

weather report

94°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 8:18 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:18 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 81 degrees
- Humidity 25 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south 15 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.02 inches and steady
- Record High 106° (1970)
- Record Low 43° (1985)

Last 24 Hours*

High	96°
Low	59°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low mid 60s, winds south 15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny, high near 102, low upper 60s, winds south 15-25 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly sunny, high near 102, low upper 60s. Monday: mostly clear, high near 100. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high near 100, low upper 60s. Wednesday: mostly clear, high mid 90s, low mid 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$2.99 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.91
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.13 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.05
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$1.79 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.64 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.68
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$4.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$10.65 cwt.
- NuSun — \$10.80 cwt.
- Loan deficiency prmt. — 0¢
- 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



1 p.m.

Fire skips line, races to houses

SHOWLOW, Ariz. — The huge fire that has swept across eastern Arizona broke through a containment line today and raced toward some 600 homes in a mountain subdivision, fire officials said.

Scores of firefighters were sent from Show Low, where the fire has been quiet for several days, to battle the new threat near Forest Lakes, about 40 miles farther west.

About 500 firefighters were working just a few hundred feet from homes in the abandoned subdivision, fire spokesman David Killebrew said.

The fire was about two miles away but with the wind kicking up, humidity dropping and narrow canyons to funnel it uphill, the flames were moving fast.

Firefighters had to fall back during the night as the blaze swept through the large O.W. Ranch southeast of Forest Lakes.

Countywide burn ban passed today

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Because of extreme drought conditions, the Sherman County commissioners imposed a countywide burn ban at their meeting today. That means no burning of pretty much anything anywhere in the county until at least July 5.

The commissioners unanimously approved the request of Rural Fire Chief Ken Griffith to impose the ban because of the extreme drought conditions.

Griffith told the commissioners he wished he had been at their last meeting because it was too late to include fireworks in the ban, as the stands began selling on Thursday.

“While I am asking for a total burn ban I realize I am late to ask for a ban on fireworks,” he said. “I think it would be unfair to the sellers at this time to impose such a ban, but I would ask anyone purchasing and planning to use fireworks to be extremely cautious.”

“I can say that the people of Sherman County have been very responsible

about fires out in the county, and believe it is even more important this year when things are so dry.”

The commissioners asked if the burn ban would include people who burn trash in barrels, and Griffith said that it is for all burning, including trash.

“I have had two calls where people were burning trash in a barrel and it has gotten away and caught the surrounding grass on fire,” he said. “People need to know that if they burn under this ban and the fire department is called to their home they will be billed for the fire department costs.”

The burn ban has to be reviewed every seven days, and the commissioners must approve the continuation each time. Griffith said that if the commissioners decide not to renew the ban in the future it would return to the existing system.

“This ban means that burn permits people have are null and void until the total ban is lifted,” he said.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked

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Sherman County volunteer firemen helped put out a wheat field fire this morning about 12 miles north of Goodland. A combine caught fire during harvest and a large part of the dry field burned. The fire started about two hours after the county commissioners imposed a countywide burn ban.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Tax hikes to start Monday

Business reactions in Goodland mixed

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

How will increases Monday in sales, fuel and cigarette taxes affect businesses and customers in Goodland? It depends on who you’re talking to.

Ron Harding, executive director of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, said no one likes a sales tax increase, but shoppers will continue buying in Goodland and businesses here can still compete with those in Colorado, 30 miles to the west.

Some business people here agree. The Dollar General manager and an assistant manager at Wal-Mart say customers won’t want to pay more, but they will.

“It’s just the way it’s going to be,” said Dean Terry, Dollar General manager. “I don’t think anyone is going to walk out because of the sales tax.”

Edith Blume, manager of the Presto gas station, has a different take. She said the sales, fuel and cigarette tax increases will hurt the station, as out-of-town customers have said they’ll drive on to Colorado or Nebraska to fuel up and buy snacks or cigarettes.

She said she has posted signs warning people about the tax increases, and has heard a bunch of comments from people passing through, none of them good.

