

## weather report

64°

at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 4:44 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:18 a.m.  
• Sunset, 4:42 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 45 degrees  
• Humidity 13 percent  
• Sky sunny  
• Winds north at 15 mph  
• Barometer 30.09 inches and falling  
• Record High 76° (1921)  
• Record Low 1° (1991)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 53°  
Low 15°  
Precipitation none

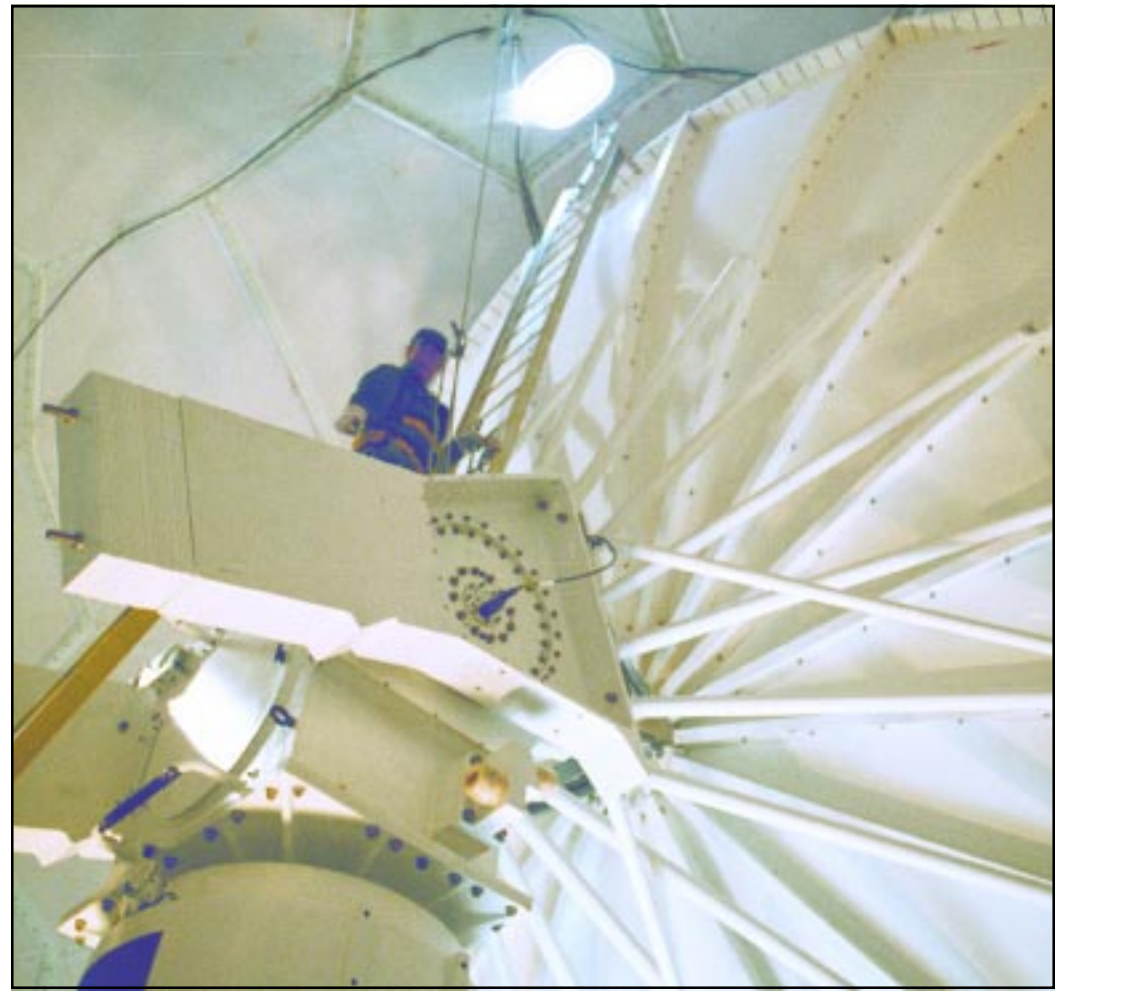
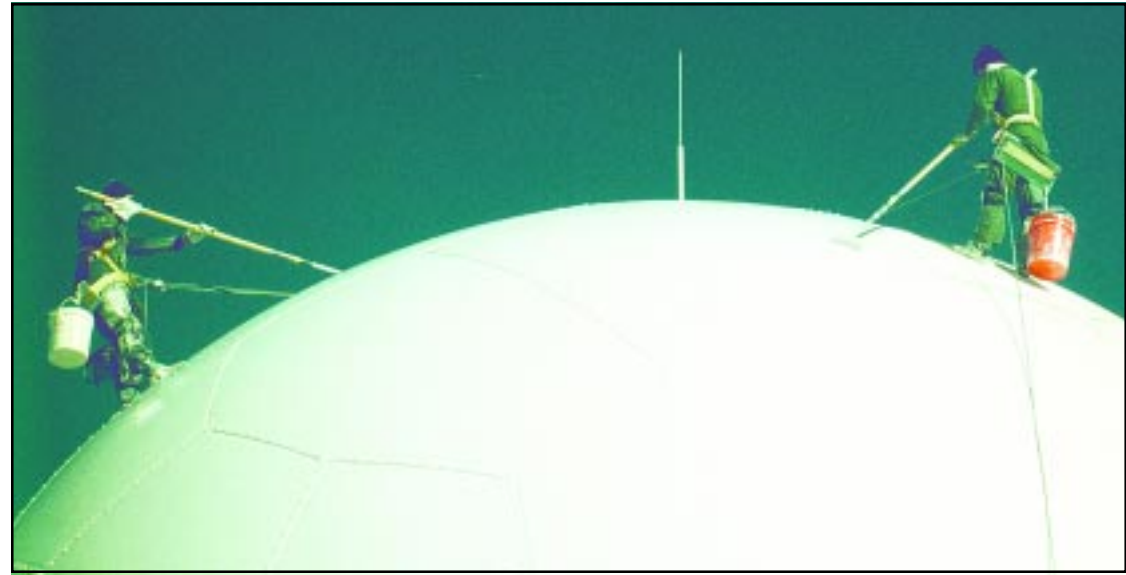
### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low near 30, southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.  
Thursday: sunny, high near 75, southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday: dry, lows near 30, highs near 70.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## Weather service caught in cover up



