

**weather report**

**58°**  
at noon



**Today**

Sunset, 7:34 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

Sunrise, 5:53 a.m.

Sunset, 7:35 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 46 degrees
- Humidity 59 percent
- Sky Mostly cloudy
- Winds N 12
- Barometer 29.75 inches and steady
- Record High 89° (1981)
- Record Low 23° (1953)

**Yesterday's Data**

High	59°
Low	38°
Precipitation	.31

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: Mostly clear; low 35-40; winds NW. Tomorrow: Sunny; high 70; winds S 5-15.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday through Friday: Chance of thunderstorms each day; highs each day 60-70; lows in the 40s.

(National Weather Service)

For 24-hour weather information, tune scanner to 162.400 MHz.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.22 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.19
  - Loan deficiency payment — 26¢
  - Corn — \$1.79 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.90
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 9¢
  - Milo — \$2.67 hundredweight
  - Soybeans — \$3.88 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$4.11
  - Loan deficiency payment — 78¢
  - Millet — \$4.00 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$8.65 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.25
  - Oil new crop — \$8.95 cwt.
  - Confection current — \$17/\$10 cwt.
  - Pinto beans — \$13 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean.)

**afternoon wire**

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

**U.S. prisoners allowed a visit**

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Three U.S. POWs captured by Yugoslav forces in disputed circumstances a month ago and not seen in public since were briefly visited today by the head of the Red Cross.

Cornelio Sommaruga gave no information about the soldiers' physical condition, saying a full visit in accordance with the Geneva war conventions was not possible but that he hoped a doctor would visit the men Tuesday.

The men were shown right after their March 31 capture near the Macedonia border on Serb TV with bruised faces and cuts.

Also today, Yugoslavia's deputy premier said his country was ready to accept a peace deal that would bring a U.N. force to Yugoslavia — even if the force included soldiers from NATO nations.



Daisy Scouts Katlyn and Kirsten Topliff, Goodland, (above) were blowing bubbles at the Girl Scout booth on Saturday at the KLOE/KKCI Home and Garden Show at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Girl Scout Troops No. 158 and 95 were selling cookies to raise some extra money. The parents of the twins are Randy and Jeannie Topliff. Below, Danny Titus, Goodland, shows his daughter, Nicole, how to spin a yo-yo at the show Sunday. Colby Photo was selling yo-yos at its booth and they turned out to be a popular item.

Photos by Nell Froelich / The Goodland Daily News

**Show fun included candy, toys**

By Janet Craft

Goodland Daily News

Somehow it wouldn't seem like spring without the annual KLOE/KKCI Home and Garden Show, and the 12th annual event was held this weekend at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The show was an opportunity for about 40 businesses to promote their products to the public or to make people aware of the services they provide. Many were holding drawings to give away prizes.

Besides some of the familiar merchants from years past, there were some new ones. One of these was a booth promoting the Rattlesnake Roundup, which is held in Sharon Springs the second weekend in May.

The booth had a real drawing card with a python named Patty. She's the mascot for the roundup. Patty is 5 or 6 years old, four feet long, easy to manage and her diet consists of one white mouse a week. Her owners are Jim and Judie Withers of Sharon Springs, who have had her for four years. People could even hold Patty the python or you could have your picture taken with her for \$2.

Goodell Greenhouse in St. Francis and Cobblestone Floral and Garden in Goodland had plants and flowers available to buy.

Rasure's had two booths. The Farmer's Market had vegetables for sale and the Lumber Company and Luci's Aquarium had ponds to beautify your yard.

The Nikken booth had magnetic and Far infrared health products. One of their products was a bed that they say relieves stress and discomfort, increases energy and helps you sleep better. There always seemed to be several people around that booth.



Colby Photo, which does film processing and custom framing, had yo-yos for sale, which seemed to be a popular item, not only with the young people, but with some adults, too.

The Cole Auction booth was giving away balloons to kids and had cotton candy and popcorn for 50 cents. They kept varying the colors of the cotton candy, so there was blue, purple, pink, and yellow.

Homestead Realty not only had a booth, but also had four houses to be viewed by possible buyers both days.

The Third Annual Don and Marty's Birdhouse and Bird Feeder Contest was a highlight of the show. There were five divisions.

Winner in the Decorated Division was Erna Blume. There were no entries in the second division, structural excellence. In the Unique/Weird/Humorous Division, the winner was Kevin Zimmerman with his chainsaw birdhouse. The Commercial Division winner was Pam Gray with her waiter, Harold, anxiously awaiting the return of the Purple Martins. And in the Youth Division, the winner was Brandon Tatman with his cat birdhouse.

**Killers plans included trail of death, fear**

LITTLETON, Colo. (AP) — The two students who killed 13 people at Columbine High wanted to kill at least 500 others, attack nearby homes and then hijack a plane and crash it into New York City, investigators said today.

Authorities also were questioning an 18-year-old girl about whether she purchased two guns used in the rampage.

Jefferson County Sheriff John Stone earlier told reporters the goal of the killers, Dylan Klebold and Eric Harris, was to strike during the busy lunch hour to go for "a big kill."

