

weather  
report

53°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:46 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:16 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:45 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 50 degrees
- Humidity 21 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north at 21 mph
- Barometer 30.42 inches and rising
- Record High 78° (1988)
- Record Low 4° (1951)

Last 24 Hours\*

High	70°
Low	39°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low near 20, north winds 5 to 15 mph.  
Tuesday: sunny, high near 55, west winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, low near 25, high near 70.  
Thursday: dry, low near 35, high near 75.

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

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.10 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.06  
Loan deficiency payment — 39¢  
Corn — \$1.51 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.58  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 41¢  
Milo — \$2.19 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.89 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.93  
Loan deficiency payment — 96¢  
Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$5.75 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.85  
Oil new crop — \$5.75 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.

Search ends  
for survivors

NEWPORT, R.I. — The Coast Guard said today it has abandoned hope that anyone survived among the 217 people on board EgyptAir Flight 990 and said it found a large piece of the aircraft.

“We believe at this point it is in everyone’s best interest to no longer expect we will find survivors,” said Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabee.

As searchers focused on retrieving remains and locating the wreckage and potential clues, they found what Larrabee called a “significant piece” of the aircraft.

They also located a signal, most likely one of the so-called black boxes on the jetliner, while scouring a 9,000-square-mile area off Nantucket Island.

Debris found so far includes small parts of the aircraft, seats and cushions, clothing and paperwork.

Only one body had been recovered by midday today.

# Police arrest three for 10 burglaries

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland police and Sherman County Sheriff’s Department arrested two adults and one juvenile late Saturday night for a string of burglaries over the last two weekends.

Police Chief Ray Smee said a traffic stop Saturday night caught the suspects leaving the Western Distributing Budweiser warehouse near the airport. In the van officers found stolen beer and other goods, including a box of Budweiser pitchers.

A warrant was issued to search the residence of one of the suspects, and material was recovered from burglaries at W-R Equipment and Yost Farm Supply a week ago, and Dependable Glass Service, a farm home, M & M Sales, and Frontier Equity Exchange in the last few days. There was also material from a burglary in Bethune, Colo.

Sheriff Doug Whitson said that most burglaries are hard to solve, but this time, officers, with some work and planning, got lucky. “If you don’t catch them with the goods, it can be hard to prove,”

he said. “This couldn’t have been a more perfect set-up than to catch them in the act.”

Smee said that because there were burglaries in the county and city, the two departments decided to work together, with the help of the Kansas Highway Patrol.

He said both departments had extra patrols out Saturday watching for the burglars.

The officials are continuing to investigate and catalog the recovered material, he added, and charges should be filed soon.

## Judges choose best costumes

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Witches, space aliens, lions, a police officer, and princesses climbed the steps to the stage Sunday to show off their costumes.

The lights from the theatre were shining directly on them as they lined up along the front of the stage, so they could be seen by the judges and audience.

More than 90 children participated in a Halloween Costume Contest sponsored by the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars and Auxiliary at the Sherman Theatre.

Three winners were chosen in each of three age categories, 0-4, 5-8, and 9-12.

The winners in the 0-4 age group were Chloe Goodwin, as a cat; Elizabeth and Drew House, as Raggedy Ann and Andy; and Brevin Gough, as a scarecrow.

In the 5-8 age group, the winners were a bumble bee, a witch and Whitney Schields, as a hippie.

Those who won in the 9-12 age group were Brittany Fisher, as an old woman; Daniel Blake, as meals on wheels; and a space alien.

Alco Discount Store provided gift certificates for all of the winners.

Each spook who participated received a trick-or-treat bag from the veterans.

This young princess (far right) was one of over 90 who participated in the Halloween Costume Contest held Sunday at the Sherman Theatre. Whitney Schields (right), dressed as a hippie, pulled the tail of Grace Cole, who was made up to be a lion, after the contest.



# Officials call for more regulations on feedlots, hogs

WICHITA (AP) — The water supply for half a million people in south-central Kansas could be contaminated by animal waste unless state laws are strengthened, city water officials and environmental activists claim.

The head of Wichita’s water department joined other water officials Saturday in urging tougher laws to protect water supplies. They spoke at a conference on hog operations which was part of an environmentalist, anti-hog lobbying effort to protect the Equus Beds, a groundwater formation that supplies water to Sedgwick, Harvey, McPherson and Reno counties.