A Department of Defense team from Hill Air Force Base in Ogden, Utah, has been in Goodland this week performing maintenance and painting the radar tower at the National Weather Service north of town. Team chief (above) Pete Weesies and Rick Riviera (upper right) strapped on rappelling ropes and climbed down the sides of the dome with buckets and a roller. The team has to tighten each bolt on the structure to a specific torque. Keith Hamel (right) climbed up on the radar dish to begin tightening the dome bolts. There are over 2,200 bolts in the dome itself. Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.16 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.09  
Loan deficiency payment — 36¢  
Corn — \$1.54 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.61  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 38¢  
Milo — \$2.24 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.97 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.

## Xerox killer faces charges

HONOLULU — Hiro Uyesugi remembers his son losing his temper only once during 15 years at the Xerox Corp., when he kicked an elevator door a few years ago and had to undergo anger management counseling.

Nothing in Byran Uyesugi's history hinted at the bloodshed that erupted at Xerox's offices on Tuesday, when police say he walked into a second-floor meeting room and shot seven co-workers to death.

Uyesugi fled in a company van, but surrendered to police after a five-hour standoff. A search of his home found 11 handguns, five rifles and two shotguns owned by the former Roosevelt High School rifle team member.

Uyesugi, 40, was expected to be arraigned today. He will face a first-degree murder charge, punishable by a mandatory sentence of life in prison. Hawaii has no death penalty.

## Band members' good deed helps injured man

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Betty Parker thinks no good deed should go unnoticed, so here is her story. It's about good kids helping people, the kind of thing that happens every day, but often goes unremarked. Parker and her husband Marion had parked on the north side of the Max Jones Fieldhouse and were just walking up the ramp outside when Marion, 91, lost his balance and fell.

It was about 8:30 a.m. Oct. 6, and the Goodland High School band was practicing in the parking lot east of the fieldhouse. Two band members, Adam Waters, 17, and David Russell, 15, who play on the football team, were sitting on the curb because they



Waters



Russell

don't perform in the pre-game routines.

Out of the corner of his eye, Waters said, he saw Parker fall on the sidewalk. Russell said he didn't see the fall, but saw Waters take off across the street. He, too, jumped up to help.

Waters took his jacket off and put it under Parker's head to keep it out of the muddy water standing in the gutter. Waters asked the victim if he was OK, and the elderly man complained of his leg hurting.

Before Russell could get to where Parker was lying, Waters yelled out to him to call 911. Russell said he ran into the fieldhouse. After he got off the phone, he called to Jamie Helmut, the physical education and health teacher, who was holding class at the time, to come help.

Russell and Waters said the police and ambulance came quickly.

"I was surprised at how fast they got there," said Waters.

