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WEDNESDAY

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Today

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 62 degrees • Humidity 51 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds north at 10 mph
- Barometer 30.29 inches and rising
- Record High 101° (1946) • Record Low 40° (1981)

Last 24 Hours*

68° 51° Low Precipitation

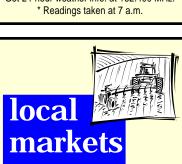
Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy with 20 percent chance of rain; fog after midnight. Low 50 with southeast winds at 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy with 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. High 70 with south winds of 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday. Chance of thunderstorms Friday night. High 80, Low 50. Dry on Saturday and Sunday. High 90s, Low 50s.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.



Noon

Wheat — \$2.32 bushel Posted county price — \$2.18 Loan deficiency payment — 27¢ Corn — \$1.70 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.84 Loan deficiency pmt. — 15¢ Milo — \$2.56 hundredweight Soybeans — \$4 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.99 Loan deficiency payment — 90¢ Millet — \$4 hundredweight Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7.40 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.96 Oil new crop — \$7.70 cwt. 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.)



from the Associated Press



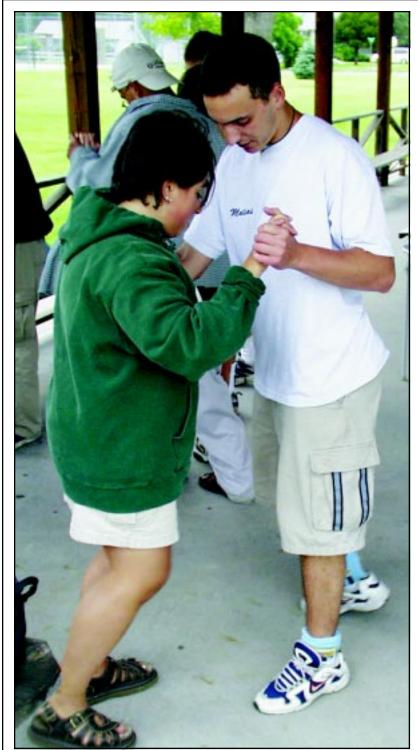
Gore promises moral America

CARTHAGE, Tenn. —Al Gore formally began his drive for the presidency today, promising moral leadership in a speech that signaled his independence from Bill Clinton and made "the crisis in the American family" the centerpiece of his 2000 campaign.

"With your help, I will take my own values and faith and family to the presidency — to build an America that is not only better off, but better," he told a cheering crowd of about 8,000 that filled Main Street and snaked down the narrow side roads of his hometown, population: 3,000.

"And that is why today, I announce that I am a candidate for the

president of the United States." Gore was introduced by his wife, Tipper, and eldest daughter, Karenna Gore Schiff. Mrs. Gore gave way to her daughter because she had lost her voice.





Welcome!

For the ninth consecutive year, Goodland was an overnight host for Rotary Youth Exchange students on a three-week bus tour of the West that will take them to San Francisco before returning to Chicago. The 42 students are on exchanges at Midwestern high schools. Supattra Triyakul (above), a Thai who attends high school in Shawano, Wis., captured the moment on tape. Working on their dance steps (left) were Yazmin Cecena of Mexico City, a student at Cheboygan, Mich., and Matias Weisz from Argentina, who attends school in Lansing, III. The students and the sponsors were treated to a barbecue by the Goodland Rotary Club and spent the night with host families from the Goodland area.

Goodland Police staying busy

crews were called to the K-Inn Motel added. late Monday morning with the report of a man bleeding.

The police found a man with apparent self-inflicted cuts to his wrist and to another Goodland motel, the Comarm in his room. The Goodland resi- fort Inn, because of a report of a disdent, whose name has not been released, was transported to the Good-

"We received a call of a man bleedof Police Ray Smee said. "When we arrived, we entered the room first. When we realized that it was not a crime scene, that it was apparently self-inlance personnel, who then transported dalism reported to his office. him to the hospital.