The aquifer is vital to supporting the \$5 billion annual payroll in the four-county area, said David Warren, director of Wichita’s water department.

“It’s the oil that lubricates Wichita’s economy,” Warren said. “If you don’t believe that water supplies are critical to the economy, try to find a large city anywhere in the world not located near water.”

About 100 people attended the conference on hog operations sponsored by the Sedgwick County Democratic Party, the Kansas Sierra Club and the Kansas Natural Resource Council. No one from the pork or livestock industry was invited to speak.

Warren said he was concerned with not just corporate hog farms, but feedlots, and smaller towns and housing developments that store their waste in open pits called lagoons.

The fear is that the wastes, which contain nitrates that can be fatal to infants, will seep into the groundwater. Under current state law, as much as 1.2 million gallons of waste a year is allowed to leak out of a one-acre pit, said Mike Dealy, manager of the Equus Beds Groundwater Management District, a quasi-government agency made up of water users.

Because the Equus Beds have sandy soils and shallow groundwater, any-

thing that is dumped on the surface eventually will end up in the water, he said.

Dealy wants the authority to require farmers to line the waste pits with plastic or to store the waste in fiberglass tanks. Hog industry officials have said that as the lagoons age, seepage tends to lessen.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment requires operations with more than 10,000 hogs to line their lagoons with plastic if they locate over the Equus Beds. Corporations can get around that requirement by building smaller farms and building more of them.

The city of Wichita, the Kansas Association of Counties and the League of Kansas Municipalities have given preliminary support for changes in state law or regulations to protect vulnerable water supplies. Those groups will officially adopt their legislative agendas in November.

They may face an uphill battle in a Legislature that is dominated by pro-hog forces, said Mel Kahn, a political science professor at Wichita State University who attended the conference.

“If the elected officials really get behind it, they could make a difference,” he said. “They are the key.”

# Former Department on Aging official gets \$135,000 grant

LAWRENCE (AP) — The former deputy secretary of the Kansas Department on Aging received a \$135,000 consulting grant from the state just two weeks before frail and elderly Kansans were told they’d have to wait for services because of a budget squeeze, the Lawrence Journal-World reported Sunday.

The grant, approved by Aging Secretary Thelma Hunter Gordon, went to

Terry Glasscock, 51, now of Boston, a friend of Gov. Bill Graves and brother of House Majority Leader Kent Glasscock, R-Manhattan.

Kent Glasscock’s wife, Joyce, is Graves’ chief of staff.

“Neither my wife nor I knew anything about this or had anything to do with it,” Kent Glasscock said. “I knew he had a consulting relationship of some sort with

the department, but that was about it.”

The year-long grant, or “fellowship for innovation in government,” already paid to Terry Glasscock in full, was not subject to competitive bids.

It’s unclear whether Gordon has the authority to hand out grants without first soliciting bids or counterproposals.

“Generally, grants have to be in compliance with state purchasing laws unless

they’re exempt - that’s in the state statutes,” John Houlihan, head of the state’s Division of Purchases, said. “But I’ve never seen one like this, so I’ll have to check with our attorney.”

“This doesn’t pass the smell test,” said Rep. Tony Powell, a Wichita Republican who served on the House Appropriations Committee during the past session.

“What is this? A Halloween trick-or-treat prank?” asked Rep. Henry Helgeson, D-Wichita. “More and more, it seems like that department and its secretary have gone off the deep end.”

The governor, in a statement to the

Journal-World, described the situation as “very troubling.”

“While we don’t know all the facts yet, we are going to get all of the principals in a room as soon as possible next week and get to the bottom of it and come up with a solution,” Graves said.

Kent Glasscock also called for a swift review of the fellowship.

“In light of the (budget) difficulties we are going to be facing in January, this contract ought to be reviewed for its appropriateness and the value to the agency and to the people it serves,” Kent Glasscock said.

## Two fires set Saturday night

Two fires were reported late Saturday evening in what appear to be Halloween pranks taken too far.

A bale of hay setting up against a house at 1421 College was set on fire. The fire department was called at 11:33. Some bricks and the shutters were damaged, and there was some smoke damage to the inside of

the house.

At 11:39, the fire department responded to 402 E. 12th, where another bale of hay had been set on fire. The bale was placed up against a privacy fence, and some damage was done to the fence.

There are no suspects in the fires at this time, police said.