think the case has been resolved." Weaver has not been charged, but Mathews said Sunday that he is a suspect in the case. It was the first time any law enforcement official has identified him a suspect.

## Damp weather doesn't stop relay

By Doug Stephens  
*The Goodland Daily News*

The downpour Friday night was more of an irritant than anything else to the folks at the Relay for Life.

They are cancer survivors. What's a little bit of rain compared to that?

The relay moved inside the pavilion at the Sherman County Fairgrounds and about 60 survivors walked the opening lap to applause, cheers and whistles. Teams raised over \$5,000 for the American Cancer Society to walk in the event.

Micki Scherling, who found she had breast cancer in May 2001, spoke to the crowd of more than 100 people before the relay started.

"Our lives all involve some kind of change," Scherling said. "We have lost loved ones or lost our health. Those who have been through this know life will never be the same. We have to live to celebrate life."

Celebrating life was a theme embraced as the night wore on. Ryan Hageman, who is going through treatments for testicular cancer, left soon after the survivor's lap. He said he was glad his wife pushed him to go to the event, but he doesn't have as much energy as he used to.

"Enjoy it while you have it," Hageman said. "Keep it as long as you can."

After the first lap, eight teams walked around the track in the overnight marathon. The team members took turns, and the goal was to keep someone on the track until 7 a.m. Saturday. The money the teams raised goes to the American Cancer Society in Kansas City.

As people waited their turns to walk, they played cards, rested in sleeping bags and told stories about their treatments and cancer experiences.

Ken Baum was there with his friend Bud Perrey. Both went through treatments for prostate cancer at the same time four years ago, Baum said, and they ran into each other at the hospital

in Hays. They barely knew each other before, he said, but they quickly became good friends.

"I knew who he was, but he didn't know me," Baum said. "There is nothing to bring people together like going through the same thing at the same time."

Baum said the two helped each other through the operations by talking every day and sharing tips.

"I'd talk him through something one day," he said, "and the next it would be his turn to help me."

Their wives became friends, Baum said, and now all of them get together at least once a week, to get something to eat or to see a movie.

The Relay for Life is important for cancer survivors, he said, because it puts them with people who have gone through the same experiences and can support them.

"Everyone here has the same problems," he said. "We are survivors."

The walking teams were allowed to dress up and use a theme. One group decided on "M\*A\*S\*H." They dressed up as doctors and nurses, but they couldn't get anyone to be Corporal Klinger, a man who often dressed as a woman.

"We thought it was a good theme," said team member Linda Charron. "We are walking to help people with cancer, and the doctor bit is appropriate."

"We tried to convince the one guy on our team to dress as Klinger, but he just wouldn't do it."

Charron said her sister, Debbie Snethen, just got back from treatments for leukemia. Snethen went through two stem cell transplants, Charron said, and seems to be doing fine.

The relay is a way to meet other people who are going through the same experiences, Charron said, not just cancer survivors, but family members, too.

"There are a lot more people affected by this than you think," she said. "Some



Kim Weiss (left, above) and Linda Charron showed off their costumes at the Relay for Life on Friday at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. The women are relatives of cancer survivors and joined a relay team which used "M\*A\*S\*H" as a theme, including costumes and an army tent (below). Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

people, you didn't even know they had cancer until you see them here."

Another M\*A\*S\*H member, Kim Weiss, brought her mother, Judy Raby, over from Colorado Springs. Raby had breast cancer, Weiss said, and has been clear for 17 years.

"The fact that she had cancer definitely makes me more aware of my own health," Weiss said. "Techniques have changed since my mom had it, and there is a better chance of stopping cancer now, but I still pay careful attention to my health."

Nina Mersch, who was on the committee for the event, said she had breast cancer and has been free for over six years.

"Year by year we count them down," Mersch said, "but we take it one day at a time."



## Rain is normal weather for this time of year

By Rachel Miscall  
*The Goodland Daily News*

Sherman County weather is becoming more normal for this time of year, which means more rain has fallen, but it hasn't been enough to turn the drought around.

Dave Floyd, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Goodland, said for the past couple of weeks Sherman County has seen cooler temperatures and thunderstorms have been moving through the county instead of around it. The change in the weather pattern has brought more moisture, he said, but Sherman County is still almost 10 inches below the normal rainfall level for this time of year.

Storms dropped between .63 of an inch and 2 inches of rain on the county this weekend, Floyd said, bringing the total rainfall amount for the county this

year to 6.63 inches. Normal for this time of year is 16 inches.

