

weather
report

86°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:11 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 78 degrees

• Humidity 41 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds southeast 20 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.02 inches

and steady

• Record High 102° (1939)

• Record Low 37° (1956)

Last 24 Hours*

High 93°

Low 59°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low lower 60s, winds south 15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high lower 90s, low near 60, winds south 15-35 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly sunny with 20 percent chance of showers, high upper 80s, low mid 50s. Monday: clear with chance of showers, high lower 70s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$4.30 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.20

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$2.71 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.55

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Milo — \$2.46 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.85 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.13

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$11.00 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$10.70 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

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.

Afghan police
find suspects

KABUL, Afghanistan — President Hamid Karzai said today the attempt on his life and the deadly car bombing in his capital a day earlier were the acts of individual terrorists, not a threat to his government.

Afghan police and intelligence questioned suspects in Thursday's assassination bid in the southern city of Kandahar and the car bombing in Kabul a few hours earlier that killed 26 people and wounded 150 — the worst day of violence since the Taliban was driven from power.

Police said 14 people were detained in Kandahar today for questioning in connection with the assassination bid, in which a bullet fired by a security guard hired to protect a local governor's mansion missed Karzai by inches. A spokesman for Kandahar's governor said 17 people were arrested.

Yields, acres way down for harvest

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County farmers and grain elevator operators are facing facts.

There's not going to be much fall grain to harvest this year, and most of what crop there is will have disappointing yields.

It spells hard times for pretty much everyone who makes a living off agriculture.

Without disaster assistance payments, farmers will likely have less money and many may be forced to sell out. Businesses will suffer because farmers won't have as much money to spend, and elevators could hit tough times as

there will be less grain to store and handle.

Drought and heat have killed most of the dryland crops, said Dana Belshe, Sherman County agriculture extension agent, and damaged the irrigated fields, resulting in lower yields for fall harvest, which usually starts in late September.

While most of the dryland acres will be abandoned, he said, there will still be irrigated corn, soybeans, pinto beans and sunflowers to harvest — just not as much as usual. Belshe said the abnormally dry, hot weather has cut the number of crop acres to be harvested, and slashed yields in fields that did survive.

"We're going to have a lot shorter year than

normal," he said.

Belshe estimated more than 30 percent of the corn crop will be abandoned or harvested for silage. Yields will be lower on the remaining acres, he said.

The average yield for the Sherman County corn crop in 2000 was 169 bushels per acre, Belshe said, estimating the average this year will be 130 to 140 bushels. A good yield, he said, is 180 to 200 bushels per acre on irrigated corn.

Corn plants that produced small ears or no ears at all are being harvested for silage or feed, Belshe said. To make silage, he said, farmers chop the green plants into one-inch pieces, pack the mate-

rial into a grain silo and allow it to ferment, which preserves the crop. He said it will be used to feed livestock during the winter.

Mike Bretz, field man for Sigco Sun, a sunflower processing plant in Goodland, said the sunflower crop has held up better than all of the other fall crops, but is still in bad shape.

Bretz said part of his job is to travel around Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska checking out sunflower fields. It's been pretty depressing work this year, he said.

"It's not pretty out here," he said, talking from

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City will finish new water well

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City Commission agreed to keep digging a replacement water well at Gulick Park at a meeting Tuesday.

The new well doesn't mean the city can use more water, City Manager Ron Pickman said, but it will give them a backup if one of the others breaks down.

The city is replacing Well No. 2, which was closed due to contamination. After digging about halfway down at the replacement site, it was estimated that a well there might be able to pump 350 gallons a minute.

A new well has to be near the old one to comply with the city's water rights, Pickman said, but the site was tested to make sure the water would not be contaminated.

The new well would be an improvement over the old one, Pickman said, which pumped about 285 gallons per minute.

Commissioner Rick Billinger asked if a new well would allow the city to pump more water.

"No," Pickman said, "but it will give

us a different point of diversion. We couldn't legally use more water, but we would be able to keep up with demand if one of the other wells went down."

The city is only allowed to use 700 million gallons of water per year, Pickman said, no matter how many wells it digs. The individual water rights for each current well actually add up to more than a billion gallons a year, he said, but unless the city's population rises to more than 6,500, the state won't allow more than 700 million.

A new well would help the city keep up with water usage during the summer, Pickman said. A few years ago, some wells stopped working, and the city had trouble keeping the water towers filled.

It would also help the city not use Well No. 11 by the county landfill, the city manager said.

That well is used as little as possible, for fear it might be spreading groundwater contamination.

A new well will cost about \$150,000 to finish, but it is a price the city should be willing to pay, Pickman said.

"It would be better to spend that money than not be able to furnish water to our customers," he said.

School meeting

At a meeting on Monday, the Goodland School Board will:

- Hear reports from Superintendent Marvin Selby, the district's principals, member Ron Schilling, the district representative on the Northwest Kansas Technical College board, and Jim Mull, Grant

Junior High principal and Professional Development Council chair. The council keeps track of teacher training hours.

- Possibly go behind closed doors to talk about personnel matters.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the district office on Main Avenue.

Whoops!



A city electrical crew worked on power lines Thursday afternoon after a trash truck ran into a utility pole about 2:30 p.m. coming out of an alley on 13th Street between Broadway and Clark. Police taped off the street. Crews are still working on the lines this morning, but electrical service was restored.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Sports season takes off



Freshman Brandon Zelfer ran uphill at the Goodland Invitational on Thursday at Sugar Hills Golf Club. The freshman ran three miles in 23 minutes 9 seconds. See story and more pictures on Page 8.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Congress meets in New York

By Shannon McCaffrey

Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Congress honored the human loss and heroism of the Sept. 11 attacks — and swore the nation's resolve in the war against terrorism — in a rare and somber special session convened today in the city hit the hardest.

More than 300 House and Senate members came to Federal Hall, the massive marble-columned building on the site where Congress first met more than two centuries ago — and located only a few blocks from where the World Trade Center once punctuated the city's skyline.

"From this city's one day of horror — out of all the loss and sorrow — has come a strength, a resolve, a determination, which from Manhattan to Mississippi, now binds us together for the mighty work that lies ahead," Senate Minority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., said during a 50-minute session.

Vice President Dick Cheney joined House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill.,

in presiding over the session, with a huge American flag behind them. Although largely symbolic, many lawmakers say the trip was a necessary statement of support for the city and its people as the Sept. 11 anniversary approaches.

"We still feel the loss of every single person who perished on that fateful day," Hastert said. "But as we lament the loss of life, we can marvel at the bravery of those who rushed to help."

Cheney said the Revolutionary War was still a fresh memory when that first Congress met more than 200 years ago in New York. Today, he said, the nation must rise to defend the principles laid down by those founding fathers.

"As a nation born in revolution, we know that our freedom came at a very high price. We have no intention now of letting it slip away," Cheney said.

Those sentiments were echoed by Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D.

"Let history record that the terrorists failed," he said. "They did not under-

stand that the true strength of America is not in steel, is not in concrete. It's in our shared faith in liberty and in our unwavering commitment to each other."

The poet laureate of the United States, Billy Collins, read a poem written for the event, titled "The Names," a reflection on the thousands who died in the attacks.

"So many names, there is barely room on the walls of the heart," Collins said.

"We think of those last calls on cellphones from a doomed building ... that the life of a good person is like a wellspring that does not run dry," said House Democratic Leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri. "The sorrow has been matched by strength ... not just to defeat terrorism but to show once again that good can triumph over evil."

As the session closed, the Stuyvesant High School choir sang "God Bless America" joined by most members of Congress, who clasped hands as they sang.