

## weather report

72°

noon Monday



### Today

•Sunset, 7:42 p.m.

### Wednesday

•Sunrise, 6:01 a.m.

•Sunset, 7:41 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

•Soil temperature 71 degrees

•Humidity 54 percent

•Sky sunny

•Winds south 9 mph.

•Barometer 30.24 inches

and steady

•Record High today 105° (1983)

•Record Low today 51° (1978)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 76°

Low Sunday 54°

Precipitation none

This month .60

Year to date 10.35

Normal 15.19

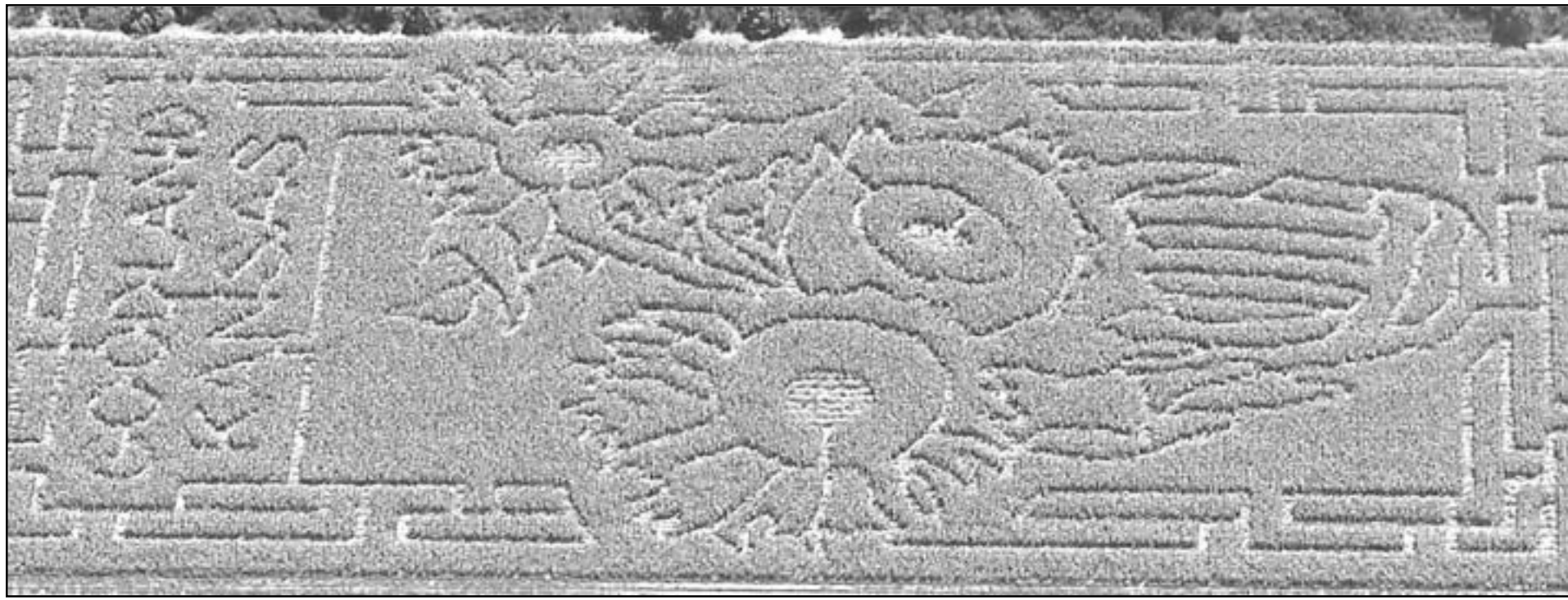
### The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high around 86, low near 61, winds south 8-15 mph. Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, high near 88, low around 60, winds south 10-29 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near 89, low around 60. Friday: Partly cloudy, high near 88, low near 60.

(National Weather Service)  
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\*Readings taken at 7 a.m.



An aerial view shows the sunflower picture in the corn maze on the east side of town owned by Bryce and Jessica Cole. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

## Van Gogh maze opens Saturday

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

How much do you know about corn?

Would you do the "Hokey Pokey" in a corn maze?

Having some knowledge of corn or even being willing to make a fool of yourself in the name of fun can be useful in mapping your way through the giant corn rendition of the very large Van Gogh sunflower painting.

The maze, owned by Bryce and Jessica Cole, will open Saturday at Eighth and Eustis, on the east side of Goodland. The maze will

be open from 1-8 p.m., with no one being allowed to enter after 6:30. It gets pretty dark by 8 p.m., Jessica Cole said, and everybody should probably be out by then.

It will take about 1 1/2 hours to go through it the first time, she said, adding that most probably wouldn't want to be in it after dark at first.

In October, though, it will be a haunted maze, she said, and people can go through it at night.

The paths through the maze have all been smoothed out, she said; signs are up, and tick-

ets have been printed. In fact, a couple of groups already are booked to tour the maze.

Someone even wanted to book a group this weekend, she said.

The Coles will sell T-shirts, hats, pins depicting the Van Gogh sunflower painting and water. They're hoping to have some concessions, including kettle corn.

There will be three types of "passports" to help you through the maze, Jessica Cole said: passports for little kids, interactive passports and "corny" passports.

The little kids' and corny passports will

have multiple choice questions. The kids' questions will include things like, "Blue and red make what color?" Cole said, and the corny questions will ask things like, "How many acres are in a pivot?"

Each choice will tell the person to go in a different direction, with the correct answer sending them in the right direction.

