

weather report

69°

at noon

Today

Sunset, 4:31 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:34 a.m.

Sunset, 4:30 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Soil Temperature 52 degrees

Humidity 21 percent

Sky sunny

Winds calm

Barometer 29.78 inches and steady

Record High 79° (1943)

Record Low 3° (1955)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 73°

Low 30°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low near 40, southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Thursday: partly cloudy, high near 70, gusty northwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: dry, low near 25, high near 55.

Saturday: dry, low near 20, high near 60.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

# Santa Claus arrives at 4 p.m. Saturday



**By Janet Craft**  
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Christmas music, lights and decorations, Santa Claus, free movies, a holiday reception and extended store hours will be part of the official opening of the Christmas season in Goodland on Saturday.

The holiday celebration is sponsored by the Business Promotion Committee of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce.

A holiday reception, hosted by the Goodland Ambassadors, will be from 3-5 p.m. in the old Schneider's building at 11th and Main. Free refreshments will be served, and there will be music and entertainment.

A parade will begin at 4 p.m. on Main Avenue. It will start at 17th Street and go north to 8th Street, led by Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. The Christmas lights on Main will be turned on as the parade proceeds up the street.

The Chamber office is encouraging anyone with a red or green vehicle to be a part of the parade. Participants would need to come to 17th and Main to line up.

After the parade ends, Mr. and Mrs. Claus will come back down Main to 11th, where Santa will be available to see kids inside the old Schneider's building.

Throughout the rest of November and up until Dec. 23, there will be special activities going on.

Free movies will be held at 1:30 p.m. ev-

ery Saturday and Sunday at the Sherman Theatre, this weekend through Dec. 19. The movie to be shown this Saturday and Sunday will be "Antz," sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce. "Anastasia," will be shown on Nov. 27 and 28; "Dudley Do-Right," is to be presented on Dec. 4 and 5, sponsored by Genesis; "Prince of Egypt," Dec. 11 and 12; and "Jingle All the Way," on Dec. 18 and 19. This will give parents an opportunity to do some Christmas shopping while their children are at the movies. Santa will also be available to talk to kids before or after Anastasia on Nov. 27 and 28.

Santa will be touring downtown stores from 1:30-4:30 p.m. each Saturday up until Christmas.

T-Shane Roberts is in charge of providing musical entertainment each Saturday throughout the holiday season.

Stores being open on Sundays this weekend through Dec. 19 and in the evenings Dec. 16-23. The Chamber office said the stores are full of gifts for Christmas giving, so businesses are ready for people to come in to do their shopping.

A Christmas story exhibit, which portrays events leading up to and including the birth of Christ, will be set up on the grounds around the Goodland Regional Medical Center again this year by the Goodland Rotary Club.

City worker Mike Fenner was putting up Christmas decorations Tuesday in preparation for the holiday kickoff celebration this weekend. Santa will arrive at 4 p.m. on Saturday, there will be music and entertainment, then the city will light the decorations.  
Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.08 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.12

Loan deficiency payment — 33¢

Corn — \$1.53 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.62

Loan deficiency pmt. — 37¢

Milo — \$2.11 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.82 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.95

Loan deficiency payment — 94¢

Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.97

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.)

# Lone crewmember may have caused crash

NEWPORT, R.I. (AP) — A crew member apparently alone in the cockpit of an EgyptAir jetliner said "I made my decision now" just before the autopilot was turned off and the plane began its fatal plunge, a federal law enforcement official said today.

Moments later, when the plane was diving, the pilot re-entered the cockpit and apparently struggled to regain control of the jetliner, a source close to the investigation said.

"Pull with me. Help me. Pull with me," the pilot said, according to the source.

The focus of the investigation has shifted to the backup co-pilot amid indications that he was at the controls just before the plane crashed into the Atlantic.

Although there was no sign of any technical malfunction, it is too early to say for sure that the crew played any role in the Oct. 31 crash that killed 217 people, investigators said.

The federal law enforcement official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the Arabic words uttered by the crew member in the co-pilot seat have been

translated to: "I made my decision now. I put my faith in God's hands."

The official said the crew member, whom he would not name, was believed to be alone in the cockpit at the time and spoke just before the Flight 990's autopilot was turned off.

Earlier, another source close to the investigation said Egyptian airline officials tentatively identified Capt. Gameel el-Batouty as occupying the co-pilot's seat and uttering a prayer just before the autopilot was disengaged. El-Batouty, a 59-year-old relief co-pilot, faced retirement from the state-owned airline early next year.

The source said the identification came after the airline officials listened to the cockpit voice recorder, one of two "black boxes" recovered from the crash site 60 miles off Nantucket Island.

In Egypt, relatives angrily denied that el-Batouty had sent money home because he planned to commit suicide, describing him as a loving father of five.

Egypt also sent its senior aviation official to Washington to take part in the crash investigation after questioning the

need to turn over the probe to the FBI. Such a move is seen as a step toward saying the disaster was the result of a criminal act.

El-Batouty was scheduled to take over much later in the 11-hour New York-to-Cairo flight from co-pilot Adel Anwar. A source said Tuesday the tape showed el-Batouty came to the cockpit, "said he wanted to fly" and his request was accepted.

