

weather report

50°
at noon

Today
• Sunset, 5:51 p.m.
Tomorrow
• Sunrise, 7:11 a.m.
• Sunset, 5:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil Temperature 54 degrees
• Humidity 42 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds southwest at 6 mph
• Barometer 30.12 inches and falling
• Record High 86° (1943)
• Record Low 10° (1925)

Last 24 Hours*
High 76°
Low 37°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast
Tonight: partly cloudy, low near 40, south winds 10 to 20 mph.
Friday: cloudy, with a 20 percent chance of rain, high near 55, north winds 20 to 30 mph.

Extended Forecast
Saturday: dry, low near 30, high near 60.
Sunday: dry, low near 40, high near 70.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
Wheat — \$2.11 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.06
Loan deficiency payment — 39¢
Corn — \$1.52 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.60
Loan deficiency prmt. — 39¢
Milo — \$2.22 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.94 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.84
Loan deficiency payment — 1.05¢
Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$3.79
Oil new crop — \$5.85 cwt.
Confection current — \$9 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$15 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo 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.
Five gunmen surrender

YEREVAN, Armenia (AP) — Nationalist gunmen whose attack on parliament killed eight top Armenian officials including the prime minister surrendered to authorities today, freeing the dozens of hostages they had held during their overnight siege.
Hundreds of police and army troops had surrounded the parliament building in this former Soviet republic throughout the night and authorities had been considering using special forces to end the stand-off with the five attackers.
The takeover at the parliament building ended after President Robert Kocharian promised the gunmen a fair trial and a recorded statement by their leader was broadcast.
“We wanted to save the Armenian people from perishing and restore their rights,” Nairi Unanian, an ardent nationalist and ex-journalist, said in the recorded statement.

Panel told bioterrorist threat high

WASHINGTON (AP) — Terrorist attempts to infect American crops or livestock with deadly diseases could easily avoid detection, experts told a Senate panel.

The potential for destruction is both human and economic, experts on defense, intelligence and agriculture said during a hearing Wednesday of the Armed Services Committee panel on emerging threats. The threat of this unconventional form of warfare is growing, they said.

For example, U.S. exports would be embargoed immediately should wheat fields be infected by karnal bunt, a foreign wheat pathogen, or foot-and-mouth disease, found in Cuba and other countries, spread through American feedlots.

No one is on the lookout for such a low-visibility attack, said Floyd P. Horn, administrator of USDA's Agricultural Research Service: “It could occur without us knowing.”

Furthermore, there's a lack of diagnostic technology to detect the presence of pathogens, and no one to train to use such tools, Horn said. But plenty of potential exists in research and land-grant universities, he said, as well as extension services and veterinary specialists.

A USDA task force was formed last year to work on the problem. Defense Department training programs have not yet incorporated responses to such an attack, said Robert J. Newberry, a deputy assistant secretary of defense.

Kansas State University President Jon Wefald held up a finger-sized vial during testimony on the role that research and land-grant schools can play. “This is just how easy it would be,” he said.

“One feedlot in southwest Kansas. That's it for wheat exports,” he said.

The effects would ripple throughout the \$1 trillion agribusiness economy, he said.

Perhaps a dozen nations — including Iran, Iraq, Libya, North Korea and Syria — have the capability for these kinds of attacks or are pursuing it, said the panel's chairman, Sen. Pat Roberts, R-Kan.

In August, Roberts toured a Russian research facility that once was part of the Soviet Union's massive biological warfare program, which at one time had upwards of 60,000 engineers, technicians and scientists developing biological agents aimed at humans, animals and plants.

Estimates are that 10,000 Soviet scientists worked on agricultural agents.

“Russian scientists, many of whom are unemployed or have not been paid on a regular basis, may be recruited by states such as Iran and Iraq or individuals who are trying to establish their own biological warfare programs,” Roberts said.

The United States, he said, halted its own offensive research in 1969 and today has only a handful of scientists who work on defensive technologies.

The newly formed subcommittee has looked into dangers ranging from cyberattacks to weapons of mass destruction and has pushed to boost funds for prevention.

Adjutant general inspects National Guard armory

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

The new Adjutant General of Kansas, Gregory Gardner, was in Goodland on Tuesday to tour the National Guard Armory.

In his new position, he is the state commander of the Army and Air National Guard, with a total of 8,500 men and women soldiers under his authority. Of those, 20 percent are full-time and 80 percent are part-time.

Gardner was appointed to the position by Governor Bill Graves towards the end of January and was confirmed by the Kansas Senate in February.

He is only the second Air National Guard General to be appointed as adjutant in Kansas. There are 2,300 soldiers in the Air National Guard, in comparison to 6,200 soldiers in the Army National Guard. Most of the adjutants appointed in the past have come from the Army division.

General Gardner is trying to inspect every armory in the state. There are 58 armories in 51 counties. Most of the armories were built in the early 1950's and need improvements. The Goodland

The Martians have landed in Kansas, sort of



Trick or treaters who approach the home of Gary and Ginny Schields, 603 S. Main, will find a renegade from the hit comedy “Mars Attacks” as one of the decorations which were the inspiration of Heath Chatfield (left) and Brett Schields (right). The whole front of the house is an

elaborate trip into the world of Halloween, and will be a treat for the youngsters when they set out to seek those special treats Sunday evening.

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New regents praise technical school programs

By Charlie Baker
The Goodland Daily News

The executive director and chairman of the Kansas board of Regents were in Goodland Wednesday to visit the Northwest Kansas Technical School as part of a statewide tour.

Bill Docking, chairman of the board of Regents, and Kim Wilcox, executive director for the board, visited the technical school which is one of the new board's acquired areas of responsibility. The two said their goal is not only to maintain the quality of the education offered by Northwest Kansas Technical School, but to enhance it.

The State Legislature decided to give the Board of Regents policy making authority over not only the six univer-

sities, but also over the 19 community colleges, 11 vocational schools, and one municipal college in Kansas.

The board will now make policies that affect the planning and coordination of all the post secondary education institutions in the state.

Docking said he doesn't want to encroach on the responsibilities of the local governing boards of the vocational schools and community colleges, but to be sensitive to their needs and develop a system that benefits stu-

dents and taxpayers.

Northwest Kansas Technical School board chairman Mark Smith and school director Larry Keirns spent the morning talking to the visiting regent members and showing them around the technical school campus.

“We had a great morning,” said Docking, “learning about the successes and needs of the Northwest Kansas Technical School.”

Docking said the agreement between the technical school and Colby Community College was a credit to the foresight of the two institutions, and a prototype for others to follow.

He said the merger between Pratt

Community College and Fort Hays State University is moving ahead. The regents Commission on Higher Education will meet in November to discuss the merger and compile a list of questions they feel need answered.

Docking said the board plans to move carefully, since how it handles this merger will likely be a prototype for the future.

“I anticipate this won't be the only merger,” he said.

“There has been a lot of discussion between other institutions to affiliate.”

The two members of the regents were to spend the afternoon touring Colby Community College.



Docking



Gregory Gardner
Adjutant General of Kansas

facility was built in 1988.

He is also director of Emergency Management in Kansas. So if there is a disaster, he is in charge.

Before Gardner's appointment, he was commander of the 184th Bomb Wing in Wichita.

Only serious offers, please



“We have not had any offers we would accept,” said Grant Junior High Principal Jim Mull. “We are holding out for an even trade for a new building. The building must have at least 20 rooms, a large lunchroom, all be on the ground floor and be airconditioned.” The Homeland Realty sign was spotted outside Grant Junior High early this week, and Mull said it seemed Halloween had come early. The sign had been moved from a nearby house that is for sale.

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