

weather report

63°

at noon



Today

Sunset, 7:48 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 5:42 a.m.

Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temp. 64 degrees
- Humidity 48 percent
- Sky Partly cloudy
- Winds NNW 15
- Barometer 29.69 inches and falling
- Record High 102° (1952)
- Record Low 41° (1984)

Yesterday's Data

- High 88°
- Low 51°
- Precipitation Trace

Northwest Kansas

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms; low in the lower 40s; NW wind 10-20. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance for thunderstorms; high 65-70.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Friday: A chance of thunderstorms each day; highs 75-80; lows 45-50

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local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.20 bu.
- Posted county price — \$2.16
- Loan deficiency payment — 29¢
- Corn — \$1.79 bu.
- Posted county price — \$1.85
- Loan deficiency payment — .14¢
- Milo — \$2.53 cwt.
- Soybeans — \$4.14 bu.
- Posted county price — \$4.00
- Loan deficiency payment — 89¢
- Millet — \$4.00 cwt.
- Sunflowers
- oil current — \$8.35 cwt.
- Loan deficiency payment — \$1.26
- oil 1999 crop — \$8.60 cwt.
- confection current — \$17/10 cwt.
- Pintos - \$12 (new crop)

Local markets courtesy of Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun and Collingwood Grain
Local bean market courtesy of Prairie Pea and Bean

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m. Slide at falls kills tourists

HAUULA, Hawaii — Unstable ground hampered rescuers today at the site where a landslide sent tons of boulders crashing down a steep cliff, killing at least six people and injuring dozens.

A helicopter survey showed that the area, a popular hiking spot at Sacred Falls State Park on the northeast coast of the island of Oahu, remained unstable hours after Sunday's landslide.

"It looks like the cliff face came away," said Glenn Bauer, a state geologist, after flying over.

Fire department Battalion Chief Kenneth Silva said it was uncertain as to when rescuers would be permitted to return to the area.

Dozens of hikers were sunning themselves at a pool beneath one of Hawaii's most scenic waterfalls Sunday when the slide sent boulders — some of them the size of compact cars — crashing down.

Chinese crowds mob U.S. embassy

BEIJING (AP) — China broke off talks on arms control with the United States today, and allowed waves of demonstrators to hurl stones at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing for a third day to protest NATO's bombing of the Chinese Embassy in Yugoslavia.

The U.S. ambassador, hunkered down in the American compound, said the situation had deteriorated enough that he ordered sensitive papers in the embassy destroyed.

Protesters dragged and kicked a life-size dummy of a U.S. soldier in a green uniform with an American flag on its chest past the U.S. and British embassies today. Police directed the group along the seven-block route and shooed away on-

lookers, including foreign reporters.

The Chinese government has demanded U.S. Ambassador James Sasser and other officials more fully apologize for the NATO bombing.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said today NATO would provide China with a full explanation. She added that statements by Chinese authorities indicated anti-American protests in Beijing had the government's approval.

After clearing the streets near the U.S. Embassy early this morning, police allowed protesters to return, although in more regulated, smaller groups than on Sunday.

Sasser was among U.S. officials remaining today for safety reasons inside the U.S. Embassy

compound, which was surrounded by hundreds of police in riot helmets and thousands of Chinese demonstrators. The protesters shouted and threw stones like they did Saturday and Sunday.

Instead of halting the violence, police orchestrated the protest — directing the march, blocking nearby streets and ordering away reporters.

Authorities ferried students on buses to the embassy district; others came in busloads of organized groups from offices and industrial plants. About 1,000 marched under a banner from government-owned China Aerospace Corp.

State-run Chinese media helped set the angry public mood, with coverage of the Kosovo conflict often belligerently anti-American.

The protests, which are occurring at the same time a Chinese spy controversy has arisen in the United States, were the biggest in Beijing since the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy demonstrations 10 years ago.

