

weather  
report

98°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 8:16 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Extreme fire danger

- Soil Temperature 76 degrees
- Humidity 17 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds northwest 15-24 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.75 inches and falling

- Record High 109° (1936)
- Record Low 42° (1945)

Last 24 Hours\*

High	102° tied high
Low	61°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low mid 60s, winds south 5-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny with less than 20 percent chance of rain, high mid 90s, low upper 50s, winds south 10-15.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly sunny with 30 percent chance of rain, high upper 80s, low near 60. Friday: partly cloudy with chance of showers.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.77 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.74  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.86 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.87  
Loan deficiency payment — 12¢  
Milo — \$1.56 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.27 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.43  
Loan deficiency payment — 23¢  
Millett — \$4.25 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$10.35 cwt.  
NuSun — \$10.50 cwt.  
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$0.00  
Confection current — inquire  
Pinto beans — \$27

(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

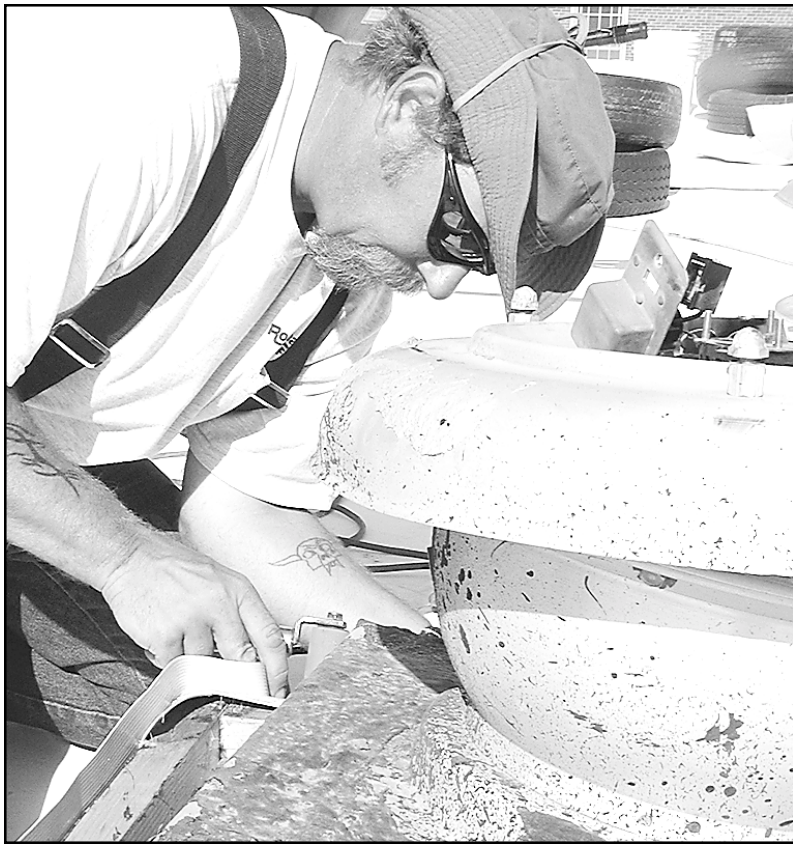
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Bus bomber  
kills students

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian detonated nail-studded explosives on a Jerusalem bus crowded with high school students and office workers today, killing himself and 19 passengers in the city's deadliest suicide attack in six years. Fifty-five people were wounded.

The extremist Islamic group Hamas claimed responsibility for the attack — the 69th Palestinian suicide bombing in 21 months. The bomber, a 22-year-old university student, wrote in a farewell note he had tried twice before to carry out an attack.

It was not clear whether the bombing would delay plans by President Bush to issue a major Mideast policy statement, which had been expected by Wednesday. Bush condemned the attack "in the strongest possible terms," said White House spokesman Scott McClellan.



