

weather report

77°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:00 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:47 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:59 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 85 degrees

• Humidity 27 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds north 20-30 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.20 inches and rising

• Record High 107° (1938)

• Record Low 45° (1995)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 105° Record

Low 63°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, low near 58, winds northeast 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of shower and thunderstorms, high near 92, low near 66, winds east 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: mostly sunny and breezy, high near 95, low near 62. Sunday: mostly clear, high mid 90s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.49 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.33

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$2.35 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.24

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Milo — \$2.02 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.00 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.10

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Millet — \$7.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil/NuSun — \$12.05 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection current — inquire

Pinto beans — \$25

(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.

Bombing kills five Americans

JERUSALEM — U.S. Ambassador Daniel Kurtzer, once a student at Jerusalem's Hebrew University, denounced Palestinian terror attacks and laid a wreath at the school today after a bomb detonated by a cell phone killed seven people — five of them Americans.

"We have grieved with all the people of Israel as they have faced Palestinian terrorism," said Kurtzer, speaking in front of the Frank Sinatra International Students Center, where the blast tore apart a cafeteria a day earlier. "Now that five American citizens have been killed, our grief is even deeper."

The militant group Hamas claimed responsibility for the cafeteria blast at the Mount Scopus campus, a popular gathering spot for Jewish, Arab and foreign students. Hamas called it revenge for an Israeli attack last week.



Tammy Weeter, a Goodland High School senior, tried to avoid kisses from her Pomeranian dog, which she shows at the fair.

Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

4-Her shares sheep tips

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

After 10 years in 4-H, a Goodland High School senior has decided to stop showing sheep, and instead is teaching younger kids everything she knows about the animals.

At 17, Tammy Weeter is the leader of the sheep project this year and is helping kids exhibit their animals next week at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair.

She took over the job from her mother, Dee Weeter, who had led the project since Weeter was 7, Tammy's first year in the program.

As a program leader, Weeter advises about 25 kids raising sheep for the fair on such topics as showmanship, feeding, what judges look for, how to keep the animals healthy and what a quality lamb looks like.

She explains that a young lamb should be shaped like a soda bottle — with a small head, and a body which gets thicker with muscle as it reaches the end.

The younger kids might not know it, she said, but at the fair they will be on display as much as their animals are. She teaches them to keep their eyes on the judges at all times, which shows that the kids have control of their sheep.

"Some of these kids have no clue what to expect when the start the pro-



Tammy Weeter, a 4-H member and leader of the countywide sheep project, led her year-old steer "Eurkle" on a walk. She will show the shorthorn steer at the fair, but can't show sheep herself.

gram," Weeter said. "It's my job to help them through it all, and answer any questions they might have."

Dana Belshe, Sherman County agriculture extension agent, said it's not rare for people in 4-H to step up and become a leader while they are still in high school. There are about four seniors who are doing it this year, he said.

To become a project leader, Belshe said, a person has to have a great understanding of the animal and the ability to pass on that knowledge to younger kids. They have to go through a screening process to prove their qualification for the job, he said.

It's a job which will get more hectic.

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Annual parade kicks off fair events

Time is running out to sign up for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair parade, which will travel up Main Avenue at 6 p.m. Saturday.

The deadline to sign up a float or other entry is 5 p.m. Friday at the county extension office at 813 Broadway, room 301, or people can fax in their entries at 899-4848. Forms are available at the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, the extension office or any Goodland bank.

The theme this year is "Proud to be American," and Steve and Marsha Evert are the honorary grand marshals.

People can join up in three categories. Besides entering floats, you can participate as an individual on a go-cart or bicycle, or ride a tractor or a "non-traditional" entry in the non-float division.

Check-in starts at 5 p.m. at 17th and Main.

The parade, organized by the 4-H Ambassadors, will start at 17th and

work its way up to 8th Street. The top three entries in each category will be recognized in a ceremony at the Sherman County Fairgrounds afterward.

Jan Lohr, ambassador advisor, said ice cream will be served to participants and sponsors by the Sherman County Farm Bureau.

"It's kind of a reward for being part of the parade," she said.

Usually there are about 70 entries, Lohr said, but she is hoping to draw in more this year.