"We are essentially hostages of the embassy at the present time now. We've been here 48 hours without being able to leave," Sasser told AP Network News by telephone Sunday. "I think we've got it under control more today. There are more police out now and they seem to be doing a better job controlling the crowd."

Albright said Sasser had informed her all

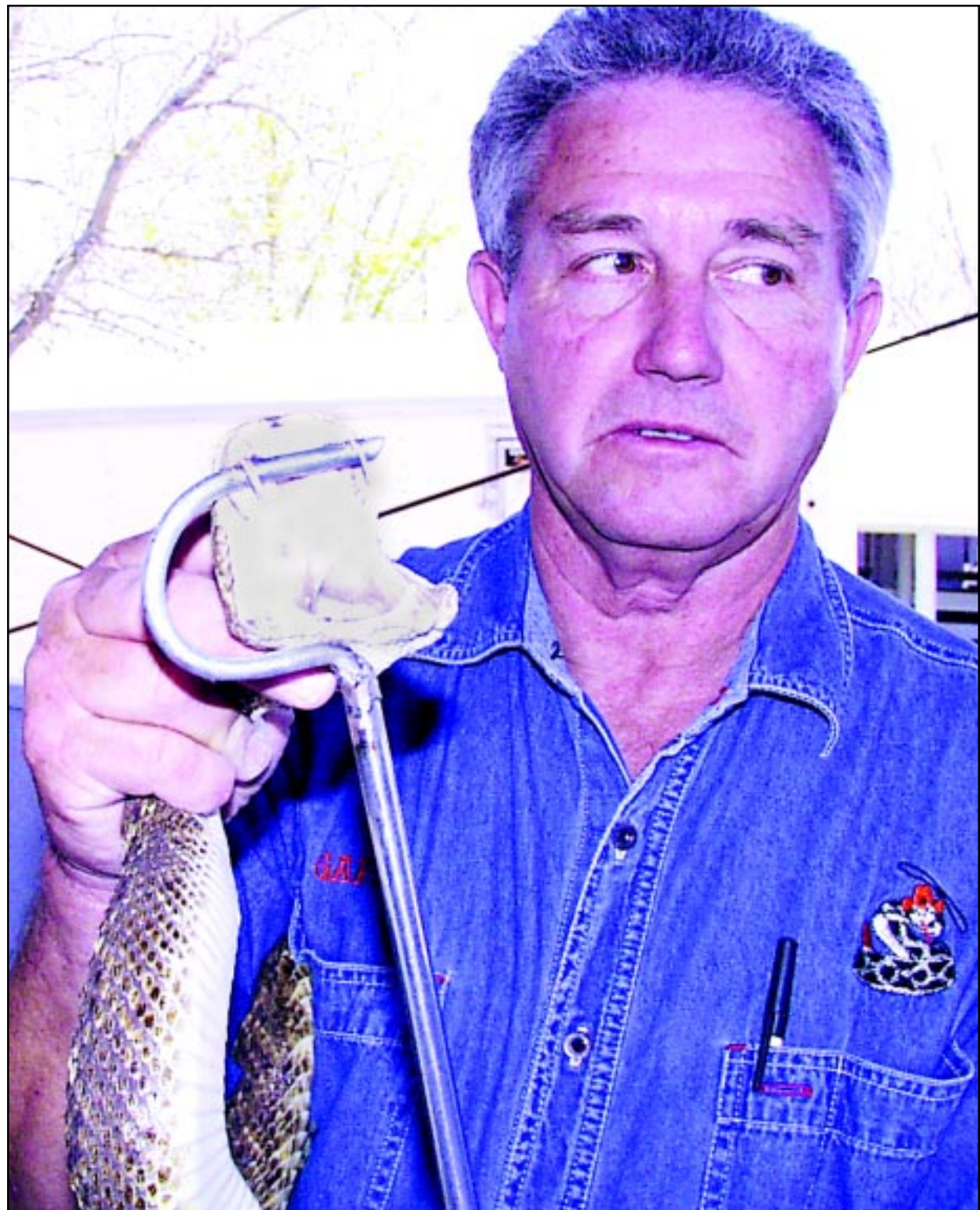
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Snakes guests of honor, top of menu for day

