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## weather report

40°  
at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 6:30 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:45 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:28 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 69 degrees
- Humidity 97 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds north 15 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.18 inches and rising
- Record High 93° (1953)
- Record Low 30° (1999)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 76°  
Low 45°  
Precipitation .17

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: cloudy with 50 percent chance of rain, low near 40, winds northeast 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: cloudy with 30 percent chance of rain, high mid 50s, low lower 40s, winds variable 5-10.

### Extended Forecast

Friday: mostly sunny, high near 60, low lower 40s. Saturday: partly cloudy and breezy, high mid 50s. Sunday: mostly clear, high lower 60s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \*Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$4.49 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.55  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$2.57 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.34  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Milo — \$2.32 bushel  
Soybeans — \$4.82 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.83  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$10.65 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$18  
(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.

## Gulf braces for hurricane

NEW IBERIA, La. — Packing 120 mph winds, Hurricane Lili gained strength and churned today toward the Gulf Coast, where residents braced for the second major storm in a week.

About 330,000 people in Texas' Jefferson and Orange counties were told to evacuate early today after a tidal surge of more than 9 feet was expected.

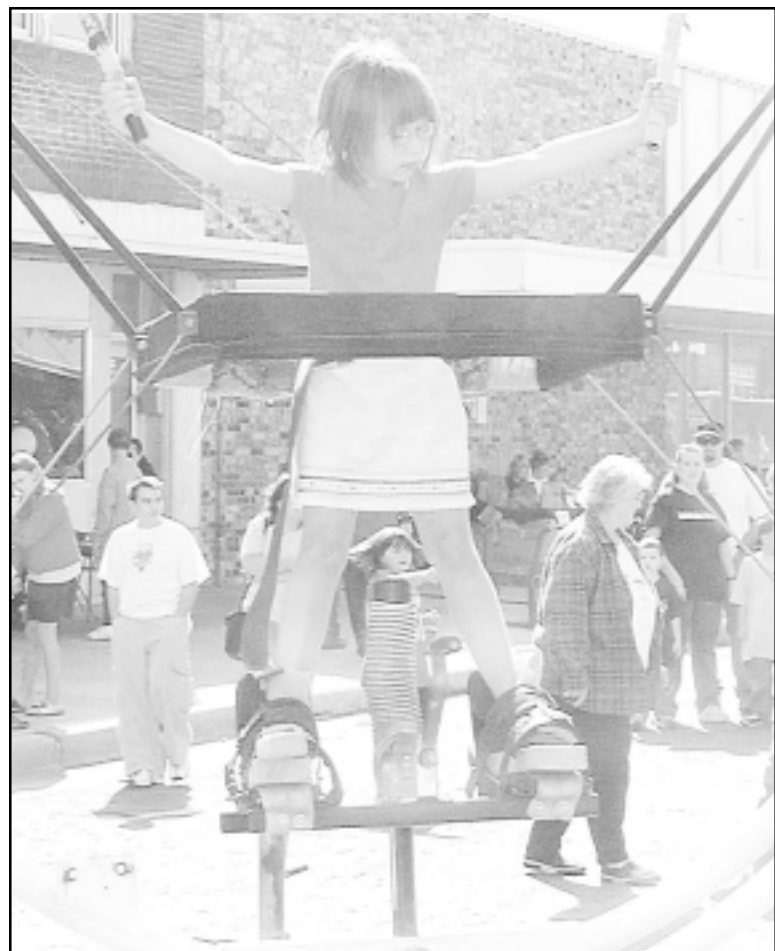
Evacuations were ordered today along the low-lying areas southwest Louisiana.

Coastal residents of Louisiana also scrambled for higher ground and barricaded their homes and businesses, and Louisiana Gov. Mike Foster declared a state of emergency, less than a week after Tropical Storm Isidore blew through the region. That storm flooded hundreds of homes and caused an estimated \$100 million in damage.

## Finding ways to have fun



Kids of all ages took advantage of the games and entertainment at the Flatlander Fall Festival Saturday on Main Avenue. Jeremy Mills (top picture), 9, worked out his frustrations at the Car bash, where people paid for the opportunity to smash a car with a sledgehammer. Kasarah



Woodrow (above, left), 8, climbed a rope ladder and tried to grab \$3 pinned to the top. Trace Waugh, 7, was strapped into a giant gyroscope and was ready for the ride to start. An estimated 10,000 people were at the street fair. Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

## Coaches help with identities

By Michelle L. Hawkins and Karen Krien

NorWest Newspapers

Coaches of high school athletes videotaped while showering in Brewster on Saturday were in Colby Tuesday to identify the girls on a recovered tape.

Adam F. Juenemann, a 23-year-old Brewster man, was arrested for the crime and remains in the Thomas County Jail until charges are filed. Charges could include aggravated burglary, criminal damage to property, criminal trespassing, sexual exploitation of a child, and eavesdropping. Thomas County Undersheriff Mike Baughn said the girls on the tape have to be identified before charges could be filed.

The girls in the lockerroom during the taping Saturday were from St. Francis. They had finished up a junior varsity volleyball match at Brewster High School, Coach Kent Kechter said, when one of the girls looked up into a vent and noticed a blinking red light. Other girls saw the light, Kechter said, and were positive it belonged to a video camera.