Stearmans

give writer

a real thrill

When I considered that the planes

were worth in the neighborhood of

\$75,000, it surprised me to see the own-

ment. The round engine's seven cylin-

in the quiet morning seemed somehow

the pilot \$40 for my turn in the front

By Charlie Baker

Stearman Fly-In.

was beginning to feel.

they look formidable.

dew.

Goodland Police and ambulance would not give me a reason," Smee minor vandalism in town," he said.

The man was still at the Goodland hospital today.

Tuesday morning, police were called gruntled employee.

"Basically, an employee was upset at land Regional Medical Center for treather employers because they would not give her her paycheck," said officer David Becker. "The employers were ing in his motel room," Goodland Chief holding the check until she could produce a Social Security card for identi-

No charges were filed.

Smee also said that there has been a flicted wounds, we called in the ambu- few minor incidents of theft and van-

"We are investigating the theft of a

'Most of our calls are still animal related."

One investigation that is on going is the fire at the Mossburg IGA from early May. Fire investigators have collected samples and sent them to the KBI office for analysis.

"We are still waiting to hear back from them," Smee said. "If we had suspects we could probably expedite matters by a couple of weeks. At this point, we have no proof that it is arson, so we have no suspects.'

Smee explained that the reason for the delay may be because the KBI labs are geared toward investigating methamphetamine labs across the state.

Chief Smee also said that if the results show the use of accelerants in the "I asked him why he did this and he CD player from a vehicle and some fire, an investigation will continue.

New state rules could cut level of emergency care

By Tom Betz

Goodland, Kansas 67735

The Goodland Daily News The head of the Sherman County ambulance service will be at a hearing Saturday in Hays to protest proposed regulations she says would make it more difficult to have advanced train-

Karen Hooker told the Sherman County Commissioners Tuesday that is that each advanced EMT would be many of the proposals appear to be aimed at urban areas, and it appears some of the state board members see them as a way to make emergency service more of a paid profession. Out McCullough, emergency medical di-

ing for the emergency medical techni-

The hearing will be held 1 p.m. Saturday at the Hays Medical Center, when members of the state Emergency Medical Services Board will hear comments on the regulations.

workers are part-time volunteers, she

said, that just won't work.

She said the Sherman County ambulance has a total of 25 people with 16 active crew members and nine reserves. There are 15 emergency medical technicians, and one person who has completed the emergency medical training, but is not yet certified. Of the EMTs, 10 have the intermediate endorsement which allows them to perform advanced patient care.

The proposed regulations would make it very difficult to provide advanced training in the future, she said.

"We will be able to provide basic emergency medical technicians," she said, "but it will be very difficult to get any advanced training for our people, and we would not be able to have any new intermediate EMTs.

"The intermediate EMTs are in- ers: tended for the rural areas as a way to provide advance care while still being ambulance services in Kansas are volunteer, and these requirements would donating \$250 toward the fireworks. be a burden on those who volunteer. It were full-time paid people, but we do privacy problem in the men's room. As have a life outside the ambulance ser-

"We can live with some of the changes, but there are two which will virtually eliminate any advance train-

One change requires every person who wants to be an instructor to student teach at each level of training. Hooker said this creates an extra burden be-

cause the volunteer would most likely

have to travel out of the area to do the student teaching.

"We expect a school teacher to do student teaching one time (in their life) no matter how much advance training they take," she said. "I feel if I did student teaching and was certified as an instructor at the first level, it should be sufficient for the next level."

Probably the most difficult proposal required to 10 endotrachaeal intubations on live patients. Hooker said this advanced training is being handled with the cooperation of Dr. Robert here, where almost all ambulance rector for the program.

There are about one of these procedures performed a week in Goodland, she said, and it would be very difficult to get 10 of these for each advance student. The only way to do these is when there is one preparing for surgery. If the regulations are changed, a person could complete all the advance training, but without the 10 intubations a volunteer would not be able to perform any of the advance emergency medical care they had learned.