Workers  
install new  
bank roof

Jorge Casteneda (above), a Goodland man who works for Roofmasters Roofing in Colby, prepared to attach a 4- by 8-foot insulation board to First National Bank's roof this morning. Roofmasters workers have spent the past three weeks installing the new roof at First National on 11th and Broadway and are almost finished. Tom Jost (left), welded a sheet of white rubber material to an attic fan on the roof. The insulation board is covered with 10-foot wide strips of the rubber material, which are welded together to make the water-resistant roof.

Photos by Rachel Miscall  
The Goodland Daily News

Business opens new store here

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Witzel and Rhea Implement Company in Sharon Springs has expanded into Goodland, with the Case IH dealership celebrating the grand opening of its branch at the old W-R Equipment site, 124 W. Hwy. 24, last week.

Ken Kuhlman, a Sharon Springs man who owns and manages Witzel and Rhea, said the Goodland store opened in April and has parts, service and sales for all Case IH equipment. He said the store also offers parts and service for all farm equipment.

Kuhlman said he decided to expand the business around the first of the year after he heard W-R Equipment, the Case IH dealer in Goodland, was closing down and the store was up for sale.

"It just looked like a great opportunity to better serve customers in the area," he said.

Kuhlman said he thinks Witzel and Rhea has what it takes to operate a successful store.

"We're excited to come to Goodland," he said. "We have the experience, ambition and knowledge and we think we can serve people the way they want to be served."

Having two locations will make it easier for Witzel and Rhea to get parts to customers, Kuhlman said, because there will be a wider selection.

"If something is not at one store," he said, "it could possibly be in the other location."

The Goodland store employs seven people and is open from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays and on Satur-



Gene Overmiller repaired a combine at the new Witzel and Rhea location in Goodland this morning. He worked for W-R Equipment for 31 years and is now service manager for the Sharon Springs firm, which opened at the old W-R site.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

day from 7:30 a.m. to noon. The Sharon Springs office has 11 employees.

Kuhlman said during harvest, which could start by the end of this week, the store will stay open as late as necessary.

Business has been steady despite a slumping farm economy, Kuhlman said, adding that he isn't expecting the store to be as busy around harvest this year. Hot, dry weather has ruined some wheat and prices are still down.

"Naturally that tails off into my business," he said. "I hope things will pickup."

Kuhlman said Witzel and Rhea has been in Sharon Springs since the mid-

1960s. He said he took over in Jan. 1998.

Many Witzel and Rhea employees have been with the firm for over a decade, Kuhlman said, noting that one man has been with the company for 29 years.

Goodland employees will have the same dedication. Kuhlman said Gene Overmiller, service manager at the Goodland branch, worked for W-R Equipment for 31 years.

Kuhlman said he will not have a problem managing both stores. "I will make a point to be in Goodland two or more days a week," he said.

Primary fate up to federal judges

By Joshua Akers

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — With the boundaries of the state's four U.S. House districts still in doubt, Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh isn't sure holding a primary in eight weeks is realistic.

A congressional redistricting plan

passed by the Legislature and reluctantly signed into law by Gov. Bill Graves is the center of a lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court by Attorney General Carla Stovall. She is trying to postpone the Aug. 6 primary.

Stovall sued Thornburgh, the state's chief elections officer. Democrats and

the state's four American Indian tribes also want to intervene, meeting a Monday deadline for seeking permission to do so.

On Friday, a three-judge panel pushed back the filing deadline for con-

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Officials may  
give up trash

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The city is looking into contracting its trash services to a Colorado Springs company, a move which could save Goodland residents money.

The Goodland City Commission heard an offer from U.S. Waste Industries to buy the city's garbage trucks, dumpsters and roll-out containers for almost \$400,000 at a meeting Monday night.

The proposal was for \$396,420, to be paid out over 10 years at 8 percent interest. The proposal was made up before the city bought its latest 350 roll-out dumpsters, City Manager Ron Pickman said, and would be adjusted to include them.

Under the company's plan, the cost of the residential service could drop from \$25.75 to \$23.50 for over 2,000 customers, and overall commercial costs could go down 10 percent, although some commercial customers might see an increase, said Victor DiVello, president of the company. There are 200 to 300 commercial customers in the city, Pickman said.