Sheriff's department spokesman Steve Davis said the gunmen's diary indicates that if they survived, they wanted more.

"They wanted to kill 500 people, hijack a plane and take it to New York City," Davis said. "If in fact they were able to carry out the entire plan, there could have been quite a bit more damage and quite a few more fatalities."

Asked why the gunmen were thinking of New York, he said: "I have no idea. Maybe the density of population, for all I know."

"I suppose when you first hear it, you think that it's some horrible fantasy," District Attorney Dave Thomas told NBC's "Today" show. "But we now know that at least the first portion of those planned activities were in fact carried out."

"Unfortunately, we also know that had a couple of the devices in the school actually detonated as they had planned, the death toll could have been much higher than it was."

The diary plotting the mayhem in precise detail was found in Harris' bedroom, Davis said.

Police said the pair, enraged by what they considered insults from classmates, rampaged through their school with guns and bombs before turning their weapons on themselves. Investigators, amazed at the sheer firepower, are trying to determine if others were involved.

Davis said an 18-year-old woman, described as Klebold's girlfriend, was being questioned about whether she had purchased two of the four firearms used in Tuesday's massacre, a 9 mm carbine rifle and a TEC-DC9 semiautomatic pistol.

Thomas said the woman has not been named as a suspect and no arrests were imminent. He said he didn't know if she supplied the guns or, if she did, whether she knew what Harris and Klebold planned to do with them. He wouldn't say what information had led authorities to think she might have bought the guns.

As for whether anyone other than

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**Highway chief stands behind 'no-build' list**

TOPEKA (AP) — Transportation Secretary Dean Carlson is standing by statements that dozens of major road and bridge repair projects can't be financed without a new transportation plan.

The Department of Transportation released a list last week of 252 projects it said could not be financed if the Legislature did not pass a new program.

Some legislators questioned the validity of the list and said many of the projects could be financed even without a new plan.

They noted that under department projections for an "extended interim" program — a scenario developed to show what would happen if legislators did not enact a program — 75 percent of the money for major road and bridge repairs would be available.

Members of a House Appropriations subcommittee dressed Carlson down during a Statehouse meeting on budget issues last week. Later, they interpreted comments from Carlson as admissions that many of the projects on his "unfinanced" list could be paid for with no new program.

Carlson said he stands by the list and his statement that none of the projects would be financed without a new program. He also said the "extended interim" scenario is not an actual plan, but a set of projections developed for comparison purposes, an "illustrative thing to begin with."

Carlson said two key ingredients would be missing without a new transportation program: money to plan projects and a guarantee that any project started would be completed.

**Hospital board to tour new facilities at meeting**

Tours of the newly remodeled obstetrics wing and the nearly completed medical clinic will highlight the Goodland Regional Medical Center board meeting 6:30 p.m. Tuesday.

The board will consider changes in policy and procedures for the obstetrics and nursing departments before taking a break to tour the newly remodeled obstetrics wing.

After the obstetrics tour, the board

will hear the auditor's report on the 1998 figures, and also the March monthly financial report.

The board will hold a closed session to consider personnel matters, and before adjourning, will tour the new medical office building which is scheduled to open in May.

The next board meeting will be 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 24, in the board room near the cafeteria at the hospital.

**Tax cuts fade as legislators face decisions on roads, colleges**

By Carl Manning

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Back in January, Gov. Bill Graves and lawmakers cheerfully promised this would be the fifth straight year of tax relief for Kansans. Four months later, those pledges ring empty.

"The Legislature started with a four-year habit of cutting taxes. Fortunately a robust economy made us look smart, but that's no longer the case," said Senate President Dick Bond. "Major tax cuts aren't fiscally possible."

The problem, Bond said, is twofold: State revenues are falling short of projections for the first time in Graves' tenure, and lawmakers must spend

more money than planned on vital programs such as juvenile justice and foster care.

"We knew we had to fund them, but we didn't know the enormity of it," said Bond, R-Overland Park. "I don't think anyone expected the financial requirements to be as much as they are."

Bond said there may be a few million dollars for giving tax breaks to oil producers and to people adopting children, but nothing approaching Graves' original package of \$560 million in tax cuts over five years.

But House Appropriations Chairman Phill Kline believes all the talk about revenue shortages is more smoke and mirrors by Graves and

legislative leaders.

"The House, Senate and governor aren't committed to tax relief," said Kline, R-Shawnee. "We're going to end up spending more money than before. It's hard to claim a fiscal crisis when you have more money to spend."

How much money to spend is among decisions lawmakers must make when they return on Wednesday to wrap up the 1999 session. How long the wrap-up session will take is anybody's guess, although some think it could last two weeks.

So far, lawmakers can point to little more than passing a nearly \$9 billion budget to finance state

government after July 1 — the only thing the Legislature is required to do.

Most major legislation — such as highway improvements and overhauling higher education — remains in varying stages of incompleteness, and what doesn't get done this year will carry over to the 2000 session.

Altogether, three dozen bills are in the hands of House and Senate negotiators trying to work out compromises acceptable to both chambers.

At the top of the must-do list is the omnibus appropriations bill, which provides additional

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