

weather report

67°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:11 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:57 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 17 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 23-31 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.12 inches and rising
- Record High 92° (1968)
- Record Low 26° (1952)

Last 24 Hours*

High 67°
Low 37°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low lower 30s, winds northeast 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny, high mid 50s, low lower 30s.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: mostly sunny, high lower 60s, low mid 30s. Thursday: partly cloudy, high mid 50s. Friday: partly cloudy, high 60-65, low 30-35. Saturday: mostly cloudy, high near 60, low 35-40 m.p.h.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.43 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.34
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.57 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.31
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.31 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.75 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.59
- 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 closed due to holiday.
(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.

China warned about AIDS

BEIJING — Sounding a health alarm for the world's most populous nation, U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan warned today that China has "no time to lose" in preventing a massive outbreak of AIDS and must take decisive action to prevent it from hurting the country's economy.

Annan made the remarks in a speech in the eastern city of Hangzhou, kicking off two days of consultations with Chinese leaders. He flew to Beijing immediately afterward for talks with President Jiang Zemin and Foreign Minister Tang Jiaxuan.

Those meetings were expected to touch on Iraq and other urgent issues under discussion in the United Nations, where China's permanent Security Council seat gives it veto power — and a pivotal role in any vote on the use of force against Baghdad.



Two queens are crowned

For the first time ever, two Goodland High School students will share the title of homecoming queen this year. Tammy Weeter (above, right) and Stephanie Fairbanks (left) were crowned during half-time of the Cowboys homecoming game on Friday, along with the king, Alan Cebula, who had just run off the field. Colleen Koehler (left), homecoming attendant, was driven onto the field with the rest of the queen contestants.

Photos by Rachel Hixson
The Goodland Daily News



Ministers train to help in crisis

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

Eight members of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church spent more than four months learning how to help people deal with a crisis and are ready to use their new skills in Sherman County.

The volunteers officially became "Stephen Ministers" at a ceremony last Sunday morning during the regular church service.

Their job will be to help anyone who is facing a crisis for as long as that person needs it.

They have been trained to help people work through several personal crises, including death, divorce, a terminal illness, loneliness, unemployment, hospitalization or a spiritual problem.

Rev. Scott Grimshaw said the Stephen Ministers will be an important addition to the church, which before couldn't give people in a crisis the amount of attention they need.

For example, he said, after there is a death the grieving person usually receives a lot of care and attention during the first few weeks, but then attention is diverted when someone else has a loved one die.

"With Stephen Ministry," Rev. Grimshaw said, "a grieving person will receive quality care for as long as he or she needs it."

The process of training the ministers started in April, when three church leaders attended a seven-day training session in St. Louis, home to Stephen Ministries, the organization that developed the program.

During the session, Mary Lou Isernhagen, Sharon Palmquist and Rev. Grimshaw became "Stephen Leaders," learning how to train people at their home church to become Stephen Ministers.



D. Boyle



D. Coash



A. Coash



H. Musil



E. Kellner



D. Kellner



S. Jensen



M. Jensen

Isernhagen said the program is open to all denominations, and more than 400 people from around the country and representing almost 200 churches and organizations attended the St. Louis session.

She said the Stephen Leaders recruited the eight volunteers at Emmanuel and interviewed each one. The ministers had to make a two-year commitment, Isernhagen said, and agree to go through 50 hours of training, which started in May.

The group learned about active listening, feelings, confidentiality, crisis theory, Christian care and ministering to people in specific situations, including divorce, grief and hospitalization.

Isernhagen said the ministers met every week with the leaders during the training period and from now on will meet twice a month for supervision and more training.

"It's quite a commitment for people to make," she said.

The training emphasizes confidentiality so people who are receiving help can be sure their name and other information will stay private.

Stephen Ministry, which was developed in 1975, is used by more than 8,000 congregations from more than 90 different Christian denominations in all 50 states, Canadian provinces and 18 other countries.

Isernhagen said the Methodist Church in Goodland has used the program for many years.

She said it will help the Lutheran church help more people.

"It will enhance the care-giving of the church," she said.

The ministers are Duane and Alberta Coash, Deborah Boyle, Elmer and Dorothy Kellner, Sharon and Merwin Jensen and Helen Musil.

Leader blames terror group

Bombing linked to al-Qaida

BALI, Indonesia — Indonesia's defense minister blamed al-Qaida and its extremist allies today for the massive bomb attack that killed more than 180 people at a nightclub on the resort island of Bali.

"We are sure al-Qaida is here," Matori Abdul Djilil said after a Cabinet meeting in Jakarta. "The Bali bomb blast is linked to al-Qaida with the cooperation of local terrorists."

The leader of Jemaah Islamiyah, a group linked to Osama bin Laden's terror network, denied involvement and implicated the United States.

