

**weather
report**

53°

at noon



Today

Sunset, 7:17 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:18 a.m.

Sunset, 7:18 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temp. 50 degrees
- Humidity 46 percent
- Sky Sunny
- Winds SE 14-20
- Barometer 29.77 inches and falling
- Record High 90° (1930)
- Record Low 8° (1989)

Yesterday's Data

High 63°
Low 35°
Precipitation .14

Northwest Kansas

Tonight: Cloudy; 50 percent chance of late afternoon thunder showers; low 30; winds breezy 20-30. Tomorrow: Cloudy; 30 percent chance of precipitation; high 50-55; winds NW 25-35.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: Dry; highs 60-70; lows in the middle 30s.

24-hour weather information is broadcast at 162.400 MHz.

**local
markets**



Noon

- Wheat — \$2.37 bu.
 - Posted county price — \$2.32
 - Loan deficiency payment — 13¢
 - Corn — \$1.76 bu.
 - Posted county price — \$1.84
 - Loan deficiency payment — 15¢
 - Milo — \$2.67 cwt.
 - Soybeans — \$3.85 bu.
 - Posted county price — \$4.00
 - Loan deficiency payment — 89¢
 - Millet — \$4.25 cwt.
 - Sunflowers oil current — \$8.00 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency payment — \$1.94
 - oil 1999 crop — \$8.55 cwt.
 - conf. current — \$17/\$10 cwt.
 - Pintos - \$12 (new crop)
- Local markets courtesy of Mueller Grain, Sigo Sun and Frontier Equity
Local bean market courtesy of Prairie Pea and Bean

**afternoon
wire**

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Mission to free soldiers fails

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A former president of Cyprus failed to free three captured U.S. soldiers today in Yugoslavia as NATO unleashed airstrikes against a weapons complex containing the factory that makes the Yugo car.

After meeting with the Yugoslav president, the Cypriot mediator, Spyros Kyprianou, said Yugoslavia "cannot resort to any peaceful gestures" in light of the airstrikes, which the allies have vowed to continue.

The White House, which has demanded the men's unconditional release, said it was not surprised the talks failed. "We did not have great expectations" about Kyprianou's effort, deputy press secretary Barry Toiv said.

The latest wave of NATO bombings came despite a Yugoslav declaration that its 14-month crack-down in Kosovo is over.

Edson farmer is Sherman Agriculture Person

Edson farmer Ken Palmgren was named Sherman County Agriculture Person of the Year last night at the 11th annual Farm/City Celebration held at the Goodland Elks Lodge.

About 250 people attended the banquet. Gary Townsend, chairman of Sherman County Commissioners, welcomed everyone and explained the history of the Farm/City Celebration which began in 1988. Master of Ceremonies for the evening was John Garcia.

Jeannie Schields, president Sherman County Farm Bureau introduced the guest speaker Gary Hall, Kansas Farm Bureau president.

Hall opened his remarks with some light hearted comments about the fact that the Kansas Farm Bureau headquarters was located in Manhattan near Kansas State University which has a tremendous football program. He mentioned there was another university down the road, that failed to finish in the top of the NCAA basketball tournament. He did mention that now both universities had jets to fly around in.

"I want to tell you how nice it is to see such a diverse group here in Sherman County," Hall said. "I can see that the people here can take a challenge and make it into an opportunity."

Palmgren involved in all aspects of agriculture

Ken Palmgren was born in Colby, KS and raised on a farm south of Brewster where his parents still reside. He gradu-



Palmgren

ated from Brewster High School and Fort Hays State University. He taught school at Otis, Quinter and Goodland. He taught for a total of 10 years.

Ken and his wife, Virginia, have two sons, Travis and Bryce. Virginia teaches 4th grade in the Goodland

"This is not a normal group," he said, "I mean it is a unique sort of group to talk to. I don't have to impress you with



Hall

the seriousness of the agriculture situation."

Hall said there were three main issues he felt would set the tone of the industry for the next 50 years, but that as fast as things are changing it could be the next five years.

school system. Travis graduated from K-State with a degree in animal science and has just begun his own farming operation. Bryce graduated from K-State with a degree in biology and is presently in this third year of medical school at KU.