“They say ‘I’m glad we don’t live in Kansas,’” she said, adding that some smokers are stocking up on cigarettes

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Stamp cost to increase on Sunday

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The cost of mailing a letter will increase by 3 cents to 37 cents Sunday, a move that will put a squeeze on the budgets of Goodland businesses and government offices.

The price of stamps will rise from 34 cents Sunday, but people here have been able to buy the new stamps for almost a month.

The new 37 cent stamps became available in post offices on June 7, and Kelley Rodgers, a clerk at the Goodland office, says they have been selling better than the old 34 cent stamps. People

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Brettany Tinsely, Studer Harvesting, cut wheat Thursday night for Nancy Rudy near Ruleton. Studer Harvesting is one of at least three home-

town crews presently cutting in Sherman County. Tinsely is one of few women harvesters.

Photos by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

Woman makes harvest her life

By Eric Yonkey

The Goodland Daily News

Women have always played an integral role in wheat harvest, but even in these modern times you don’t see many operating a combine. Especially one who makes it her profession.

Brettany Tinsley, originally from El Dorado, Okla., is a member of a Goodland custom cutting crew, and at harvest time she travels the U.S. driving combines through wheat fields.

She’s been around harvest crews all her life. Her hometown is home to at least five professional harvest crews.

Tinsley says she loves working the harvest and has fallen in love with a Goodland harvester. She is engaged to Ryan Studer, and an April wedding is planned.

The blonde 22-year-old said she’s pretty much always wanted to be a

Paper salutes working women

The Goodland Daily News is saluting working women with a special section in today’s edition.

The “Working Women” section includes articles and pictures of women in Goodland who do a variety of different jobs, but make equally significant contributions.

They share the ups and downs of being a working woman and give some insight into what it’s like to try to juggle family and career.

The section also includes tips on how to handle stress at work and how stay healthy.

We hope you enjoy it!

harvester. While other girls were dreaming of the usual professions, she said she and a high school classmate had dreams of joining an all-girl crew during their junior year.

“I grew up around harvest crews,” she said, while sitting in the operator’s chair of a combine, carefully monitoring the position and efficiency of the

wheat header. “It was kind of my dream. I never thought I’d pursue it, and look where I am today.”

She was guiding the combine through a wheat field near Ruleton.

Before the opportunity came, Tinsley worked as a waitress.

She said she met Studer a few years ago while working as a waitress in

Convoy hauling 9-11 remnants may stop here

A convoy hauling 30 tons of debris collected at the site of the Sept. 11 World Trade Center collapse and a Queens, N.Y., fire truck damaged in the terrorist attacks may stop briefly in Goodland Sunday afternoon on a trip to California.

Volunteers in Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., are raising \$17 million to build a 9-11 memorial sculpture called Freedom’s Flame. It will be made out of steel beams from the site where two hijacked airliners slammed into the

World Trade Center twin towers, collapsing both.

An article in the *Salina Journal* says the memorial, designed by William Lecky, who also designed the Vietnam and Korean War memorials, will be a gift from the citizens of California to the citizens of New York. The fire truck, which was three to four blocks from ground zero at the time of the attacks, will be displayed at a firefighter’s museum to be built in Rancho Cucamonga.

But first the memorial materials and

the fire truck have to get to California.

Jo Simmons, Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office manager, said the convoy is traveling along I-70. She said it will stop in Salina on Sunday afternoon and then head towards Denver.

Simmons said the Chamber is attempting to get the convoy to make a quick stop in Goodland.

The Journal says the convoy is only making scheduled stops in state capitals, with the exception of Salina be-

cause a woman traveling with the convoy, Micky Shelton, is a Salina business owner.

The convoy has gotten a strong response in most cities it has traveled through, Simmons said, noting that the Chamber would like to organize some sort of welcoming ceremony.

“People are standing on overpasses waving flags. They’re leaving flowers on the trailers and the trucks. We have to get boxes to get them off,” Shelton said.

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