


weather report

79°  
at noon



Today  
Sunset, 6:09 p.m.  
Tomorrow  
Sunrise, 5:31 a.m.  
Sunset, 6:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

•Soil Temp. 50 degrees  
•Humidity 11 percent  
•Sky Sunny  
•Winds SW 20-26  
•Barometer 29.45 inches and falling  
•Record High 86° (1946)  
•Record Low 13° (1931)

Yesterday's Data

High 77°  
Low 42°  
Precipitation none  
.89 month 1.46 year (-.48)

Northwest Kansas


Tonight: Mostly Clear; low 40-45;  
winds S 15-25. Tomorrow: Partly  
Sunny; high 60-65; winds light.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday: Chance  
of rain beginning Thursday evening  
through Sunday; highs in the 40s;  
lows in the 30s.

24-hour weather information is broadcast at  
162.400 MHz.


local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.53 bu.  
Posted county price — \$2.57  
Loan deficiency payment — -12¢  
Corn — \$1.83 bu.  
Posted county price — \$2.01  
Loan deficiency payment — -2¢  
Milo — \$2.81 cwt.  
Soybeans — \$4.14 bu.  
Posted county price — \$4.24  
Loan deficiency payment — 65¢  
Millet — \$4.25 cwt.  
Sunflowers  
oil current — \$8.00 cwt.  
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.71  
oil 1999 crop — \$8.60 cwt.  
conf. current — \$17/\$11 cwt.  
Pintos - \$12 (new crop)  
Local markets courtesy of Mueller Grain, Sigo Co  
Sun and Collingwood Grain  
Local bean market courtesy of Prairie Pea and Bean

afternoon wire



Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Romeo and Juliet bill passes

TOPEKA (AP) — The “Romeo and Juliet” bill appeared wedded to calamity in the House when an overwhelming vote of approval collapsed to near defeat. But supporters quickly revived it before the final tally.  
The bill would spare certain teenagers from a state law that requires sex offenders to register with law enforcement officials so the public knows their whereabouts. It would keep the law from applying when two teen-agers less than four years apart in age have consensual sex.  
The bill won House approval Tuesday, but only after many members wavered, switched their votes and had to be persuaded to switch back. The final 87-36 vote sent it to the Senate.  
Earlier this month, the state Supreme Court told a Russell resident, who, at 17, had consensual sex with a 15-year-old girl, that he would have to register with law enforcement officials for 10 years.

# Land sale approved at \$6,400 an acre

**By Tom Betz**  
*Goodland Daily News*

With a unanimous vote of the four board members present for the special meeting Tuesday, the Goodland School Board agreed to sell 6.25 acres of property on the west side of Kansas Avenue between Fourth and Second Street.

The school board has been negotiating with Joyce Miller who plans to build an assisted living center on the property.

“I move we accept the counter offer of \$6,400 per acre for 6.25 acres with two conditions,” said Ben Duell, “one that the buyer agree to an easement for Fourth Street, and they pay all costs of

the transaction.”

Board member Kathy Russell seconded the motion.

“This will put the land back on the tax rolls and bring jobs to town,” Jerry Franklin, board member, said. “I look at this like the sale of NSI to ADM, it is good for the community.”

When Board President Dick Short called for the vote all four raised their hands in favor of the motion.

“Now if the buyer agrees to the conditions we will have a sale,” Superintendent Marvin Selby said.

Selby said Miller’s architect and contractor were in Goodland Friday, and decided the site would be better at the

southern end of the school district’s 39 acres. He said the new location would be just north of the one acre the district donated to the City of Goodland for a water well site.

The district will await the decision from Miller, and Duell said he thought there may be additional buyers interested in other portions of the district’s land.

Turning to the restrooms and concession stand at the district track facility, Selby said there were no new bids by the Friday deadline. He said one was brought in on Monday, but was returned to the bidder unopened.

Russell made a motion to accept the

low bid of \$54,155 from Stephens Construction Company of Colby. The motion was seconded by Franklin.