The Palmgren family raises wheat, corn, popcorn, milo, sunflowers, millet, alfalfa and sweet sorghum. They farm 3,500 acres which is mostly dryland, and 450 acres are irrigated. On the irrigated acres they grow mostly corn, using wheat and sunflowers in the rotation. They use conventional, minimum and no-till methods of farming.

In their operation they have 60 head of cows that they calve out each year. They normally background the calves, selling them in January or February.

Ken has served on boards, committees and councils. Great Plains Electric, Midwest Energy, Sherman County Extension Council, Sherman County ASCS Committee, Sherman County Rural Fireboard, Sherman County Democratic Party Chairman, Goodland High School Booster Club Chairman, Emmanuel Lutheran Church Council, and Parity Inc. (Exported Wheat), Kansas Wheat Commission Board Member & International Grain Program (Chairman of advisory committee).

New highway deal negotiated

TOPEKA (AP) — Legislative negotiators struck another deal today on a transportation improvement plan.

Senators on a joint conference committee drafted the proposal. It would increase gasoline and diesel fuel taxes and vehicle registration fees and allow the state to issue \$995 million in bonds.

The Senate approved a transportation plan with the tax increases and bonding. The House plan did not con-

tain those elements, instead diverting more of the state's existing tax revenues — more than a quarter of the money now flowing into its general fund — to transportation.

Under the latest plan, the gasoline and diesel fuel tax increases would start at 2 cents on the gallon on July 1, then increase another 2 cents a gallon in 2001 and a final penny per gallon in 2003.

Argentinian student compares seasons, schools

By Janet Craft

Goodland Daily News

The seasons in Argentina are the opposite of the United States. When it is spring in the United States, Argentina is having autumn. It does not snow where Carolina Escher, 17, lives, but further south there is snow.

Escher is the foreign exchange student living with Harvey and Donna Swager. She arrived in the United States in August, and lived with Ron and Donna Pickman for the first semester of school. She came to live with Swagers in January.

This isn't her first trip to the States — she has been to Florida — but it's her first trip to Kansas. She says what she likes about the United States is her host family and friends.

She thinks school in Goodland is easy. Her school in Argentina was very hard. A typical school day started at 7:00 a.m. and lasted until 1:00 p.m. Then she had to go back from 3:00-4:30 for either Physical Education, English or Religion. She had 15 differ-

ent subjects she studied.

In high school there, you don't get to choose any of your classes. The tests have no true or false or multiple choice questions, just essay questions she said.

They do the opposite of Goodland with classes. Instead of students changing rooms, the teachers change rooms. School starts in March and goes to December. She went to the same school her mother graduated from. It is an all girls Catholic school. Ninety-five percent of Argentina is Catholic, and she estimates there are 20 Catholic churches in her home town.

They were required to wear uniforms consisting of a brown plaid jumper and a white blouse. Carolina says she didn't like wearing uniforms, but now she thinks that they are good.



Escher

Calling the consolidation of buyers an oligarchy Hall questioned whether the narrowing of the buyers was producing competition or limiting competition.

"When does it become a monopoly and need to be busted up like the phone companies," he asked rhetorically.

Quoting an Ohio State University professor, Hall said "An ounce of competition is worth a pound of regulation. It will be all our jobs to find answers to these questions because we will either have competition or regulation."

Hall's second issue was on the international markets, "Freedom to farm also must mean freedom to market," he said. "In the past when there were down times in the farm economy there were other factors to blame. This time it is governments fault, especially in the international trade markets."

"Kansas Farm Bureau was first to support the current policies, and may be the last to support them, but government has not kept the promises that were made,"

he said.

"Sanctions have cost us and there are 200,000 families who don't have a job, this doesn't make sense," Hall said. "We did have good news with the recent favorable World Trade Organization ruling on bananas. That may seem humorous, but it does mean the WTO is working."