"These girls were adamant about what they had seen — they knew there was a camera in that vent," Coach Kechter said.

Kechter and Laura Rush, Brewster athletic director, saw where a vent leading to the locker rooms had been pried open and forced shut. The only other way out was through locked doors leading to a utility access area between the walls of the shower room.

Rush opened one of the doors and was sure she had seen someone. Kechter said he wasn't sure if he saw anything but heard some rustling. He told Rush to get out of the room and stood behind the door to stop anyone who might come out. At the same time, Jeff Olofson, the other St. Francis coach, and Brewster custodian Ron Ribordy were guarding the locker room door.

After Rush left the room, Kechter said he heard loud noises and girls screaming. Apparently, Juenemann, with his camera, tried to get out the locked door, then went through the vent to another locker room where the St. Francis girls were gathering up their gear and equipment.

The man tried to run from the room but was tackled by Olofson. He and Ribordy held the man until Kechter came into the room, then took him to the gym and held him until the Thomas County Sheriff's Department arrived.

"I was thankful we could catch him," Kechter said. "We need to put the heat on to make sure this doesn't happen again."

Kechter and Olofson, along with St. Francis principal, Scott Carmichael, spent most of Monday in Brewster delivering depositions and talking to authorities. Susan Dinkle, a third St. Francis volleyball coach, was asked to help identify girls on the tape.

## State health officials say West Nile found in county

By Doug Stephens

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The West Nile Virus has been found in a horse in Sherman County, according to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment.

The department announced Friday that the virus was confirmed in 16 Kansas counties last week, including Sherman, for a total of 87.

Sharon Watson, spokesperson for the department, said they do not have information about the horse, only that it is located in the county.

The Kansas State University Veterinary Diagnostics Laboratory does testing for the virus on animals. A spokesperson said the university does not release private information.

Deb Smith, co-owner of Prairieland Animal Clinic in Goodland, said she didn't know anything about the infected horse.

"None of our customers have told us about a horse having the virus," she said. "Some owners take their horses to other vets, sometimes out of state."

Charles Gordon, a horse owner in the northeast part of the county, said he's heard rumors but nothing definite.

"Everyone is a little worried, but until now the virus hadn't been found here,

so we thought we might be safe until next year," he said. "It's been pretty dry, and we haven't seen many mosquitoes, and now that it's cooling off I thought we'd be OK."

The virus, first found in the United States in 1999, is spread by mosquitoes who bite infected birds. The insects can spread the disease to many types of animals, but only birds, horse-like animals and people get sick.

Horses in Thomas, Cheyenne and Wallace counties, all bordering Sherman, had been found with the virus previously. The virus has been found in 42 states, and Kansas is one of only 12 with no human cases.

There is a vaccine available for horses, and doctors are working on a vaccine for people. In humans the disease usually is mild and feels like the flu. In rare cases, people can suffer encephalitis or meningitis, swellings of the tissues of the brain, and some die.

The federal Centers for Disease Control in Atlanta is studying whether the virus can be spread through blood transfusions or organ transplants.

Dr. George Thompkins, a pathologist in Atlanta, said it's almost definite West Nile can be transmitted through transfusions, but that getting blood had more

benefits than possible drawbacks. "Blood transfusions can save your life, no question," he said. "A very low

percentage of blood supplies will have the virus, and even if it does, it doesn't mean you'll get seriously sick.

"It comes down to getting blood and living, with a remote probability of getting the virus, or refusing and dying."

## No public protest at budget hearing

The Sherman County commissioners held the budget hearing Monday during their regular meeting and without any public opposition approved a property tax levy increase which will increase the county portion by 10.6 percent.

The county commissioners approved the budget which raises the county property tax levy for next year by 4.954 mills from last year's 46.546 to 51.5. This is down from the 2001 tax level when the county portion was 51.845.

The increase was caused by a reduction of interest income, increased insurance costs and less money from the state and from sales tax collections.

This increase may not mean a true increase in a person's property tax said County Clerk Janet Rumpel because it is only after all the various taxing entities have been compiled will the total property tax levy be known.

The total county tax levy includes the school district, city and other special districts.

An example of one district is the Rural Fire District, which is everyone outside of the City of Goodland.

Taxpayers will see a drop in their tax levy by 2.406 mills which is about a 49 percent drop from this year. The levy has been 4.918 and will drop to 2.512. The rural fire district budget was part of the county budget hearing on Monday.

The commissioners asked each department to cut their budgets to levels at or below last year, and approved a freeze on county employee raises until June.

Following the budget hearing the commissioners approved a revised emergency medical training agreement which would pay for half the cost up front, and reimburse the person for the other half after they have been successful and are certified as an emergency medical technician.

Mary Ann Sneathen, deputy county clerk, brought the commissioners up to date on the latest from the elevator company, and said they had agreed to reduce the bill by about \$40.

The commissioners asked County Attorney Bonnie Selby to review the current maintenance program, and see if it is valid or if there is a way to cancel the contract.

Following a closed door session with Curt Way, public works manager, the commissioners approved granting a raise to Rodney Roeder up to \$8.35 per hour following his six month review.

The commissioners reviewed the vouchers and approved paying the bills totaling \$284,002.

The next meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 8, in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway.