

weather
report

72°

at noon

Today

- Sunset, 7:55 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 5:30 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:56 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 35 percent
- Sky Mostly sunny
- Winds Gusty south 15-25
- Barometer 30.16 inches and falling
- Record High 95° (1934)
- Record Low 29° (1930)

Last 24 Hours*

High	64°
Low	43°
Precipitation	trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 50-55, breezy south winds 5-20 mph.
Tomorrow: Partly sunny, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 80-85, south winds 20-25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday night: Chance of thunderstorms, low, 45-50. Thursday-Saturday: Chance of thunderstorms, lows 50s, highs 70-80.

(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.28 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.19
Loan deficiency payment — 26¢
Corn — \$1.73 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.89
Loan deficiency pmt. — 10¢
Milo — \$2.63 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.11 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.97
Loan deficiency payment — 92¢
Millet — \$4.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.95 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.31
Oil new crop — \$8.20
Confection current — \$17\$10 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$12 (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.

Serb soldiers
return home

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — Two Serb soldiers held as prisoners of war by the U.S. military were turned over to Yugoslav authorities today, NATO missiles severed a key highway and allied jets struck a military airport.

Diplomatic efforts to resolve the Kosovo crisis intensified.

Despite “some reservations,” President Slobodan Milosevic’s government said without providing details that it is “open” to G-8 proposals for ending the nearly 2-month-old conflict with NATO and is “ready to cut a deal” if the alliance stops the bombing.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Nebosja Vujovic also said Yugoslavia considered itself the moral winner of the conflict because it had stood up to “the mightiest military alliance. Generally speaking, we have a diplomatic opening in regards to the peace initiative.”

City hopes to educate dumpster mixers

By Keith Lippoldt

Goodland Daily News

The message was conveyed loud and clear. If people don’t stop putting trash in the city’s lawn-waste dumpsters, it’s going to cost us.

“It is guaranteed that if we go to a different system, the cost will go up,” said Commissioner Jim Mull at a meeting Monday, “and it won’t be a 50-cent increase.

“If we are forced to go to an individual cart system, it will cost a lot of money.”

The city commissioners are hoping that a letter to every customer, plus an educational advertising campaign, will alleviate the problem that the city is facing with it’s trash

The current system has pairs of community dumpsters in neighborhoods, one for solid household trash and garbage, the other for yard waste. A few people are mixing their waste, causing the city to have to pay for the hauling of the yard waste to a landfill in Garden City.

The lawn clipping dumpsters, painted bright yellow, have messages painted in red as to what

can and cannot be placed within them. Trash in these cans contaminates the entire load.

Commissioner Curtis Hurd said he wants the message to get out that this is a serious matter.

“People need to comply or pay,” Hurd said. “The people of Goodland need to know the consequences. This group (commissioners) has to stand behind it. We need to put some teeth into this thing.”

Ed Wolak, director of public utilities and public works for the City, told of some of the items his men have had to remove from the dumpsters before unloading at the transfer station.

“Just last week I found a log splitter in one of these dumpsters,” Wolak said. “We have also found things like tires, engine parts and propane tanks.

“This system would work if people understood the importance of keeping their household waste and their clippings separated. The system would work just fine.”

City Manager Ron Pickman, though, says that the current system is not working out well and he

hopes that the citizens will do a better job.

“This system works for the people who want to abide by it,” he said, “but it does no good for those who don’t. This is not a new problem, but it has gotten worse.”

With only two employees, the city sanitation crew is short staffed as it is. But the situation is made worse when the city is forced to go back to the transfer station and separate a load of trash that was just delivered.

The commissioners agreed that an education program is the next step. Although they do not want to become ‘trash police,’ they will do what they have to do to alleviate the problem.

“I think we need to send out a letter informing the people of our concerns,” Mull said. “We need to use the media and advertise plus we should continue to have clean up weeks. I also think that people should know that the last sentence in the ordinance states that this is a Class B misdemeanor.”

In other action, the commission:

Voted unanimously to authorize the city to pro-

ceed with the drainage project on Armory Road. The ditch now poses a safety concern because of it’s depth. The city has proposed to place a 30” steel tube that would carry water from Main Street to Caldwell Street. The pipe would be covered with dirt to eliminate the ditch. Cost of the project, if the city crew can perform the labor, has been set for \$20,000.

Authorized payment of a \$1,000 grant to the Heritage Alliance for promoting the history of Sherman County. The group had requested \$3,400.

Appointed three new members to the Shade Tree Commission: Dale Hayden, Mike Cochran and Alleyn Heble.

Agreed to offer for sale city owned property located between 11th and 12th Streets, and Cattletrail and Wyoming Streets. The land, directly south of Phillips Park, is zoned for residential use and will be sold in 25-foot-by-140-foot lots at a “fair market” price.

