

weather
report

52°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:48 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:03 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 29 degrees

• Humidity 33 percent

• Sky clear

• Winds north 22 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.01 inches

and rising

• Record High 82° (1972)

• Record Low -20° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

High 66°

Low 20°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low mid 20s, winds west 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny and warmer, high upper 60s, low mid 20s, wind southwest 5-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: partly sunny turning cloudy in the evening with areas of fog and freezing drizzle, high upper 50s, low upper 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.55 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.48

Corn — \$1.88 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.87

Loan deficiency payment — 12¢

Milo — \$1.61 bushel

Soybeans — \$3.99 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.97

Loan deficiency payment — 95¢

Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.35 cwt.

NuSun — \$9.55

Loan deficiency pmt. — 30¢

Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$26

(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.

Fighters mass
for final push

GARDEZ, Afghanistan — U.S.-allied Afghan fighters massed near the mountains of eastern Afghanistan today, rumbling up the desolate peaks in tanks and trucks before a sweeping push to clear out al-Qaida fighters hiding out in the region's warren of caves.

The U.S. resumed steady bombing runs after nightfall.

In Washington, Secretary of State Colin Powell described the fighting as a "mopping up" operation after more than a week of heavy bombing and ground combat. Afghan commander Mohammed Ismail Khan estimated three-fourths of the enemy force had been destroyed.

Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld, speaking today in front of the Pentagon, said Operation Anaconda here in Paktia province would continue "until it's completed."

Tornado
drills are
Tuesday

Sirens to sound

9:30 a.m., 5:30 p.m.

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Two drills are planned Tuesday to help people get ready for tornado season.

The annual statewide drill will be staged at 9:30 a.m. and again at 5:30 p.m. Warning sirens will be sounded and the emergency alert system will be activated by the National Weather Service here for 13 counties in the area.

What makes this year's drill different than previous years is radio and television stations will treat it like a real tornado, said Scott Mentzer, a meteorologist at the weather service office here.

Before, stations didn't take the drill seriously, he said, and they didn't want to interrupt regular broadcasting.

"This year," he said, "the broadcast media see a need for the service."

The Sherman County emergency management office will participate in the drill and residents and businesses are encouraged to take part.

Families are encouraged to practice their tornado response together because most tornadoes occur in the evening, when families are most likely together, said Joy Moser, public relations director at the state adjutant general's department.

After the warnings go out, said Mentzer, the weather service will go into their evacuation procedures. Their building is designed to stand up to tornadoes, he said, so they don't have to do much, just move some staff into a different room.

Goodland High School will have a tornado drill, said Dick Leiss, activities director. They will sound their alarms when the drill starts, and teachers will guide students into the basement and underground areas of the school.

All city employees will practice the drill, said City Manager Ron Pickman.

"We want to make sure everybody is prepared," he said.

The special week was put together by the weather service, Kansas Emergency Management, and the American Red Cross. It is designed to make people aware of the dangers of severe weather and to provide safety measure which can reduce loss of life and property.

The week comes just before Kansas' peak tornado months of April through June.

If actual threatening weather occurs Tuesday, though that's not expected, the tests will be rescheduled for the same times Thursday.

County to see
carpet demo

It will be a late start at the courthouse at 10 a.m. Tuesday when Commissioners Kevin Rasure and Mitch Tiede meet to see a carpet cleaning demonstration.

Commission Chairman Chuck Frankenfeld and County Clerk Janet Rumpel will be attending a conference in Stockton on the new micro-loan program. The county has received a grant for \$100,000 for loans to assist new businesses.

The special conference is to set up the program and explain the application process.

The county expects this program to dovetail with the multi-county program economic development program by providing startup money for small businesses up to \$15,000 each. Rumpel said several people have been asking about the applications for the micro-loans.

There will not be an official commissioner meeting next Tuesday, March 19, as the commissioners and clerk will be attending a Western Kansas Enterprise Facilitation seminar on the multi-county development program at the Barrel Springs Hunt Club in Horace.