Rattlesnakes were the guests of honor, so to speak, at the annual Rattlesnake Roundup in Sharon Springs this weekend. Several demonstrations and displays of courage were presented. The snake above was skinned and processed your eating pleasure, with details given of the many uses of snake parts. The photo on the right gives a view of just how big the fangs are on a six-footer brought in for the show and just how big a bite a rattler could take.

Photos by Sheila Smith/The Goodland Daily News



Governor lauds transport plan

PAOLA (AP) — With speeches, bands, balloons and a deadly stretch of U.S. 169 as a backdrop, Gov. Bill Graves today signed into law a \$12.9 billion transportation plan that he called landmark legislation.

"We never lacked the will to do this," Graves said during the first of five scheduled bill signing ceremonies. "We were just looking for a

way." About 200 spectators gathered in front of the Miami County Medical Center adjacent to U.S. 169. Graves signed the bill at a table placed on a brick island in the medical center's parking lot.

Bands from Paola and Osawatimie were quick to give the books to the library.

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Weeds, nursing home work face county

Noxious weeds and capital improvements at the Good Samaritan Center are to be discussed Tuesday at the Sherman County commissioners' weekly meeting.

The annual management plan will be presented by Daryl West, county noxious weed director, and he will discuss his department's efforts and areas where additional efforts may be required.

The open public forum will start the meeting at 8 a.m., and if there is a department head with an unforeseen item, he or she will be on the agenda at 8:15 a.m.

The commissioners will consider a lease request for the use of the fairgrounds from Bane Auction/Homestead Realty for a sale they are planning.

New members for the Sherman

County Travel and Tourism Board are to be named.

Paul Rainbolt is to meet with the commissioners at 8:30 a.m. to discuss possible improvements for the Good Samaritan Center.

The next regular commission meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday, May 18, in the commission room at the Sherman County Courthouse.

Junior high students make gifts to libraries

By Janet Craft

Goodland Daily News

Two Grant Junior High students, Michelle Kibel and Kayla Rasure, may be starting a trend by donating books to Goodland school libraries.

At least, the librarians wouldn't mind it.

Michelle, an eighth grader, donated 16 books from the Baby-Sitters Club series by Ann M. Martin, to the Grant Junior High School Library. Kayla, a seventh grader, has donated 10 Junie B. Jones books written by Barbara Park to the library at North Elementary.

Last year, Kayla donated five books in the Junie B. Jones series, which she had received as a Christmas present while she was a student at North.

These books were popular with the students, said Marie Elias, librarian at North, so Kayla and her mother bought the five newest books in the series from the Family Bookstore. They figured they could donate them to the school library after Kayla had read them.

Kayla said she really likes to read and she tries to read a little bit every night, maybe a chapter. She likes to read in bed, but "sometimes I fall asleep before I finish the chapter."

Michelle said she got the Baby-Sitters Club books through a book club. She cancelled her membership, but the club kept sending her the books. Michelle read four that appealed to her, and left the rest in their packages.

She kept the books for a while, but then one day when she was cleaning out her room, she decided she had outgrown them and didn't need them anymore. So, Michelle asked Paula Kear, library technician at the junior high, if she wanted any books.

When the reply was yes, Michelle was quick to give the books to the library.

Michelle said she reads a lot, but she has to be interested in the subject or she just can't read a book.

"I read all the time," she said. "I love to read."



Students Michelle Kibel (left) and Kayla Rasure were reading in the library at Grant Junior High School, where both attend school. The girls recently donated books to school libraries — Michelle to the junior high library and Kayla to the library at North Elementary.

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