Authorized Pickman to negotiate a concessions agreement for Centennial Park for the summer.

Moderate
to power
in Israel

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Winning a crushing victory over hard-line Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, Ehud Barak promised today to forge a secure peace with the Palestinians, pull troops out of Lebanon in a year and heal the deep divisions among Israelis.

After three years at Israel’s helm, a tearful Netanyahu gracefully conceded defeat and said he would step down as leader of his Likud party.

In an emotional speech, Barak, Israel’s most decorated soldier, promised tens of thousands of supporters that he would continue the path of peace forged by former Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin. He spoke in Rabin Square — the wide plaza in Tel Aviv where Rabin was gunned down by a Jewish extremist in 1995.

“I came here, to Rabin Square, to this place where our hearts were broken,” Barak said, raising both hands in triumph. “I came to swear to you, citizens of Israel ... that this is, indeed is the dawn of a new day.”

His words aimed to heal wounds from the traumatic assassination that crippled Israel’s peace supporters. Barak has modeled himself after Rabin, a tough soldier-turned-peacemaker who signed historic peace accords with Jordan and the Palestinians.

Barak was to visit Rabin’s grave in Israel’s national cemetery in Jerusalem later today — a repeat of the visit he paid when he won the Labor party leadership in 1996.

World leaders welcomed Barak’s victory.

President Clinton said Barak would strive for a comprehensive peace that strengthens Israel’s security.

“I look forward to working closely with Ehud Barak and his new government as they strive to reach that goal with their Palestinian and Arab partners,” Clinton said.

French President Jacques Chirac said Barak’s victory brought “much hope for peace” — comments echoed by Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.



Putting the park
to its highest use

Sandra, Jessica and Sergio Rodriguez (above) took advantage of the nice weather at the Topside Territory playground near West Elementary on Monday. Kimberly Thornburg and Crystal Hernandez (right) were trying to see who could jump highest.

Photos by Charlie Baker / Goodland Daily News



Goodland High to honor
77 graduates on Saturday

The Goodland High School graduation will be at noon Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The address will be given by Gaylene Shank, a former graduate and now a math teacher the school who has been recognized as outstanding alumna.

This will be the 102nd graduating class at Goodland.

School secretary Patty Howard said that they are still waiting on grades and work to be turned in, but there should be 77 students graduating.

Top students in the class, including the valedictorian and salutatorian, will be honored.

Practice will be Thursday at 11:30 at the fieldhouse.

Tech school may graduate 283

Graduation for the Northwest Kansas Technical School will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. This is the largest graduating class in the schools history, with 283 students to receive diplomas.

The address will be given by Jerry Martin, the former owner of Car Star detailing shop.

There will be a meeting for graduates only at 6 p.m. on at the Memorial Union Hall to practice.

State split on closing driver record

TOPEKA (AP) — A contested federal law that has allowed Kansans to restrict access to personal information from their motor vehicle records has made its way to the highest court in the country.

The U.S. Supreme Court on Monday agreed to judge the validity of the law and is expected to rule on the matter sometime next year.

Opinions about the law vary widely on both the state and national levels. Supporters of the measure say it protects the privacy of individuals, while others argue that it violates freedom of the press and states’ rights.

Two federal appeals courts have struck down the law, while two have upheld it. The 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which has jurisdiction over Kansas, has upheld the measure.

The Supreme Court will rule on a Justice Department appeal of a decision by the 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Ap-

peals. That court ruled in a South Carolina case that Congress usurped states’ authority when it enacted the Driver’s Privacy Protection Act in 1994.

The law, which took effect in Kansas in 1997, prohibits state motor vehicle departments from releasing personal information from driver’s licenses, including names, addresses, and telephone and Social Security numbers.

In Kansas, motorists can restrict access to this information by filling out a Division of Motor Vehicles form — a process known as “opting out.”

Sen. Stan Clark, who has championed legislation on privacy rights, said such safeguards are necessary to thwart intrusion from government and stalkers.

“I think an individual should be allowed to opt out to prevent snooping,” said Clark, R-Oakley.

The federal law was enacted in response to the 1989 slaying of actress

Rebecca Schaeffer, who was killed at her California home by a stalker who had obtained her driver’s records.

The law grants exemptions for government agencies, insurance companies and private investigators. No exemption to the disclosure ban is granted for reporters under the federal law.

However, Angela Goering, public information officer of the state Department of Revenue, which oversees the Division of Motor Vehicles, said reporters can request personal information from driver’s licenses.

Ted Frederickson, a journalism professor at the University of Kansas, said the law places too many restrictions on journalists.

He noted that the disclosure exemption for research purposes still bars the publication of personal information.

“What good is information you can’t publish as a journalist?” Frederickson asked.