He said the county has received 3.15 inches since June 1, about 6 inches below the normal 9 inches for that period.

Areas south and west of Goodland got more rain, Floyd said, and areas to the north and east didn't see a lot of moisture this weekend.

"That's typical of summer thunderstorms," he said.

It was good to get rain, he said, but the county still needs a lot more before the drought goes away.

"It did bring some relief to some areas," he said, "but not enough to turn the drought around."

Floyd said more rain is expected tonight and later this week, but the rainfall once again will be scattered.

"Some places will get some," he said. "A lot won't."



Elaine Reiter (left) and Natasha Hillman swept gravel to the curb while Angie Medrano shoveled it into a wagon. The girls, all 10, were gathering the gravel after it rained Friday afternoon at 12th Street and Wyoming to use in Hillman's mom's pond. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

## Virus found in Wallace, Norton counties

By Doug Stephens  
*The Goodland Daily News*

A horse in Wallace County has been confirmed to have West Nile Virus, and a veterinarian says another in Norton County has the disease.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment reported Thursday that infection had been confirmed in seven new cases in horses last week, including one in Wallace County, directly south of Sherman County.

In Oberlin, Dr. Travis Hissong of Countryside Veterinary said he received word that tests on a horse from Norton County were positive. The tests were done by the University of Nebraska veterinary lab in Lincoln, he said.

The disease has been confirmed in Kansas only in the last couple of weeks. It entered the country in New York in 1997, but has been recognized in Africa since the 1930s.

Other counties where the virus has been found include Barton, Cowley, Douglas, Ellsworth, Ford, Johnson, McPherson, Meade, Montgomery, Ottawa, Pawnee, Pratt, Republic, Reno, Rice, Sedgwick, Shawnee, Stafford, Washington and Wyandotte.

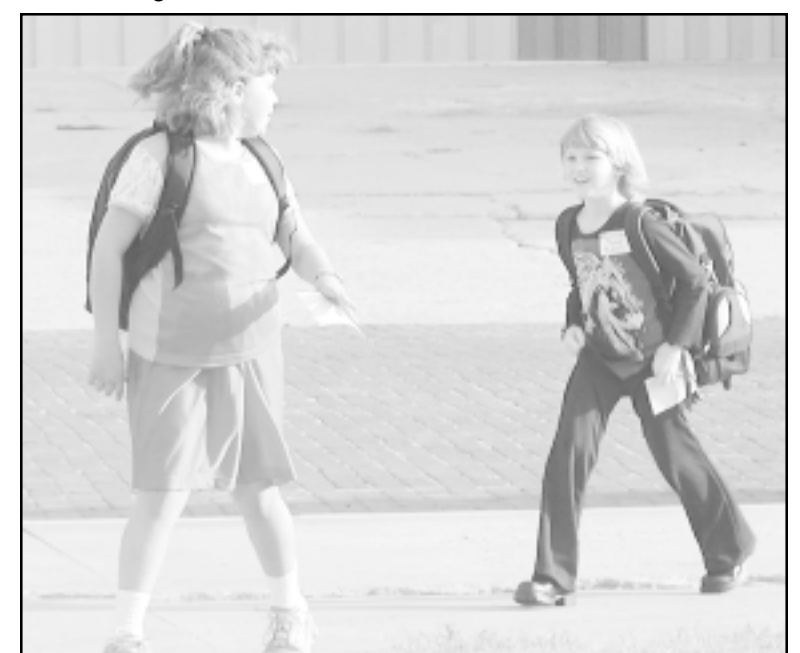
The virus is spread by mosquitoes which bite infected animals. One animal cannot infect another. Many animals can carry the disease, but the only ones that get sick are birds, horses and humans.

Most people infected will have flu-like symptoms, but in rare cases, the virus can attack the brain and people can die. Since the virus was first found in the country in 1999, 19 people have died from it, most of them elderly. No person in Kansas has been diagnosed with the virus so far, though Missouri has reported a case.

The health department has found 22 horses, two mules, seven crows and six blue jays with the disease this summer in Kansas.

Mike Hopper, game warden in Sherman County for the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks, said he has seen

## Ready to learn



Andrea Roeder (left) and Taylor Peden, both 9, walked towards Central Elementary School this morning for their first day of fourth grade. They were dropped off by Kim Roeder, Andrea's mom, who had the girls pose in front of the school for pictures.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News