The interactive passports will include things like doing the "Hokey Pokey" and after a few turns, telling the person to go in the

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## Family Mexican food booth fair tradition

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

The smells—a mixture of spices handed down through the years, a sprinkling of faith and a lot of love—waft through the 4-H building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds every year.

Whether you call her Grandma, Angelina or Mrs. Garcia, 90-year-old Angelina Garcia has been delighting pallets with her traditional Mexican food at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair for 34 years.

Garcia said she learned to cook from her mother, Lupe. When she was young, she said, her mother told her she had to learn to cook.

While Lupe taught her the skills, Garcia adds, her ability came from above.

"God is in my hands," she said.

Garcia's daughter, Velma Schultz, Guymon, Okla., said her mom taught her to cook at an early age, too. While she has some skills, Schultz said, neither she nor any of her seven brothers and sisters was ever as good as their mother.

"None of us has the technique and the blessed hands," she said. "Mom can make the best dish out of anything."

Schultz added that her 15-year-old daughter, Keisha, Garcia's granddaughter, likes to cook and may eventually carry on the family tradition.

Today, Garcia uses Lupe's old family recipes for the food she sells at the fair.

While she hopes to keep cooking as long as she can, Garcia said she worries about her legacy.

"Maybe someday I won't be

here," she said, adding she has urged her children to carry on the business.

The Garcias, Angelina and her husband Andrew, moved to Goodland in 1968 from Tulia, Texas.

The family opened a restaurant here in 1972 and ran it a year. Because Andrew was a migrant worker, though, she said, they couldn't keep the restaurant open year around.

"We didn't have lots of help," she said. "I needed somebody to help me."

The restaurant was on Main Avenue, where Mr. Jim's His and Hers Shop is now.

"In her heart, she's always had desires to have a business," said Schultz, adding that her mother still would love to run a shop again today.

She said her mother thanks God for always giving her strength to come back for another year at the fair.

"The lord has blessed her with all of her desires," she said.

Over the years, Garcia said, she has seen ups and downs in the business. The downtown restaurant only lasted a year, but hard times never got her down.

"Life is life," she said. "Problems (are) problems."

At the fair, the stand has regular customers who visit each day. Keisha said she has memorized orders of some who eat at the booth noon and night.

"By the time the fair comes around," Schultz added, "people crave the food."

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Angelina Garcia stirred a pot full of her enchilada sauce in her booth at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. She started early and cooked food fresh throughout the day.

Photo by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News

## Garcia starts early, cooks all day

Behind the screened window, fairgoers can make out the figure of a tiny woman with long, dark hair pulled back as she leans over the stove and stirs a pot in a kitchen.

Angelina Garcia, 89, starts her days early, tending to large pots of beans, rice and enchilada sauce in her booth at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair every year.

"She's very energetic," said her daughter, Velma Schultz.

Schultz said in the early years, Garcia would wake at 5 a.m. to start making tortillas. The food at the week-long fair booth is cooked fresh daily. Flour tacos, enchiladas, burritos, frito pie, beans and rice are all on

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## County OK's bailer building job

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The Sherman County commissioners approved a contract last Tuesday for a building addition at the transfer station to house a new trash bailing system expected to arrive in the spring.

Rhoads Construction will coordinate and oversee the addition under the agreement. Rhoads will be paid 10 percent of the cost of the project for their work. Another contractor protested the deal, since the project was never put up for public bidding.

Curt Way, public works director, said there are parts of the project the county road and bridge crew can handle, and he felt the management agreement was a better way to handle the project and get the build-

ing ready before the bailer arrives.

Before the commissioners agreed to have Rhoads proceed with the project, Mike Miller of Miller Construction said he did not understand why the building was not being put out for bids.

"My understanding is that anything over \$10,000 has to be bid," Miller said.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said the commissioners thought that the management agreement was the best way to handle this project, and that it did not need to be put out for bid.

"We didn't realize a management agreement could be put out for bid," Tiede said.

Miller said if the agreement is for over \$10,000, it has to be put out for

bid under state law.

"Will Rhoads contract be over \$10,000?" Miller asked.

"The project would have to be over \$100,000 for it to be over \$10,000," said Darwin McClung of Rhoads. "We expect this to be under \$100,000."

Tiede said the commissioners had received a letter from Miller about the agreement.

"I didn't know you did management agreements," Tiede said. "Now I know that you can."

Way said part of the reason for going to Rhoads is that they built the existing building and they wanted the addition to match as closely as possible.

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## County Road 65 closed to replace old bridge

Work began Monday to replace the South Beaver Creek bridge on County Road 65, or Eighth Street, west of County Road 16, the Sugar Hill Golf Course road, and traffic is being blocked on both sides.

Eric Oelschalger of the state Department of Transportation office in Atwood said the work should take about three months. Road 65 will be closed from Road 16 on the east and Road 14 on the west while the old bridge is taken out and the new one built.

Curt Way, county public works director, said the county

share of the bridge project is \$38,940 with the total project costing \$176,457. He said the bridge is being built by Reece Construction of Scandia.

Way said he expects the work to be completed in October. The asphalt will cost more than expected, because of soaring oil prices, and that may mean an increase cost to the county. He said the county is responsible for any cost over the approved state contract.

South of town, Oelschalger

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## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$3 bushel

Posted county price — \$3

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$1.76 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.83

Loan deficiency pmt. — 11¢

Milo — \$1.42 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.28 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.86

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.70 cwt.

NuSun — \$10.70 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0

Confection — Ask

Pinto beans — \$25

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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## Fall sports start practice

The Cowboys and Cowgirls began fall sports practice Monday morning. Two Cowboys (above) practiced taking handoffs under the eye of Coach Jon McLean. Photos, stories on Page 12.