"Hopefully with this year's patriotic theme," the advisor said, "more people will be interested in participating. We always have a good parade, and this year looks like it might be something special."

For information, contact Lohr, the extension office, or any ambassador: Brian Coon, Rebecca Gattshall, Michael Hall, Ana McClung, Alyssa Mason, Darin Richardson or Jordan Riebel.

Fair section in paper

Animals are being groomed, vegetables picked and washed, cookies baked and costumes sewn, as Sherman County people make ready for the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair next week.

In today's paper, you'll find a special fair section with a schedule of events and stories about 4-H families who will participate this year and the people who make it all happen.

Friday's edition will include a feature on the grand marshals of the fair parade and a schedule of events for Saturday, Monday and Tuesday.

Road project comes to end

No more work planned in city

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Today is the day!

After four months — and three years before that — of road construction, the Kansas Department of Transportation plans to wrap up its highway work in Goodland today and open U.S. Business 24.

Donna Binning, construction engineer for the Department of Transportation from Atwood, said crews will be cleaning up last-minute debris all day and should be able to open up the highway in the late afternoon or early evening.

"Drivers in Goodland won't have to put up with it any more," Binning said with a laugh.

Crews from Ritchie Paving started work on the U.S. 24/K-27 intersection at the end of March. They tore up and replaced the west side of the intersection, blocking off old U.S. 24 for about a block to the west and reduced traffic on K-27 to one lane.

In late June, crews finished up the new concrete on the west side, and moved to the east, blocking U.S. Business 24 up to the old Gibson's driveway, and put in traffic lights at the intersection, replacing the four-way stop signs.

It is the end to a slew of construction in Goodland over the last four years. As part of the project this year, crews put in an addition to Wyoming between Sharon's Taco Place and the Buffalo

Inn, and paved 19th Street up to the new road.

Cattletrail was replaced south of 17th Street up to K-27, and an overlay was applied to K-27 from the intersection to Cheyenne County.

The deadline to finish the project was today, Binning said, or Ritchie would have faced fines up to \$1,000 per day.

"There will still be some little things they'll need to clean up," she said, "but when they open the road today, they'll have fulfilled their contract."

Cattletrail still has to be replaced between 16th and 17th streets, the engineer said, but that work was added on after the original agreement, and the contractor won't be penalized for not having it done.

The block, including intersections at each end, is scheduled to be closed Thursday, Aug. 8, Binning said, and it should take 20 to 30 days to finish.

After Cattletrail is repaved, there are no other projects for Goodland on the drawing board, Binning said. Next year, work on I-70 bridges west of here will continue, she said, and traffic will be reduced to one lane again. In 2005 and 2006, K-27 south to the county line will be completely rebuilt. But nothing else is planned in the city.

"Goodland people now have some nice, smooth roads to drive on," Binning said. "You've had to put up with construction for quite a few years, but I think the results are worth it."



Joey Snethen, a city parks employee, adjusted a cement eagle on top of the fountain at Chamber's Park. The Mann family is restoring the fountain in memory of Craig Mann. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Fountain fixed by cancer victim's kin

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

A city crew helped the Mann family top off the fountain in Chamber's Park with a cement eagle Wednesday morning.

The family has been restoring the fountain as a memorial for Craig Mann, who died of cancer in September 2000. The fountain has been scraped and painted, and its cracks have been filled and the fixtures replaced in the past few months.

The family still has a few finishing touches to put on it, but they turned out at 8:30 a.m. Wednesday to watch the city park crew place the eagle on the top.

The crew attached the eagle to a crane and guided it to the top, about eight feet off the ground.

"Craig loved this park," said Sharon

Mann, his mother. "He asked that his funeral be held here. We thought it would be fitting to fix up this fountain, which he loved so much."

The two-foot cement eagle is just about as heavy as the stone lions the family placed on the edges of the fountain, Mann said. Those could be lifted by two men, but the eagle was harder to place.

"We knew we would need some help getting it to the top," she said. "We're glad the city could come out to help."

Mann said they are trying to restore the fountain as close as possible to its original state, but there have been some changes.

The old cement frogs, which spouted water, were replaced by lions, Mann said, because they couldn't find frogs

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