According to the investigators' scenario:

El-Batouty, left alone in the cockpit, said the Arabic phrase that can mean "I put my faith in God's hands," and turned off the autopilot. The plane began a steep plunge from 33,000 feet just after that, regaining some altitude before dropping into the sea. The pilot, Capt. Ahmed Mahmoud el-Habashy, returned to the cockpit and tried to regain control. "Pull with me. Help me. Pull with me," he said, according to the source.

The jet's two engines were effectively shut down during the dive, according to the cockpit data recorder. Sources also said the unusual split in the plane's eleva-

tors — flaps on the tail that bend down or up to raise or lift the plane's nose — may have been caused as one pilot tried to lift the plane out of a dive and another forced the controls down.

Investigators are trying to determine whether the two other cockpit crewmembers had re-entered the cockpit from the cabin when the plane was in its dive.

At a news conference Tuesday, National Transportation Safety Board Chairman James Hall said no sign of mechanical malfunction has been identified in the crash of the Boeing 767.

At Egypt's request he stopped short of turning the investigation over to the FBI to allow additional Egyptian experts more time to analyze the last recorded words of the pilots so they might contribute more understanding to what was said.

"As long as there are differences in the interpretation — and there are significant differences in the cultural interpretations of some expressions on the recorder — I think it is unfair ... for us to characterize it," he said.

Over the weekend, EgyptAir insisted

that el-Habashy and Anwar were in good physical and mental condition, passing checkups in the past five months.

"They were among our best pilots," said Hassan Misharfa, EgyptAir's head of operations. "They had long experience and, in addition to that, they had passed all professional, safety and psychological tests successfully."

The airline did not address the condition of el-Batouty and Capt. Raouf Nouredin, another pilot. U.S. investigators are now studying the background of all crew members.

Married for 27 years, el-Batouty joined EgyptAir in 1987 after training pilots at Egypt's Civil Aviation Authority and the air force. He had more than 5,000 flight hours in a Boeing 767 and was to have retired in March.

His 10-year-old daughter, Aya, suffers from the immune disorder lupus erythematosus, and had been treated in the United States.

"She was everything to him," his brother-in-law Essam Dahi said. "Only God will be able to give her the kind of love her father offered."

# City approves new lights for West Eighth Street

**By Tom Betz**  
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New metal light poles with underground wiring will be installed along the newly annexed section of West Eighth Street, the Goodland City Commission decided Monday.

The commission considered two options, one for the three lights with wood

poles and overhead wiring costing \$1,265, or the underground-wired steel poles at \$3,489.

Commissioner Rick Billinger asked about where the money would come from and if the steel poles could be paid for.

City Public Works Director Ed Wolak said the money would come from his budget, and that either option could be

handled.

"I think it is time we start getting things underground, and I would make a motion to install the steel poles at a cost of \$3,489," said Commissioner Curtis Hurd.

There was a pause before Commissioner Jim Mull, presiding in the absence of Mayor Chuck Lutters, seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

City Manager Ron Pickman told the commission there will be a workshop on the Census 2000 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the 4-H building at the fairgrounds.

"This will be very critical for our community," Pickman said. "We have to make sure we get an accurate count, as the population figure will be used in all our grant requests. The state has a formula that if your community is under 5,000, there are a number of grant programs which the city would not be eligible for."

Goodland is shown with a population of 4,839 based on the 1990 census Pickman said, but current state estimates put that down closer to 4,600.

"I believe we have gained population, but we must have the best count ever to be sure that is reflected in the census report," Pickman said.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved an amended plat for Wheat Ride Estates which adds one lot, and establishes the utility easements.
- Approved home occupation permits for new daycare operations for Ranae McCallum, 123 Toelkes Ave., and Paula Smith, 901 Broadway Ave., contingent on each receiving a state license.
- Approved an ordinance to change the zoning of the two lots on the northeast corner of 12th Street and Broadway from commercial to residential. The ordinance repeals one passed at the previous meet-

ing and republishes the legal because of an error in the first ordinance.

- Approved a composite/fiberglass option for the new transportation van. The cost will be \$36,260 with the city's portion being \$7,200.
- Discussed holding a joint meeting with the county commissioners to discuss the upcoming changes and requirement for the landfill. Wolak reported that over the past three months, the county has been keeping track a number of items have been showing up in the waste stream which should not be there. He said the city is finding metal that should not be in the dumpsters as well as construction items like old carpet, sheet rock, wood, concrete and other demolition material coming in the trucks.

It was suggested that a joint meeting needs to be held with the county commissioners and the staffs to better inform the employees about what is and what is not allowed into the landfill.

The commission held a short closed session to consider acquisition of property for street improvements, and after returning to open session, Commissioner Tom Rohr made a motion to continue the negotiations. The motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m. The next city meeting will be 5 p.m. Monday, Dec. 6.

## Pheasant Phestival shoppers find many bargains



The hot, dry weather may not have been ideal for the pheasant hunters, but those attending the annual Pheasant Phestival at Sharon Springs took advantage of the near-80-degree temperatures to inspect the antique car show. Those wanting to get out of the sun visited the craft show in the cafeteria of the Sharon Springs High School.  
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