



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

72°

at noon



Today

Sunset, 7:22 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:14 a.m.

Sunset, 7:21 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 71 degrees
Humidity 73 percent
Sky mostly cloudy
Winds south 10 m.p.h.
Barometer 30.14 inches and rising
Record High 104° (1990)
Record Low 42° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

Table with 2 columns: Category (High, Low, Precipitation) and Value (85°, 63°, .19)

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low lower 60s, winds south 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high upper 90s, low lower 60s, winds south 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly sunny with 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high mid 90s, low lower 60s. Labor Day: partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms, high mid 80s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.87 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.83
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.52 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.47
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Milo — \$2.11 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.69 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.03
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Millet — \$15.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$11.45 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$10.85 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
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.

Kennedy kin gets 20 to life

NORWALK, Conn. — Michael Skakel said he could not apologize for a crime he didn't commit as he was sentenced to 20 years to life in the 1975 killing of his teenage neighbor.

Skakel, convicted of bludgeoning Martha Moxley with a golf club, tearfully proclaimed his innocence and spoke of his own suffering and that of Jesus Christ before the sentence was handed down.

"I would love to be able to say I did this crime so the Moxley family could have rest and peace, but I can't," said Skakel, the nephew of Ethel Kennedy.

Second Junk Parade being planned

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Once again Oscar the Grouch, the popular Sesame Street character who calls a trash can home, will lead a parade of broken televisions, ripped couches, old appliances and other garbage down Main Avenue to the county dump.

The second Junk Parade will start at 9 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 14, at the south end of Main Avenue, with Sherman County businesses and residents hauling, pushing and marching all the trash they can collect to the landfill north of the airport.

Schylar Goodwin, parade organizer, said the basic structure of the event will be the same as last year, but new activities have been added.

People will clean up Goodland before the Flatlander Fall Festival on Sept. 28-29 by collecting junk littering yards, alleys and homes and piling it all onto trailers, which will be paraded down Main Avenue. Oscar the Grouch (otherwise known as Curtis Duncan of KLOE/KKCI/KWGB Radio) will be the parade's grand marshal.

Before the parade starts, there will be a children's costume and bicycle/tricycle decorating contest, with contestants asked to decorate themselves or their bikes in trash. Winners in two age groups will receive prizes.

There will also be a float contest, with judges awarding trophies to the most unique junk floats in six categories and picking an overall best of show.

Goodwin said the parade is growing into an all-day event this year, as a barbecue and concert will be held in Steever Park that evening.

He said the Mad Cows, a local band, has agreed to play a free concert in the park, where the city is

building a new stage. The concert will go on between 3 p.m. and 7 p.m., Goodwin said, and there will be a barbecue.

People will be asked to donate money, he said, and all of the profits will go to the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter and Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Sherman County.

Goodwin said people who don't feel comfortable wearing trash can find other ways to get creative with junk.

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Librarian Karen Gillihan and library assistant Julia Crotinger worked on a new flat-screen Gateway computer at the Goodland Public Library on Tuesday. With a grant from the Gates Foundation, the library installed

three new computers this week that come with special software. A trainer with Gates showed library staff how to use the software.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

You can plan trip, make cards at library

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

You can create a professional computer presentation, make greeting cards, plan a trip or take a ride in a magic school bus, all without leaving the library.

The Goodland Public Library installed three new computers this week that come with 20 software programs, allowing users to do anything from scan an encyclopedia or world atlas

to creating a spreadsheet or a web page.

Children can use the "Magic School Bus" software to learn about Mars or ocean life, adults can use "Microsoft PowerPoint 2000" to create a computer presentation and students can use "Encarta Researcher" to write a research paper.

Janet Warren, library director, said many times people have to wait to use the library's computers and having the

extra terminals should alleviate that.

"We have a lot of demand for computer use," she said, adding that the new flat-screen Gateway computers are much faster and better quality than the old ones.

"They're really nice," she said.

The nicest thing is that most of the computer equipment was free. The Seattle-based Gates Foundation gave the library a \$12,000 grant in the form of two new computers, a content

server and a new printer as part of a nationwide program to give everyone access to a computer, software and the Internet. The foundation is run by Bill Gates, Microsoft founder, and his wife Melinda.

Warren said the Goodland library qualified for a Gates grant because at least 10 percent of the population the library serves is below a poverty level

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City meeting

At a meeting Tuesday, the Goodland City Commission plans to:
• Proclaim Sept. 11, 2002 "A Day to Remember."

• Discuss ending the watering restrictions passed on Aug. 5.

• Make changes to the city's zoning regulations and permit fees. The commission usually meets the first and third Monday of the month at 204 W. 11th Street, but moved the meeting to Tuesday because of Labor Day.

Pop stars get wild at show

By David Bauder

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Bruce Springsteen as a museum piece, an Eminem feud, the reappearance of rock's most famous missing person, dueling drunks and — what else? — yet another bizarre Michael Jackson moment.

It was just another night at the MTV Video Music Awards.

