


weather report

66°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:02 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:26 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:00 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 67 degrees

• Humidity 81 percent

• Sky overcast

• Winds south 10 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.02 inches and falling

• Record High 100° (1931)

• Record Low 36° (1974)

Last 24 Hours*

High 74°

Low 56°

Precipitation .01

Northwest Kansas Forecast


Tonight: partly cloudy with 40 percent chance of showers, low mid 50s, winds northwest 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny with 20 percent chance of showers, high mid 70s, low near 50, winds north 5-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: partly sunny, high lower 70s, low near 50. Sunday: partly cloudy, high lower 70s. Monday: partly cloudy, high mid 70s, low 50s. (National Weather Service)

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local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$4.44 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.46

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$2.75 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.67

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Milo — \$2.50 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.10 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.41

Loan deficiency payment — 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.

Many hold 9-11 events

NEW YORK — The words came from the president, from the families of those killed on Sept. 11, from people who watched the attacks unfold on television. Again and again on a day of memorials that marked the first anniversary of the terrorist attacks, Americans vowed to move on in tribute to the fallen.

“Each of us has had our hearts torn apart, but we can take those pieces and put them back together,” Harold Lutnick, the chief executive of Cantor Fitzgerald, said at a service for the firm’s 658 employees who died at the World Trade Center. Lutnick’s brother was among those lost.

“Together we will create something new,” he said. President Bush capped the remembrances Wednesday night with an address from Ellis Island, using the Statue of Liberty as a backdrop.

Focus of 9-11 service is volunteers

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

Speakers at the Sept. 11 community service touched on all aspects of the tragic terrorist attacks one year ago Wednesday. They remembered the people who died, how Americans responded and the soldiers who left to hunt terrorists.

But there seemed to be an underlying theme to the night. It wasn’t just recalling the terrifying events in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania, but recognizing the people in Sherman County who risk their lives and sacrifice their free-time to protect the rest of us.

About 300 people filled the stands on the north half of the main gym in Max Jones Fieldhouse on Wednesday night to commemorate the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

The nearly two-hour service, which was organized by the Ministerial Alliance, featured more than a dozen speakers, including Goodland pastors and businessmen.

They spoke about death, destruction, hope, faith and patriotism. Some explored the question of why God would allow such a tragedy, concluding that no human will ever know the answer.

But the talk always seemed to come back to the emergency workers in Sherman County. When tragedy strikes, the speakers said, they are usually the first people on the scene. They give up their weekends and holidays to protect people they don’t know, and they don’t ask for recognition or a reward.

As much as they deserve respect, they rarely get it.

“The shame is it takes a tragedy like 9-11 to see that they are heroes,” said Arlin Cochran, pastor of the Seventh Day Adventist Church.

Cochran, who lives in St. Francis, said firemen rescued him when at the age of 5 he accidentally lit his house on fire and policemen protected him when they busted a methamphetamine lab near his home a few months ago.

“You guys lay your lives on the line everyday to protect us,” Cochran said. “We’re all grateful.”

The pastor twice asked firemen and law enforcement officers in the audience to stand. The rest of the crowd stood with them, applauding their efforts.

Spectators were on their feet several times, clapping for medical workers, servicemen and American Red Cross volunteers.

“If we’re sick or hurt on Christmas or on the Fourth of July,” said Mary Ellen Coumerilh, the wife of John Coumerilh, pastor of the Word of Life Church, “they have to leave their family to care for us. We stand among the most courageous medical personnel in Goodland.”

Many speakers remarked that the terrorist attacks not only helped us recognize the bravery in our emergency workers, but the strength and spirit of patriotism that lies within us all.

John Coumerilh said as he was preparing his speech he was struck by the irony of the whole situation.

“Their cowardly acts of hate invoked



Melton Durham (above) held a flag while singing “The Star Spangled Banner” on Wednesday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse during a community service to commemorate the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. Isabelle Hellerud (below) played “Taps” on her trumpet during the service. She was joined by James Carrico, a Northwest Kansas Technical College student.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

heroic acts of love,” he said.

Reading a speech President Bush gave shortly after the attacks, Coumerilh said, “Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shattered steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve.”

The attacks happened more than a thousand miles from Goodland, the speakers said, but people here were affected and banded together to help.

Curtis Duncan, a radio announcer, presented each speaker and represented the Sherman County American Red Cross. While volunteers were helping victims and firemen in New York and Washington, he said, people here were finding ways to assist.

They gave blood and donated their pocket change, Duncan said.

“All those little bits added up,” he

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Rule upsets daycare people

By Doug Stephens
The Goodland Daily News

About 15 to 20 home-based daycare providers showed up at a city planning commission meeting Tuesday evening upset about proposed yearly inspections of their homes, and asked that they be held exempt from the requirement.

