

weather
report

94°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:09 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:12 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 72 degrees
- Humidity 28 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southeast 14-18
- Barometer 29.87 inches and falling

• Record High 101° (1956)
• Record Low 36° (1943)

Last 24 Hours*

High 94°
Low 61°
Precipitation Trace

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly sunny, chance of thunderstorms, lows mid 60s, 30 percent chance of rain. Saturday: Partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms from noon on, high in lower 90s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Partly cloudy with chance of showers and thunderstorms, lows mid 60s, highs mid 90s. Monday: Partly cloudy, slight chance of thunderstorms in afternoon and evening, low mid 60s, highs lower 90s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Harvest draws Sebelius

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius planned to be in Sherman County on Thursday to get a firsthand look at the wheat harvest and talk to people in Goodland.

Plans included a coffee open to the public at 10:30 a.m. at the Buffalo Inn Convention Center.

Sebelius and Secretary of Agriculture Adrian J. Polansky were to begin the morning at 8:30 a.m. at the home of Ken Palmgren, head of the Kansas Wheat Growers Association, west of Edson.

From Palmgren's home, they planned to head to a wheat field where Sebelius was to make a brief statement and take a ride in a combine.

She was to return to Goodland at 9:45 a.m. to tour the Mueller Grain elevator at 17th and Center.

At 10:30 a.m., Sebelius and Polansky were to go to the Buffalo Inn Convention Center to visit with citizens over coffee and donuts.

Carolyn Applegate, Sherman County economic development director, said city and county officials and community leaders had been invited to meet with the governor.

Hot weather brings thirsty customers



Goodland students Sammy Lamb, 15, (left) Kayla Vinson, 10, and Jennifer Pennington, 11, (right) sold lemonade outside the Bateman Funeral Home and flower shop Monday afternoon. In

two sweltering hours, the three made five dollars. They said the money will be used for things like sunglasses, CD's and family reunions.

Photo by Shannon Davidson/The Goodland Star-News

Northern Sun to restart in fall

By Shannon Davidson

The Goodland Star-News

Archer Daniels Midland Co. says that its Northern Sun processing plant at Caruso, west of Goodland, should resume production in early fall.

The sunflower seed processing plant closed in January, with about half of the 40 employees losing their jobs. The plant remained open for delivery of sunflower byproducts, mostly meal sold for cattle feed, through the summer.

Steve Boshoff, manager of Northern Sun plant, said he could not comment on the current position of the facility. He referred questions to Brian Peterson, senior vice presi-

dent of corporate affairs for Archer Daniels Midland in Decatur, Ill. Peterson was out of the office Tuesday and Wednesday. He staff did not return a call.

A press release from Decatur said the firm is optimistic about sunflower seed production this year, as recent rains and an increase in soil moisture have been beneficial to the crop.

Northern Sun lost 50 percent of its 40-person staff Jan. 12. The company said, with the near total failure of last year's crop, the plant would cease processing and focus on distribution.

The production half came after months of speculation. Larry

Cunningham, former senior vice president for corporate affairs, said in November that he was not sure if the plant would be closing, but the crop failure left the firm with few options. Cunningham said that the company would continue to evaluate the status of Northern Sun, and with good weather, they would resume use of the processing plant.

Archer Daniels Midland is one of the major agricultural processing firms in the world. It is one of the largest processors of soybeans, corn, wheat and cocoa, and the leader in soy meal and oil, ethanol, high fructose corn syrup, and flour, along with nutraceuticals (such as vitamin E and sterols).

Paper delivered early

This edition of *The Goodland Star-News* has been printed and delivered a day early so it will reach readers' hands before the Fourth of July weekend.

On the regular schedule, the paper would not have been in most readers' homes until Saturday.

The staff of *The Star-News* will be taking the holiday off, except for covering community events, and the office will be closed for Independence Day.

Also closed today (Friday) will be all state, county, city and federal offices, nearly all private office, banks and financial institutions, and most businesses.