The annual spectacle offered a typical display of pop star one-upmanship that paid brief tribute to the city's ordeal of the past year.

As for the awards, rap star Eminem was king. His comic-book style satire for "Without Me," in which he impersonated Osama bin Laden, won four awards: video of the year, best male video, best rap video and best direction.

But after accepting a trophy from Christina Aguilera — who appeared to want nothing to do with a man who has mocked her in song — he was booed for referring to the electronica star Moby

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Profitable summer nears end

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland hotels and restaurants will be staffed to the hilt this weekend in anticipation of a final blowout of what has been a profitable summer for the travel industry here.

Managers of businesses off I-70 say they have seen increased traffic this year, and sales and room rentals have been higher than usual. Labor Day weekend is traditionally a busy end of the travel season, and it is expected this year will be one of the busiest.

Scott Angelos, owner of Goodland's McDonald's franchise, says extra staff has been scheduled for this weekend, and he expects to see a lot of customers off the highway.

"Labor Day has always been a big time for us," he said. "Some schools have already started, but a lot are still out, so we should have a lot of people traveling. Based on how many people we've seen this year, I'd say we'll have some good sales."

Sales at the restaurant are up from last year, Angelos said, because more people are traveling by road this year. After the economy turned soft, he said,

Holiday closings

The following will be closed Monday in observance of Labor Day:

- City and county offices.
United States Postal Service.
Goodland Public Library.
U.S. Department of Agriculture office.
County landfill.
Elementary schools, Grant Junior High, Goodland High

School and Northwest Kansas Technical College.

City trash service. Extra trucks will run on Tuesday and Wednesday to catch up.
The office will be closed and no paper will be printed.
Many private offices and businesses. Contact individual businesses for information.

people just might not have enough money to use airplanes and are driving instead.

Judy Siruta, manager of Comfort Inn, said some people are afraid to fly after the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, so they've been hitting the road.

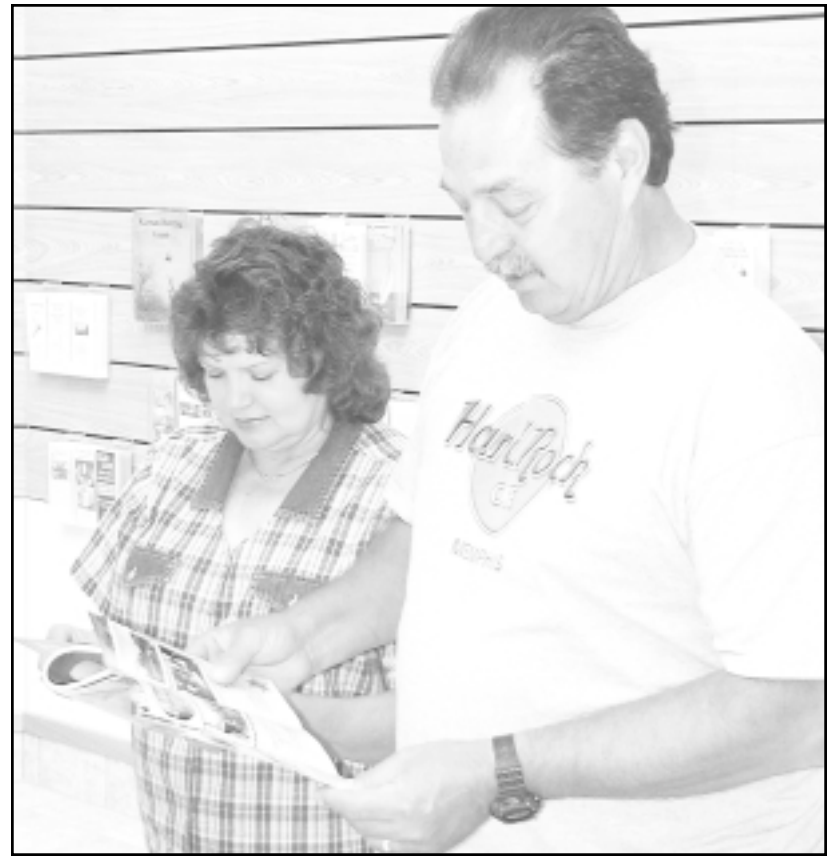
Whatever the reason, the results have been noticeable. Siruta said she has sold out every room at the hotel for months on end.

"There will be more people in town this weekend," she said, "but it won't

matter to us. We've been selling out every day anyway." Other hotels are bringing in extra people to clean rooms and man the desks, and the restaurants off the interstate will have extra crew members preparing hamburgers and cleaning tables.

Friday and Saturday are expected to be the biggest days for restaurants, managers say, then after a slower day on Sunday, Monday should see lines

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Elaine and Manny Cervantes of Dallas looked at pamphlets Tuesday at the Kansas Travel Information eight miles west of Goodland. The vacationing couple had explored Montana and were going to Kansas City. The travel center expects to see about 1,000 people per day this weekend. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News