

weather report

58°

at noon

Today

Sunset, 7:05 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:24 a.m.

Sunset, 7:04 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 79 degrees

• Humidity 80 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds north 13 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.34 inches and falling

• Record High 100° (1936)

• Record Low 36° (1970)

Last 24 Hours*

High 79°

Low 56°

Precipitation 1.14 (record)

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy with patchy fog early in the morning, low lower 50s, light and variable wind. Tomorrow: cloudy with 40 percent chance of showers, high lower 70s, high upper 50s, winds southeast 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: cloudy with 40 percent chance of showers, high lower 70s, low lower 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.54 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.62

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$2.77 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.63

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.52 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.95 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.21

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$10.70 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$10.70 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$25

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, 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.

Reno hoping for big win

MIAMI — Former Attorney General Janet Reno compared herself to Harry S. Truman as her campaign for the Democratic nomination for governor tried to shake off a nagging challenger and earn a spot against Gov. Jeb Bush.

Recalling the presidential election of 1948, Reno cited Truman's stunning victory over Thomas Dewey as inspiration for her own tight battle against political novice Bill McBride. As the polls opened today, hundreds of Florida voters were delayed because poll workers had problems getting new touchscreen voting machines up and running. Many precincts opened late to long lines.

In all, 12 states are selecting candidates for governor, House and Senate today. Reno is one of two former members of the Clinton administration seeking office.

Monday's storm was record breaker

City received more than an inch of moisture

By Doug Stephens
The Goodland Daily News

Monday's rain set two records: the most rain Goodland has gotten in one day so far this year, and the most ever recorded on Sept. 9.

The National Weather Service office here reported 1.14 inches, said Meteorologist Steve Rubin, which is more than an eighth of Goodland's 8.24 inches of rain over the year.

The former record for Sept. 9 was set in 1963 at .64 of an inch, he said.

The rain started about 2:30 p.m., Rubin said, and lasted for about 30 minutes before turning into a light drizzle, which tapered off about midnight.

Sherman and other nearby counties

in Kansas and Colorado were on a flood watch most of the evening, he said, and the weather service warned people that small streams and city streets might flood.

"There was a little nuisance flooding," Rubin said, "but nothing serious. People just had to be a little careful about how they drove."

The rain was the result of a cold front which came from the north, he said, and settled near Goodland.

There were scattered showers all through the area, he said, but the biggest downpour was between Goodland and Colby and south to Tribune and Scott City.

Rubin said Colby received .64 of an

inch and the biggest beneficiaries of the rain were Wallace at 2.35 inches and Russell Springs at 1.43.

There were a few showers around Limon, Colo., this morning, he said, but the weather service is not expecting any rain today in Goodland.

There is a small chance for moisture from Wednesday to Friday, though, he said.

"Not a huge chance, because there is nothing widespread," Rubin said, "but there is a chance."

He said rainfall for Goodland this year is about 8 inches below normal.

"We're hoping to some more rain this month and through the fall," he said. "I know the farmers would appreciate it."



Some of the city's 1.14 inches of rain Monday afternoon formed a large puddle at the southwest corner of K-27 and U.S. 24.
Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

City, nation to remember 9-11 attacks

Terror alert raised before anniversary

By John Soloman
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration raised the nation's terror alert warning to its second highest level today — code orange — signaling a high danger of attack ahead of the Sept. 11 anniversary, government officials said.

The level, which reflects a high risk of terrorist attacks, is one step below the top "red," or severe, threat level. The level had been at "yellow," in the middle of the five-color scale.

The decision was to be announced by Attorney General John Ashcroft, FBI Director Robert Mueller and Homeland Security Director Tom Ridge, said the senior administration officials, who spoke on the condition of anonymity.

The officials cited specific threats against U.S. embassies in southeast Asia. There is no specific threat against targets in the United States, but the government opted to raise the alert level because of an increase in communications among suspected terrorists.

The development came as the government closed its embassy in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

It was the second embassy in the region to be ordered closed because of terrorist fears on the eve of the anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. The U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, Indonesia, closed earlier today.

At the State Department, spokesman Richard Boucher said, "These embassies closed because of ... information, some of which is specific and credible."

U.S. intelligence officials have been saying since the weekend that there has been an increased amount of chatter among al-Qaida sympathizers.