"Sometimes private companies can do things cheaper than public entities

City  
roundup

At a meeting Monday, the Goodland City Commission:

- Heard a proposal to contract the city's trash service. Story at left.
- Discussed an incentive program for economic development. Story to come.
- Heard an update on a proposed water well. Story to come.
- Heard from an economic development group. Story to come.
- Talked about two letters about the street-parking ordinance. Story below.
- Discussed roof repairs on the old IGA building. Story to come.
- Talked about not charging a trash fee for buildings which generate no trash. Story to come.

can," said Commissioner Chuck Lutters.

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City gets letters  
on parking law

Goodland City Commission members on Monday read letters from the Family Motor Coach Association and a relative of a Goodland resident that said a city parking ordinance is too restrictive.

Members discussed changing the law at the meeting, but didn't make any decisions.

The commission passed a law in November which banned recreational vehicles, trailers and semi-trucks from parking in the street for more than two hours.

Max Durbin, chairman of the association, wrote "... it would appear your community no longer wishes to be attractive to the owners or operators of any recreational vehicle ... your community is in need of a resurgence of business, but that may be hard to do when you pass unfriendly ordinances.

"... I suspect that your city council didn't reflect on all the ramifications of the long-term results of this new ordinance."

Marie Anderson, a sister-in-law of Goodland resident Ron Barkley who lives in Springfield, Ore., wrote the other letter. She said the law will hurt the town.

"Where are we supposed to park?" she wrote.

Durbin wrote that the association will hold a convention in Hutchinson in October, and that city estimates \$30 million will come into its town and area.

Commissioner Curtis Hurd, a supporter of the ordinance, said when he got his copy of the letters, he called

Hutchinson and asked about any parking laws it had. Hutchinson's laws are similar to Goodland's, Hurd said. Motorhomes can only park on the street for two hours at a time.

Hurd also called Salina and Hays, he said, and those cities allow parking for 48 hours.

"I wonder if this gentleman has checked the Hutchinson ordinances," Hurd said. "They're trying to boycott us, maybe they ought to check into other places."

Commissioner Rick Billinger said he thought maybe two hours was too short a time, and said maybe Goodland ought to adopt a law like Salina's.

Blume disagreed.

"Anytime you put something down in an ordinance, it is going to be inconvenient to somebody," Blume said. "We have two facilities which can accommodate large motor homes, and they can't take them down Main Street to shop anyway."

"I just think it is too prohibitive," Billinger said. "We started this out talking about semi-trucks, (then) all of a sudden it was motor homes.

"You called three cities. Maybe you should call three more, they might not discriminate at all."

Hurd said there was no reason to park in the street. He has owned many motor homes, he said, and he was afraid that if he parked in the street a car would hit them, or a kid would run behind it when he was backing out.

"I think the ordinance is just fine like it is," Hurd said.

Trooper to start job  
after training in field

A new trooper will soon be patrolling highways in Sherman County.

Col. Don Brownlee, superintendent of the Kansas Highway Patrol, assigned Trooper Joseph D. Greene to Sherman County after he recently finished a 20-week basic law enforcement course at the patrol's training academy in Salina.

Greene was a Salina police officer before joining the patrol. He graduated from Longmont High School in Colorado and attended Bethany College in Lindsborg, where he studied administration of justice.

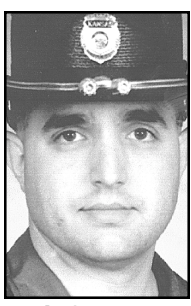
The new trooper will start his patrol duties after he finishes field training in

Sherman County under master trooper Richard Hageman.

Lt. Kevin Winston, supervisor in Sherman County, said Greene has already started his field training, which will take a minimum of 50 working days. Once Greene is finished, he said, there will be five troopers stationed in Sherman County, including himself as supervisor.

Winston said there are supposed to be between four and six troopers in Sherman County, but he remembers

times when there has been only two. "I'm pleased that we're now getting back to where we have some manpower," he said.



J. Greene