Russell ask about how the funding for the combination restroom, concession stand and announcer booth was to be handled. According to Selby \$50,000 of the money was set aside last year for this project, and the remainder will come from the current Capitol Outlay budget.

Selby asked the board for permission to spend additional money on the project on the basis that the contractor could make a deal with a local plumber and electrician for a small difference in the bid price. Selby said Stephens Con-

struction had suggested the local plumber would be able to do the work at an increased cost of \$500. The board agreed unanimously.

The final item on the special meeting agenda was granting an underground utility easement to the City of Goodland for the Max Jones Fieldhouse expansion.

Franklin made the motion to grant the 30-foot permanent utility easement to the City of Goodland. Motion was seconded by Duell, and passed unanimously.

The special meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. The regular board meeting will be 7 p.m., Monday, April 12.



Easter is Sunday, and this morning this group from Brenda Starr’s day care were selling some very young Easter Bunnies. The young salesmen were Mark Starr, Holt Trachsel, Holton Whitman, Molly Bollig, Garrett Nemechek and Paul Starr.  
Photo by Nell Frohlich

## NATO warns of ‘extended campaign’ as exodus continues

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO struck near a major city in southwestern Kosovo today and an alliance spokesman warned of an “extended campaign” to damage the Yugoslav military machine that has driven hundreds of thousands of people from their homes.

As the exodus of ethnic Albanians continued despite a week of airstrikes, more fighting was reported in Kosovo

between Yugoslav forces and the ethnic Albanian Kosovo Liberation Army.

A “large number” of refugees and some KLA rebels were trapped in the Pagarusa Valley, about 30 miles southwest Kosovo’s capital, Pristina, where three brigades of government forces were “raining artillery fire” on them, a NATO spokesman, Air Commodore David Wilby, told reporters in Brussels, Belgium.

NATO decided today to widen the geographic area of targets, which could bring bombs to the center of the Yugoslav capital, Belgrade, for the first time in the campaign.

Bad weather has hindered the campaign, forcing British pilots to abort two missions in as many days. Despite the problems, Wilby told reporters “this is going to be an extended campaign.”

Wilby said 30 Yugoslav aircraft have been “destroyed in the air and on the ground” so far in the NATO campaign.

Early today, the government’s Tanjug news agency reported NATO daytime strikes on the outskirts of the southwestern Kosovo town of Pec, where thousands of ethnic Albanians have been driven from their homes in recent days.

Journalists along the border with Montenegro, about 10 miles west of

Pec, could hear large explosions. NATO has said Serb forces are on a scorch-and-burn offensive in the area.

Western officials expressed new resolve to try to cripple a Yugoslav military they say is responsible for atrocities and “ethnic cleansing” of Kosovo Albanians, who continued today to stream out of Kosovo by the thousands. The province is in southern Serbia, the main Yugoslav republic.

Ethnic Albanians and neighboring countries have urged NATO to do something to halt the huge exodus from Kosovo, where more than 118,000 people have fled since NATO airstrikes began March 24 to Albania, Macedonia and Montenegro — the other Yugoslav republic.