The next regular commission meeting will be at 8 a.m. Friday, March 29 in the commissioners' room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse at 813 Broadway Ave.



Photo by Jon Sheldon/Kanorado Fire Department

Silence marks
9-11 attacks

NEW YORK (AP)— Silence fell at ground zero this morning, six months after hijacked jetliners obliterated two of the world's tallest buildings. The thousands who died that day "would want us to lift up our heads very, very high," said the city's former mayor.

Twice — at 8:46 a.m. and 9:03 a.m. — mourners near the ruins of the World Trade Center observed moments of silence, marking the precise times when the planes crashed into the towers.

"The time between the first and second plane is just a brief moment in our lives," Mayor Michael Bloomberg told a crowd of several hundred who gathered at Battery Park, just blocks from ground zero. "We have to go on and we will go on ... We cannot let our guard down ever again. We must remember."

Bloomberg asked them to "look into your hearts to remember those who are no longer with us and also to think about

how we can go forward, never forget those who we lost, but also to build the kind of future they will want for all of us."

His predecessor, Rudolph Giuliani, urged them to remember the victims "for our inspiration and our sense of purpose. They would want us to lift up our heads very, very high" and move forward.

"Life means all that it ever meant," said Peter Raimondi, 12, reading a poem with his brother, Philip, 16. The boys lost their father, Peter.

At the same time, President Bush held a solemn ceremony on the White House South Lawn, joined by more than 100 ambassadors, as well as relatives of some victims and members of Congress.

"There can be no peace in the world where differences and grievances become an excuse to target the innocent for murder," Bush said. "Against such an enemy, there is no immunity, and there can be no neutrality."

The president said Sept. 11 was a day when the world "was stirred to anger and to action" over terrorism. "And the terrorists will remember Sept. 11 as the day their reckoning began," he said.

At Battery Park, Giuliani said he wondered during the first moments of the attack whether the city could endure and get through the tragedy.

"Shortly after, during the first day, I realized that your loved ones gave us the example on which we would build," Giuliani said.

Gov. George Pataki said "we saw the face of evil" on Sept. 11.

"And yet Sept. 11 will also stand for our response, which was to respond to evil with good, to respond to terror with love," he added.

At police precincts citywide, the names of the 23 officers killed were

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Walk Kansas
will tone up
Goodland

By Doug Stephens

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Teams from Goodland will be walking across Kansas this spring.

Well, not exactly. Their daily exercise will be measured and compared to the distance across the state, 423 miles in an eight-week program called Walk Kansas.

The Sherman County Extension office and the Goodland Activities Center have teamed up to bring Walk Kansas to town. Goodland Regional Medical Center is getting involved, too.

The eight-week exercise program involves teams of six people age 5 and up. About half of the counties in the state, 52, are participating, said Donna Terry, administrator at the center. It even has been adopted from a similar program by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service.

The deadline to sign up for the program is today at the center or the extension office at the county courthouse, but late registrations will be taken Wednesday at the center. The cost is \$5 per person or \$10 per family.

The goal is to get people to exercise for eight weeks, said Terry, since it takes about that long to notice an improvement in your body.

This is the first year the program has been offered, said LaDonna Frerichs, agent assistant at the extension office, but they plan to continue it.

Walk Kansas is not really a competition, said Frerichs. The idea is to get people to exercise and see if they notice results, she said. People should find they are more relaxed, sleep better, lose weight and tone their muscles.

"The idea is that people will develop a habit for fitness," Terry said.

Teams can walk, jog, ride a stationary bike, use a treadmill, or take part in activities such as basketball or aerobics to rack up miles. 15 minutes of stationary exercise equals a mile, Terry said.

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Xpressos
ready for
Branson

The X-Pressos (above) performed their competition show Sunday at the Goodland High School auditorium. Ian Scherling (right) serenaded his mom, Micki, during the warm-up. The show choir raised \$1,132 for meals on their trip to Branson, Mo., putting their total above \$12,000.

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