"I see the trade issue in the same manner as the Cold War, and we need to have the same commitment to our agriculture industry as we did with defense," he said. "We need to raise the farm policy issue to the top level and with that our government's commitment to supporting agriculture while we wait for the international markets to do what they should do."

The third issue Hall mentioned was the 'Y2K2'. "We have been developing contingency plans for what happens in Y2K," he said, "and some of those plans are so strange I won't even mention them."

"But even more important is the

'Y2K2' which is 2002 when the present farm bill runs out. What will the next one be, market or supply oriented," Hall said.

"There are many positives, and when I think about the rural community and farmers, I feel good, yes, even enthusiastic about the future," he said. "I am seeing some improvement in international trade, and in the growth of the world population. In the 90s our production appears to be slowing in comparison to the world population growth, and that is narrowing the supply gap."

"The most positive is seeing communities like this that are bound together and know we must be partners. Having that corp "never give up attitude" that I see here," Hall said in conclusion.

Entertainment was provided by Jane Boys, Scout Troop 142 presented the flags and Alicia Mason and Amanda Hoffman sang the invocation.

Former award winner John Golden presented Palmgren with his Sherman County Agriculture Person of the Year certificate.



Four fourth grade students from North examine these reproductions of ancient Egyptian scaraphagi on display as part of the Northwest Kansas League Art Show at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Valerie Macias, Gina Overmiller, Savannah Schnug and Nancy Aquire consider the design and makeup techniques.

Photo by Nell Frohlich / Goodland Daily News

Memorial requests on school agenda

Requests to erect a flagpole at the football field in memory of a Goodland man, and a request to plant a tree in memory of a young boy will be considered by the Goodland School board at Monday's meeting.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in the district office, 1312 Main.

Members of the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars would like permission to erect a new flagpole at the high school football field in memory of Harley Whisnant, longtime resident, who died recently. The flag pole would be located near the scoreboard.

Permission is also being sought to plant a tree in memory of Marshall Snethen, 7, who died in an accident last year.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the board will consider a bid to install wireless communications at Max Jones Fieldhouse and the bus barn to complete the connection of all the school facilities.

Also the board:

- Will consider bids on purchase and sale of buses.
- Consider a request for early graduation.

• Approve a payment to Rhoads Construction for work completed on the Max Jones expansion.

• Consider republishing the budget following the recent audit.

• Consider a request from Tom Harrison to list the remaining school property.

• Hear from Superintendent Selby an update on enrollment, the building expansion project and donation of a scoreboard.

The next regular board meeting will be 7 p.m., Monday, April 26, at West School.

A teenager's 15th birthday is important in Argentina. Carolina's 15th birthday party lasted from 10:00 at night, until 10:00 in the morning.

Carolina says she won't have to go back to high school when she returns, as her school will accept her diploma from the United States. But she wants to go back for her senior year because of the fun things they will do. Her plans are to go to college and study to become a psychologist.

In Argentina, they say hello and good-bye with a kiss on the cheek. Carolina says she kisses and hugs her friends all the time. "It's just part of our culture," she said.

Donna Swager said, "We have enjoyed Carolina. She's a neat addition to the family. She fits in well."

Harvey Swager said, "She's easy to please. We love her a lot. We're not going to let her go."

The Swagers took her to the State Wrestling tournament in Wichita to see all the "cute" boys.

While she lived with the Pickmans,

they took her to Denver, Kansas City and Oklahoma. The Swagers recently took Carolina with them on her first skiing trip to Colorado. Carolina went to Philadelphia over spring break, and the Swagers would like to go to Mount Rushmore before she goes home in July.

Carolina was born in Concordia, Argentina, Feb. 14, 1982 where she lives with her father, mother, an older brother, 18, and a younger brother, 10. Concordia is four hours north of Argentina's capital, Buenos Aires, and has a population of 15,000.

Carolina's father sells medical supplies. Carolina's mother runs the office while her father travels for the business.

She is close to her mother. Her mother misses her a lot and is counting the days until she returns. Carolina talks to her parents on Sundays. Since she has been here, her father says her Spanish isn't as good. He doesn't speak English, but her mother does a little.