The Goodland City Commission changed the zoning code in January, requiring all home-based businesses to be inspected once a year and to pay a \$25 fee. The planning commission sent out letters to every such business in town last week, telling them the inspections would begin soon.

Carlene Fenner, who runs a daycare out of her home at 217 W. 12th, wrote a recommendation to the commission at the meeting asking that daycares be exempt from the inspections, saying the state and county already inspect them every year. Jerry Nemecek, city building official, said the request is being taken seriously.

“The commission is working with the citizens,” he said, “and will listen to what they have to say. There was a motion to table the yearly reviews and to work on sending a recommendation

to the city commission for a change in the code.”

The daycares’ position, Fenner said, is that the state and county inspections are thorough, and there is no need for the city to do one, too.

“When we get inspected by the county health department, they go through every room and closet, and they have very strict guidelines, which is good,” she said. “It is for the safety of the children, but we feel the county and state inspections are adequate. We don’t need the city to inspect us, too.”

Carla Wurtz, 1007 Caldwell, said she can understand why the city would inspect other types of home businesses, but it doesn’t make sense to review daycares every year.

“We aren’t like other home permit holders,” she said. “We can’t drop everything for an inspection. Who’s going to watch the kids while we are going through it? I’m not against inspections in general, but we are already in compliance with state regulations. Not only the state, but the county and the fire Marshal check us over every year.”

Wurtz said that when she got her permit, she had to pay \$25 plus a \$60 ap-

plication fee. She was told it was a one-time charge, and she isn’t happy the rules might have changed on her now.

“If they are going to rescind what they told us,” she said, “what’s to say next year they won’t raise the fee to \$125? Where’s it going to stop?”

Fenner said daycares have too many expenses already, including the \$25 inspection fee to the state and county, and it isn’t fair to add to their burden.

“It is a waste of our time and our money,” she said. “We use more electric and water usage than most homes. We have to keep the children comfortable. It’s not fair to give us even more to pay.”

Wurtz said she feels confident the rules will change.

“The commissioners are working with us on this, they really are,” she said. “I just don’t think they had considered that different types of businesses have different needs.”

Nemecek said the daycare providers who showed up at the meeting just wanted to make sure they get treated fairly.

“I can understand that. We want to make sure they are treated fairly, too.

Officials question cost of elevator repairs

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

When the courthouse elevator broke down in August it took five days to get someone out to look at it and another 10 days to get it fixed, and so far the county has received a bill for more than \$600 for the first trip.

Sherman County commissioners aren’t happy about it because they say the elevator is supposed to be inspected monthly and for that the county pays about \$300 per month.

They discussed problems with the elevator and questions about the maintenance agreement at Tuesday’s commission meeting.

William McKnight, building supervisor, said he had called the Dover Company on Aug. 15, when the elevator quit and he found smoke rolling out of the doors.

“I knew something had burned up in there,” he said, “but I’m not sure

Bush asks leaders for force

By Barry Schweid
AP Diplomatic Writer

UNITED NATIONS — President Bush demanded today that world leaders force Saddam Hussein to destroy his weapons of mass destruction, saying the lives of millions of people will be at risk and the United Nations “will be irrelevant” unless it confronts Iraq.

“The just demands of peace and security will be met — or action will be unavoidable,” Bush warned. “And a regime that has lost its legitimacy will also lose its power.”

“We cannot stand by and do nothing while dangers gather,” Bush told the U.N. General Assembly. “We must stand up for our security and for the permanent rights and hopes of mankind.”

Bush made his case against the backdrop of widespread hesitation among U.S. allies — and American lawmakers — to use force against Baghdad. U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan cautioned the United States against taking action on its own without Security Council backing.

Annan said efforts to persuade Iraq to comply with resolutions calling for weapons inspections and disarmament must continue. But if Iraq is defiant the Security Council “must face its responsibilities,” he said.

Speaking before Bush, Brazil’s foreign minister, Celso Lafer, reflected the concerns of most nations, saying “force can be used only through the Security Council and if other means are exhausted.”

But Bush argued that extended diplomacy would mean betting the lives of millions in a reckless gamble. “And this is a risk we must not take,” he said.

Bush’s stance also has been questioned in Congress. But after his speech, a key House Democrat applauded it as “a positive step.”

“There are many questions about going to war, but I commend the president for the speech that he made today, the values that he presented, the commitment of the United States that he brought to the U.N.,” Rep. Nancy Pelosi of California, a member of the Democratic Party leadership and the House intelligence committee, told CNN.

Senate Majority Leader Thomas Daschle said he did not think “the case for a pre-emptive strike has been made yet.” But the South Dakota Democrat acknowledged that Bush continues to make his argument, “and I think that was helpful.”

Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said “now, I think it’s vital for Congress to show the world that we back the president.”

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