Most of the restaurants and businesses along Business U.S. 24 and K-27 will be open including El Reynaldo's, Subway, Wendy's, Taco Johns, Dairy Queen, McDonald's and gas stations for Conoco, Philips 66 and Sinclair. Convenience stores, including Cowboy Loop and Kabredlo's will be open. McB's Corner will be open for gas, Pizza Hut and the Butterfly Cafe will be open, and Picnic in the Park will be open until 4 p.m.

Crazy R's, Gambino's and China Garden will be closed. All liquor stores will be closed by state law.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.66 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.53
Loan deficiency pmt. — 18¢
Corn — \$2.06 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.16
Loan deficiency pmt. — 00¢
Milo — \$1.93 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.76 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.70
Loan deficiency pmt. — 00¢
Millet — \$6 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.30 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$9.45
Nu Sun — \$9.55/\$9.75
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$.42
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Sandals made of duct tape

Jessica Geist, 11, (above) cut out the outline her foot to make duct-tape sandals as a part of the summer reading program Monday at the Goodland Public Library. Photos on Page 3.

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Thirteen preschool children visited the Good Samaritan Center on Tuesday, sharing story time, puppets and balloons with the residents.

Preschoolers from Sherman County Head Start visit the center each Tuesday and take part in activities with residents. They will join the residents for their own "fair" during fair week.

Sherry Helton, activities director for the center, said the residents really enjoy the visits.

"One thing we love is kids," she said. "Kids and music are the favorite things around here."

The Head Start kids join in the center's holiday parties, Helton said, and other school groups often do music programs for the residents. This summer, she said, there are some 10-year-old junior volunteers who help the residents get to dinner and things.

"It's been one of the best summers we've had," she said, "having everyone coming up to the center. The residents love having visitors, and would love to have more school groups and others."

And the seniors won't have to miss the county fair, since it will come to them.

"During fair week," Helton said, "we bring the fair here."

It's so hot at the fair grounds, she said, and Good Samaritan residents have trouble getting around. Next month, the residents will choose food from the fair booth menus, she said, and staff members will bring the food to them. She said this will be the third year for fair week at the center.

There will be fair booths set up at the center, she said, and three or four games, including ring toss and a duck pond. The activities room will



Daniel Cepeda and Jade Petrachich tossed balloons to Good Samaritan residents Herb Heitschmidt and Orvine Kitchen. Head Start Lead Teacher Carrie Starns looked shocked that Herman the Worm was going to eat a cantaloupe during story time, but Teryn Tompkins and Alec Gonzales didn't react.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

be decorated, and a clown will be there with balloons, and of course, the little companions from Head Start will join the fun.

Mixing the young ones with the older ones has mutual benefits.

Carrie Starns, a lead teacher at Head Start, said Julie Dautel, another lead teacher, wanted to expose the children to different things and knew the seniors like to see some little people.

The preschoolers visit the center weekly, said Starns, and they get out

for other activities. They had a picnic in the park Thursday and went to the story hour at the library on Friday.

The center and the daycare take turns planning activities for the regular visits, Starns said. Head Start planned last week's visit, she said, and had a craft activity with fish because the children were learning about the sea.

This week, she said, the center planned the activities. And Head Start special education aide Susan

Hines added her story-telling to the mix. One story about Herman the Worm included lots of gestures.

Hines has some cool stories in her bucket, Starns said.

Each visit begins with the children going around the room, she said, shaking hands and saying good morning to the residents.

At first the children were afraid, but now they do well. And the greeting teaches children to respect the older ones, she added.

The children in the program start

at age 3 or 4, Starns said, and by the summer are 4 or 5.

There are 16 enrolled this year, she said, but only 13 were there Tuesday.

There are two Head Start programs, she said, one that runs during the school year and, in the other side of the building, one that goes a full day for the full year.

The full-year program, she said, was designed for parents who work full time or go to school.