Helmut and the band teacher, Tom

Miles, kept the students from their classes back away from the victim, as they were crowding around to see what was going on.

After the ambulance took Parker to the Goodland Regional Medical Center, it was discovered that he had a broken hip. He was then taken by ambulance to Hays Medical Center, where he underwent surgery the next day to repair the break. After spending six days in Hays, he was admitted to the swing bed unit of the Goodland hospital. Waters and Russell visited him on Oct. 17 at the hospital.

"The main thing was that these boys rushed to help," said Parker's wife, "then coming up to the hospital to see him."

Both boys have been in Boy Scouts, and they remembered the rule to do a good turn daily. Waters was in Scouts when he was in third and fourth grade and Russell is still a member.

Russell said he had learned safety training through Scouts, and Waters said he learned from his mother, who is a dispatcher for Sherman County, and just common sense.

"It was kind of a shock, but I had to keep cool, so no one else would freak out," said Waters, adding that there were some freshman girls standing nearby when Marion fell.

"I was a little worried," Russell said, talking about his feelings the day of the incident, "but did what I had to do."

## County considering new emergency sick leave policy

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County Employee Committee is asking county commissioners to approve development of a sick-leave pool to help workers who suffer catastrophic illnesses.

Tuesday, Kenny Griffith, as spokesperson, Phylis Long, Sherryl Ketter, Lynn Swayne and Crystal Linsner met with the commissioners to present the recommendation from the committee.

The committee met in October. Because there have been several county

employees who have had illnesses which have exceeded their sick leave time, they are proposing a special sick leave donation be authorized. The pool would only cover one unexpected catastrophic illness.

Under the proposal, if an employee had used up their sick leave, they could apply to the employee committee for an emergency donation of additional sick leave hours. If the application is accepted by the committee, a memo would be sent to other county employees asking for donations. Employees

who would be eligible to donate are those who have 100 hours or more of accumulated sick leave.

The employee receiving a donation would have to sign a contract agreeing to the guidelines of the plan, and if not all the hours are needed, the leftover will be distributed back by percentage donated.

The committee members said they felt this was a better option than a previous sick pool the county had. When the old plan was abandoned, they said, some of the employees who had donated

did not receive their unused time back. The committee reported that a survey found a majority of employees would rather donate when there is a known need rather than to a standing sick leave pool.

The commissioners ask the committee representatives to come up with a final draft of the proposal and submit it for approval. Commissioners Gary Townsend and Chuck Frankenfeld said they would rather have Commissioner Kenny Davis present for the final approval. They also asked that the final

proposal refer back to the commissioners as specified in the current county employee handbook.

The committee members also asked the commissioners to consider adding parents-in-law, siblings, grandparents and grandchildren to the immediate family description in the employee handbook for when sick leave can be used.

The commissioners said they would take that under advisement and consider it when the final draft was presented.

## Near-perfect weather aids farmers in getting fall crops harvested

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

Nearly perfect weather has allowed farmers to get their crops in, and the fall harvest is about over.

Randy Schoenthaler, general manager of Frontier Equity Exchange, said he believes the harvest is about 90 percent done.

"We still have a handful of guys in some areas picking a field here and there," he said. "I think by the weekend, there won't be much left."

Schoenthaler said they are trucking out grain daily, trying to move as much out as is coming in.

"We are trucking out milo, oil sunflowers and pinto beans as a cash crop," he said, "so we can have room to store the corn."

He said storage is tight, but they are making it.

Frontier Equity has corn on the ground in Ruleton, Goodland and Brewster, but the Bird City elevator has not had to put any on the ground so far.

asked for better weather for harvest, which has kept the elevators hopping.

"We have been going seven days a week since September," he said. "Typically, we have a break in there somewhere because of weather, but not this year."

"Everybody here is ready for a break."

Tom Stewart, manager for Mueller Grain, said he also thinks about 90 percent of the harvest in Sherman and Thomas counties is in.

Stewart said Mueller is filling up, and are loading out a few trucks a day to make more room for grain coming in.

"We get calls from processors needing to fill in supply gaps," he said, "but we are not moving a lot."

Stewart also said the weather has made harvest move along smoothly.

"On one day," he said, "we were processing a truck every seven minutes. That is about 200,000 bushels of sunflowers."

He said that he and his workers, too, are ready for a break.

"We have been here for 12 hours a day, seven days a week, for the last eight weeks," he said. "We have not been shut down for weather once. We have not had one down day."

"We had kinda hoped for a little break, at least to move some product from one place to another."

County extension agent Dana Belshe said, "The yields look good for the most part."