The commissioners agreed to send a letter about the regulations.

Hooker also said with the help of the people of Kanorado, there now is an ambulance located there, but they need some help on a electric garage door opener. She said it would also be a future goal to have a classroom which could be dedicated to the emergency

The commissioners suggested she submit a budget for the ambulance service by the first of July.

In other business, the commission-

• Approved the lease of the fairgrounds to the Goodland Area Chamable to be volunteers. A majority of ber of Commerce for the fireworks show on July 4. They also approved

· Toured the new restrooms with ar-

would be different if all the ambulances chitect Blaine Davis and asked about a designed there appears to be a problem with anyone in the hall being able to see the urinals when the door is opened. Davis said he would see about some sort of privacy screen, but that the space restrictions made it difficult under the new federal handicap guidelines. One solution would be to make it a locked restroom, allowing only one occupant

> the trailer at the fairgrounds, and suggested that William McKnight get some bids on this a well as some work on the windows and a fan in the kitchen. Authorized Commissioner Gary

Discussed cleaning the carpets in

Townsend to sign the papers for closing on land for the new county landfill.

Dairy plan ready to go

TRIBUNE (AP) — Farmers in western Kansas have surpassed their \$1.6 million equity goal to build and operate a 2,800-head commercial dairy, officials announced Tuesday.

The 21st Century Dairies Cooperative expects to begin construction in late June or July on a 160-acre site north

Since the stock offering five months ago, 92 farmers have purchased stock. The offering will remain open until July 15 to allow others to become members. The most the cooperative may raise

during its equity drive is \$2.5 million. "We hear lots of talk about the importance of adding value, especially during times of low commodity prices," said Chris Williams, vice president of operations for 21st Century Alliance. "A cooperatively owned dairy is a great example of how family farmers, by investing in value added processing, can

improve their income. The project is the second large-scale commercial dairy being built by members of 21st Century Alliance, an organization formed in January 1996 to create value-added opportunities for Kan-



Stearman biplanes from Kansas and Colorado flew in formation over St. Francis Sunday. Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

ers sleeping in a pup tent next to their The high-pitched whine of the starter screen, a canvass strap to keep you from grew louder and faster as the crew But that added to the mystique that I member turned the hand crank. Then, as he stepped back, the pilot hit the ig-They milled around the two-winged nition, and the engine popped and vintage planes, telling flying stories chugged, until it leveled out to a steady, while they checked over their equip-

Once I climbed into the cockpit, I ders produce just 220 horsepower, but realized that I was in a machine that was built 57 years ago. The controls have all the sophistication of a kite.

The sound of the first engine starting There are pedals on the floor for the familiar. It must have been from watchbrakes on the wheels, a lever on the side ing old war movies, but it was like I for the throttle, and a joystick sticking knew what it should sound like. I paid up between your legs, and that's all.

Next came the safety equipment,

falling out, a leather helmet, and a pair of goggles.

will do a lot of good if we crash."

down the grass runway. The wood and canvass wings were bouncing as the

It was more dream-like than real which consisted of a six-inch wind- when we quickly dropped altitude and great

I couldn't help thinking, "Boy, these about g-force, but the feeling transcends any expectation I might have It was an uneasy feeling, taxiing

heavy, tentative machine lumbered But the second the wheels left the ground, the plane felt steady and con-

fident. I was thrilled by the drone of the engine, the blue sky and the feel of the wind in my face.

The colors of the blue sky, brightly painted planes, and rush of the wind and

gravity, were overwhelming. As we taxied back to the base, again awkward and lumbering, I felt privileged to be there. The history of the plane and the commitment of the

banked into a steep turn so I could shoot

some photos of the other Stearmans fly-

ing in formation. I have always heard

people that have restored them were examples of the spirit that makes America