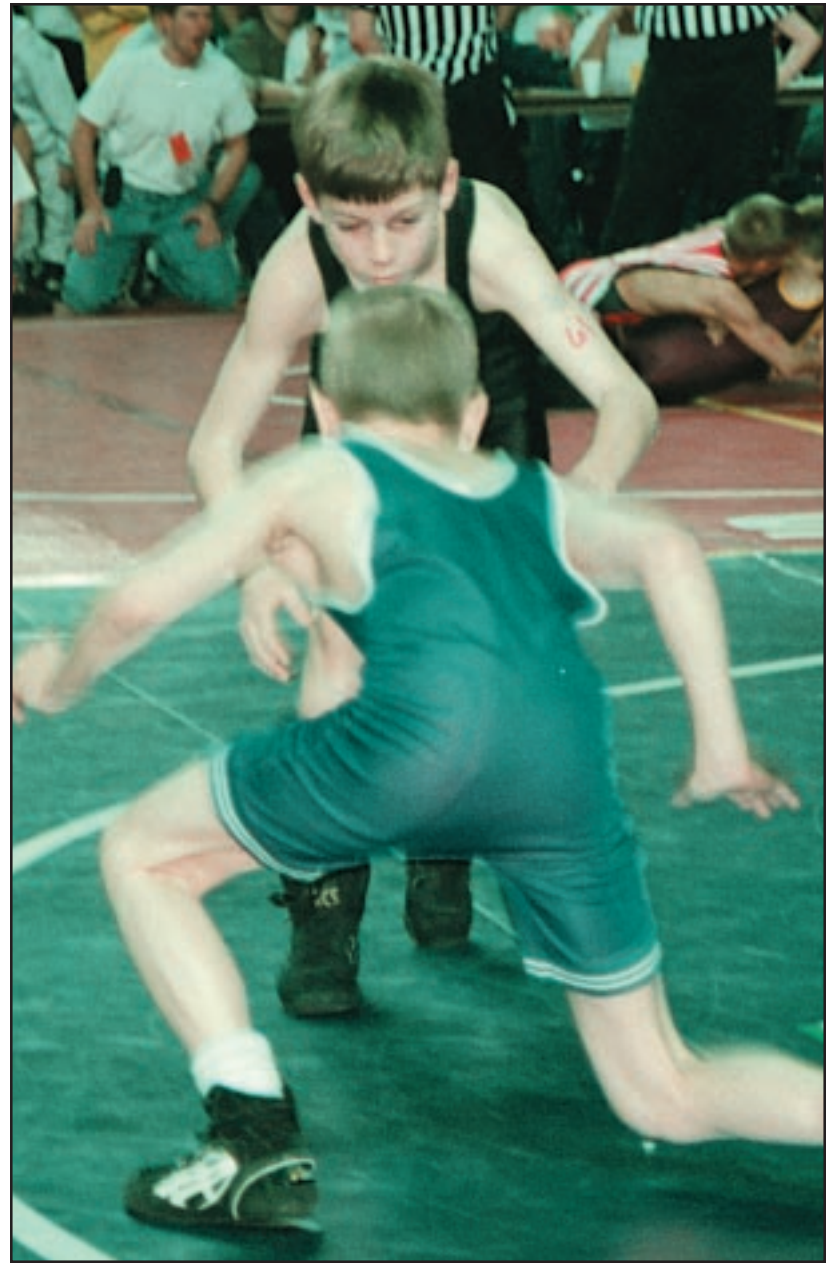
About 100,000 refugees have poured into Albania alone, although the flow has “slowed somewhat” the past day

due to on-and-off closures by Yugoslav border guards, NATO spokesman Jamie Shea said.

Shea spoke of the “tens of thousands” who are “internally displaced” in Kosovo, “living in woods, on mountain slopes.... They have no food, no water, no shelter.”

Calling it “an Orwellian scenario,” Shea described a Yugoslav campaign of “identity elimination,” saying authorities were “destroying the archives, marriage licenses, birth certificates” to deprive ethnic Albanians of their “culture ... rewrite history.”

Long lines of refugees formed today at the borders of both Macedonia and Montenegro, where departing ethnic Albanians said another 5,000 people were coming behind them. Some 22,000 refugees already were gathered in Rozaje, Montenegro.



B rett Bahe won the State Championship of the 61-pound class in the 10 and under division at the Kansas Kids tournament in Topeka over the weekend. Brett was undefeated throughout the whole season, and defeated B . Fisher of Haysville, 5-0, for the championship.  
Photo by Carol Deeds



Bryce Bahe was the State Champion in the 120-pound class of the 14 and under division at the Kansas Kids tournament held in Topeka. He defeated Eric Montoy of Salina with a pin in the second period. Montoy was the Class 5A high school state champion. More photos and results can be found on Page 1b.  
Photo by Carol Deeds