

weather  
report

56°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 6:10 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:58 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:08 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 62 degrees
- Humidity 52 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds north at 21 mph
- Barometer 29.86 inches and falling
- Record High 89° (1938)
- Record Low 16° (1966)

Last 24 Hours\*

High	84°
Low	43°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, low near 35, northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Saturday: cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain or snow, high near 40, northeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: chance of rain and snow, low near 20, high near 40.  
Monday: dry, low near 20, high near 50.

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

local  
markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$2.07 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.02
- Loan deficiency payment — 43¢
- Corn — \$1.50 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.55
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 44¢
- Milo — \$2.17 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.17 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.05
- Loan deficiency payment — 84¢
- Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$6 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.52
- Oil new crop — \$6 cwt.
- Confection current — \$9 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$15 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon  
wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Hurricane Irene  
aims at Florida

KEY WEST — Hurricane Irene took aim at the Florida Keys today after drenching Cuba's tobacco fields and causing scattered building collapses and power outages around Havana. At least one person was killed.

Though barely a hurricane with 75 mph winds, Irene's torrential rains threatened to flood the lower third of the Florida peninsula as the storm crawled across the straits separating Cuba from the United States.

Forecasters said areas as far north as Tampa could be flooded.

"It's not a well organized hurricane, and there's a huge swath of storms and rain to the east" of its center, said Richard Pasch, a hurricane specialist at the National Hurricane Center outside Miami.

At 3 a.m., Irene was about 45 miles southwest of Key West. Irene was moving north at about 9 mph early today.

# History class is Revolutionary

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

In a wooded pasture a few miles east of Sharon Springs on Wednesday, over 300 students dressed in realistic blue or red uniforms and 1770s civilian clothes learned about the Revolutionary War by re-enacting the Battle of Brandywine.

Nearly 1,400 miles west and 222 years after the Pennsylvania clash, the sound of drums and a haze of smoke again filled the air. Participants carrying guns, flags and drums, walked or rode horses.

The young soldiers took time to refill their muskets and cannons with flour (used to simulate smoke) before it was time to do their part. Directions were announced on a bullhorn.

Parents and grandparents sat around on the ground or on lawn chairs, watching or taking pictures. They were joined by other children and adults. The event was videotaped by crew members and parents.

Debbie Frasier of Sharon Springs, who home schools her three sons Drew, Joel, and Brett, said they were part of a Civil War re-enactment last October in Denver and really enjoyed it. The re-enactment was done by the Junior Civil War Re-Enactors from Denver, which was started by Darrell Osburn. Frasier said she asked Osburn about coming to Kansas to do one here. Even though he usually does it in cities, she said, he agreed to come out.

Osburn's organization travels around the country doing these re-enactments. He says his goal is to make history interesting and fun for students of all ages, but the target group is students in grades three through eight. He says that hands-on experience is the

best way for them to learn.

Students learn to relate to the hardships and sacrifices of Civil War and Revolutionary War soldiers much better after living a day as a soldier, the organization says.

The group provides the clothing, weapons and most of the supplies. The students are charged \$25 for participating or they can get a grant by writing a 100-word essay telling why they want to be in the event or some facts about the war.

Frasier handed out clothing for the students at Wednesday's event. She said her sons chose to play Americans in this war.

"We lose the battle, but we win the war," they told their mother.

A week before the re-enactment, Osburn had two training sessions with each group of students in the area who were involved. He gave them lessons on marching and following orders. In addition, he taught them the difference between making a movie and being in a real war.

Two Goodland students who are home schooled, Walter and Renea Reasoner, were part of the day's events. Walter played a British soldier, while Renea played an American soldier. Their mother, Mary, said they had a lot much fun.

"It was a good experience," she said. "They want to do it again."

Students from public schools in Herndon, Tribune and Sharon Springs, Heartland Christian School in Mingo, Marienthal Christian School, Northwest Kansas Christian Educators, a home school group in northwest Kansas, and Prairie Christian Home Schoolers from eastern Colorado, were among those who participated.



The din of canon fire (above) and smoke from the volley of muskets (below) obscured the battlefield as young people re-enacted the Battle of Brandywine near Sharon Springs Wednesday. More Photos are on Page 4 and 5.

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## Students to hear commissioner's safety program

Second-grade students will hear about the importance of wearing seat belts from "Click-It Cricket" and Kansas' Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius at 8:15 a.m. Tuesday at West Elementary School.

Click-It Cricket, mascot for the Kansas Insurance Department, will help Commissioner Sebelius tell the students why they should always wear a safety belt when riding in a car.

The three points Sebelius hopes the students will remember are:

- Wear your safety belt every time you ride in the car.
- Fasten your safety belt snugly over your lap and shoulder.
- Sit in the back seat. It's safer back there.

Sebelius will ask students to sign a safety pledge and provide posters for teachers to put up in their classrooms and around school, to remind students to buckle up.

After the program, the commissioner will meet with the public at a coffee from 9 to 9:30 a.m. at Anthony's Restaurant downtown. She will answer any questions about her department or positions.

Sebelius is serving her second term as insurance commissioner. She is the 23rd commissioner, and the first woman to hold the post.



## Trash collections on agenda

City commissioners will hear a plan to handle special collections — large objects and other unusual items — all the time rather than just once a year during their meeting Monday.

At budget meetings earlier, commissioners asked for a proposal and Monday the administration will present an amendment to allow for these collections.

Also the commissioners will consider adoption of the 1999 Uniform Public Offense Code. One change adds paint guns to the list of weapons which may not be discharged within the city limits.

Pickman said discharging a paint gun would be a Class C misdemeanor and if someone is found guilty they could be fined up to \$500 and or a maximum of a month in jail.

There is a request by Alco to allow them to have Christmas trees on the sidewalk during the holidays.

The Nu Phi Mu Sorority will be asking the city commission to allow the closing of Arcade Avenue in front of Max Jones Fieldhouse for their annual craft fair in November.

Home occupation permits will be considered for daycare licenses for Laura Wing, 1016 Sherman, and Diane Schilling, 526 West 10th.

## FBI charges man in girl's kidnapping

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP)—A 10-year-old girl remained missing today as the FBI filed a chilling affidavit to support federal charges against the man who allegedly snatched her on Tuesday.

The accused man was spotted by a woman who had spent her lunch break at the railroad yard where her husband worked near the Kaw River. The suspect was held by railroad workers for police after he tried to swim away.

The fate of the fifth-grader, Pamela Butler, was unknown, but FBI spokesman Jeff Lanza acknowledged that so much time had passed since she was taken that people should fear the worst.

The suspect, Keith B. Nelson, was taken to a hospital with knee and ankle

injuries that he apparently suffered as he escaped authorities Tuesday evening. The FBI affidavit quotes a co-worker as saying that Nelson told him he "would like to kidnap a girl to rape, torture, electrocute, kill and bury" her.

The abduction dominated the news and led to a search by more than a hundred police officers. Classmates decorated her home with cards made out of construction paper and teddy bears.

Pamela was snatched as she rollerbladed near her home. An older sister watched it happen from the front porch.

Police on Thursday morning pursued a white van in a chase that took them through the area where the girl lived. The chase was carried live by WDAF-

TV, whose traffic reporter was in the air at the time.

It turned out that suspicions that people in the van were involved in Pamela's abduction were unfounded. They were charged with unrelated violations.

Pamela's distraught mother, Cheri West, had given emotional appeals for the kidnapper to give back her daughter, going sleepless since the abduction and finally losing her voice after numerous interviews in the local media.

"He's getting medical attention, and I still don't have my daughter," she said. "I don't think he should get medical attention until he tells us where she's at."