The defense minister's statement was the first time that a top government official had implicated al-Qaida in Saturday's attack, the worst of its kind worldwide since the Sept. 11 attacks in America. Until now, police investigators have said they had few clues and no suspects in the blasts that tore through the Kuta Beach nightclub district.

In Washington, President Bush said: "I think we have to assume it's al-Qaida. They are trying to intimidate us, and we won't be intimidated." Bush offered U.S. help in finding the perpetrators.

FBI and Australian detectives joined the hunt for the killers while forensic experts painstakingly tried to identify bodies. Indonesian government officials

said 181 people had died, though hospital workers put the figure at 190.

Many of the victims were tourists from Australia, where hundreds of burned, bandaged and bruised survivors arrived in Sydney on Monday to tearful reunions with family and friends. Other victims were from Britain, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Ecuador and Indonesia.

Two Americans were killed, the U.S. State Department said, and three others were among more than 300 people injured. Dozens of foreigners remained unaccounted for.

Among the missing was Jake Young, a former University of Nebraska football player who had been working as an attorney in Hong Kong for a London-based firm. The 34-year-old was traveling in Bali with his rugby team, and had not contacted his family since the blast.

"We're clinging to a thin ray of hope that he's going to be found alive," his father, Jacob Young, said Sunday night from Midland, Texas.

The U.S. Embassy in Jakarta, often the target of bomb threats, ordered all nonessential staff and dependents to leave Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim country. American businesses in Indonesia declined to follow suit, saying they did not feel the situation warranted drastic moves.

City manager receives a raise

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City Commission evaluated the city manager in a closed session last week and when they came out voted to give him a \$2,500 raise.

The commission also approved pay rates at the meeting for the rest of the city's employees.

City Manager Ron Pickman's yearly salary is now \$70,153, which includes a \$4,500 contribution to a retirement plan if Pickman puts in \$6,500 of his own. He received a \$2,500 raise last year.

Other city workers received a one-and-a-half percent cost-of-living raise, which goes into effect January 1. Workers can get merit raises up to three-and-a-half percent if their evaluations warrant it.

The city included the pay increases in their budget in August, except for Pickman's raise, and only formally approved them Monday. Pickman's pay rate and employment is at the will of the commissioners.

The highest paid regular position is the director of public works and utilities, held by Ed Wolak, who makes about \$50,000 a year. The starting rate for his position is \$40,112 per year. After six months, the rate is jumped to \$42,118. The highest that position can be paid is \$54,753.

The second-highest paid category includes the positions of city clerk and chief of police, held by Mary Volk, \$43,000 a year, and Ray Smeed, \$44,000, respectively. Starting wage for both is \$39,057, which is raised to \$41,010 after a probationary period, with a maximum income of \$53,313.

The next level includes the fire chief, chief building official, electrical production superintendent and electric distribution superintendent, held by Dean Jensen, \$36,000 a year, Jerry

Nemechek, \$35,000, Rod Blake, \$36,000, and Charlie Bandel, \$39,000, respectively. Starting salary for each is \$30,612. The next rate is \$32,143, with a cap of \$41,785.

Division managers start at \$26,390, get bumped to \$27,709 and max out at \$36,022.

Third-level power plant operators, the waste water system manager and police corporals start at \$24,278, go to \$25,492 after six months and can get as high as \$33,140.

Police patrol officers, museum directors, deputy city clerks, office managers, second-level linemen and the clerk of the municipal court are hired at \$22,167, which goes to \$23,275, with a maximum rate of \$30,258.

Second-level power and sewer plant operators and code enforcement officers start at \$21,112. They are raised to \$23,275 after six months and reach the cap at \$28,817.

Third-level laborers and entry-level linemen start at \$20,056. They get bumped to \$21,059 and can reach \$27,376.

Solid waste operators, second-level laborers, payroll clerks, utility billing clerks and the city treasurer are hired at \$19,000 per year, with a bump to \$19,950, and a cap of \$25,936.

First-level sewer and power plant operators start at \$17,945, with a jump to \$18,842 and a maximum rate of \$24,495.

The animal control officer, meter readers, police records clerk, administrative secretaries and entry-level laborers start at \$16,889.

They get a raise to \$17,734 after their probationary period and can reach \$23,054.

Office clerks, solid waste sorters and maintenance workers begin their jobs at \$15,834, with a bump to \$16,625 and a maximum salary of \$21,613.

County meeting

At its meeting Tuesday, the Sherman County Commission will:

- Review an amended lease with the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center.
- Review bids from Carol Armstrong,

register of deeds, for the purchase of a new copier.

• Review and approve the first half of the monthly bills.

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. in the courthouse on 8th and Broadway.