The FBI issued a warning that became public Monday asking operators of computer networks, utilities and transportation system to be wary during the anniversary this week of the suicide hijackings that leveled the World Trade Center and damaged the Pentagon.

An official said that while the threat pertains to embassies overseas, the administration has not ruled out that interests in America could be targeted. Thus, security at federal buildings throughout Washington were increased today.

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Kenneth Grieve, a custodian at Goodland High School, raised flags this morning at the campus. On Wednesday, the flags should be at half-mast in observance of Patriots Day, honoring those who died in the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Church leaders, museum will hold special events

By Rachel Miscal
The Goodland Daily News

The Ministerial Alliance and the High Plains Museum are holding events on Wednesday to commemorate the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The museum will have two showings of the Home Box Office documentary "In Memoriam: New York City, 9/11/01," will allow visitors to write their thoughts on the attacks on a large mural and will display a quilt made by a Goodland woman honoring the day.

The alliance, made up of Goodland church leaders, will hold a public service at 7 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse, inviting people to sing patriotic songs, listen to speeches about Sept. 11 and honor Sherman County emergency workers.

Bud Chester, pastor of the First Baptist Church, said the service should be less than two hours long and he's expecting a big crowd.

He said the alliance is printing 500 programs, but he's heard up to 700 people could show up.

"There's really no way of knowing," he said.

The ceremony will start with a flag presentation by the National Guard and a flag salute by Goodland Boy Scouts.

Bob Snyder, pastor of the Grace Fellowship Church, will lead the audience in singing the "Star Spangled Banner," and Rob Cotter, with the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, will say the opening prayer.

Curtis Hurd, Goodland City commissioner, will present a proclamation declaring Sept. 11 "A Day to Remember" in Goodland, and Dick Short, president of the Goodland School Board, will read an article called "I am the Flag."

Michael Smith, an eighth grader, will sing "America the Beautiful," and he and Ashley Cebula, Vanessa Crotinger and Kerek Mason, other eighth graders,

will sing "God Bless America."

Chester will read a piece called "You Remembered," and Arlin Cochran, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church, will recognize fire fighters and law enforcement officers in Sherman County.

Ken Baum, American Legion commander, will speak and John Coumerilh, pastor of the Word of Life Church, will read excerpts from President Bush speeches.

Matt Delp, pastor of the Church of Nazarene, will recognize servicemen; Curtis Duncan will honor American Red Cross workers; and Mary Ellen Coumerilh, John Coumerilh's wife, will honor medical workers.

Janet Hernandez, pastor of the United Methodist Church, will recognize the men and women who were killed in the terrorist attacks and the X-Pressos, the high school show choir, will sing "Freedom is not Free," and "God Bless the U.S.A."

John Garcia, owner of Garcia's Home Furnishings, will speak and Isabelle Hellerud and James Carrico, a Northwest Kansas Technical College student, will play taps. Chester said the Veteran's of Foreign Wars will be represented.

Steve Rains, pastor of the Calvary Gospel Church, will end the service with the benediction.

The museum will be showing the documentary at 10:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The film was provided by the American Association of Museums and the Institute of Museums and Library Services, which are working with libraries on a project called "Museums Celebrate America's Freedoms: A Day of Remembrance."

Linda Holton, museum director, said the film is graphic, so children should not watch it, but it ends on a hopeful note. She said people will be able to record their thoughts on a mural, which the museum will save.

Animal hospital being investigated for mishandling birds

LAWRENCE, Kan. (AP) — An animal hospital near Lawrence is being investigated for apparent mishandling of birds of prey.

The Lawrence Journal-World reported that six owls, two hawks and a turkey vulture were seized from WildCare by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service agents.

The birds had nutritional problems, and two were euthanized.

A hawk was permanently disabled because of inadequate follow-up treatment to a wing.

The organization also may have violated legal limits on the length of time it could keep birds of prey.

WildCare's inability to maintain accurate, up-to-date records also has raised concerns.

It has not filed a 2001 tax return, and does not appear to have a functioning board of directors, the newspaper reported.

The probe could result in revocation of WildCare's state and federal permits to rehabilitate wildlife and keep animals for education purposes.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Topeka declined to comment about the matter.

Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks officers began working on the case with federal agents in Kansas and Colorado after more than a dozen WildCare volunteers wrote letters

questioning the quality of animal care at the rehabilitation clinic and challenging management decisions made by the clinic's current director Nancy Schwartz.

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