

weather
report

62°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:35 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:29 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 52 degrees

• Humidity 15 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds northwest at 35 mph

• Barometer 29.73 inches

and rising

• Record High 74° (1942)

• Record Low 11° (1937)

Last 24 Hours*

High 73°

Low 30°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy and windy, low near 25, northwest winds 20 to 30 mph.

Friday: sunny, high near 55, northwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: dry, low near 25, high near 60.

Sunday: dry low near 20, high near 55.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.03 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.09

Loan deficiency payment — 36¢

Corn — \$1.52 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.62

Loan deficiency pmt. — 37¢

Milo — \$2.08 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.80 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.91

Loan deficiency payment — 98¢

Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.80 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.)

afternoon
wire

Late news from the Associated Press



1 p.m.

Russia warned
about violence

ISTANBUL, Turkey — President Clinton today warned Russian President Boris Yeltsin against feeding an “endless cycle of violence” with his offensive in Chechnya.

Yeltsin, at first defying international involvement, later gave ground and agreed to allow a Norwegian official to visit the war-torn region, officials said.

Yeltsin told world leaders at the opening session of a 54-nation European summit meeting not to criticize his fight against “bandits and murders.” He departed the summit early, shortly after meeting with Clinton. But Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said Russia agreed to permit a review of the situation on the ground in Chechnya.

She said the chairman of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe, Knut Vollebaek of Norway, would be allowed to visit Chechnya.

Christmas begins with Nu Phi Mu sale

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Crafts, crafts and more crafts — from candles and clothing to jewelry, pottery, woodcrafts or items with a Christmas theme — will be available at the annual Nu Phi Mu Arts and Crafts Fair from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

This will be the 22nd year for the Nu Phi Mu chapter of the Beta Sigma Phi sorority to hold the fair. Admission is free. There will be around 70 booths for shoppers to browse through at the fieldhouse, 13th and Arcade, in Goodland.

Kerri Ketter, chairman of the organizing committee, said quite a few of the crafters are from Goodland, with about half of them having been at the fair before.

What makes this fair unique is that the items sold by the crafters must be handmade. In this way, she said, the skills and talents of the crafters are shown in their handiwork.

Some of the things shoppers can expect to see are decorative or painted items, quilts, pottery, candles, small wood furniture, dried floral arrangements, seasonal or holiday decorations and oil paintings.

Penny Nemechek, a member of the organizing committee, said, “you can look for familiar faces as well as some new ones.”

There will be door prizes given away at least once an hour throughout the day with several names being drawn each time. The prizes are products that the crafters have donated to the sorority.

The sorority will have a lunch counter where they will sell

homemade cinnamon rolls and sloppy joes, potato chips, pickles, nachos, popcorn, candy, and drinks.

A babysitting service will be provided for both the crafters and the shoppers, for a charge. Sorority members have found this service to go over well with those who have to bring children with them to the fair.

Money raised by the fair is used to sponsor community projects, either ones that the sorority members are involved with or where the need is greatest.

“All of our money goes to donations,” said Ketter.

In the past, the group has donated money to the Carnegie Arts Center, the downtown banner project, a reading program, the Future Astronauts program and families with big medical expenses.

Students use technology to aid fund-raising project

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

What do enchiladas and computers have in common? Not much, you might say, but at Goodland North Elementary School, students have learned to use their computers to track enchilada sales in a money-making project for the class of 2001.

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She had been teaching the students on how to use databases in the computer lab. She knew the parents of her daughter Julia’s class, a junior at Goodland High School, were getting orders for enchiladas to raise money for Project Graduation.

Darnauer said she remembered helping with a Project Graduation money-making project for her son Jeff’s class last year. The parents made and sold burritos. But when customers came to pick up their purchases, the parents had to keep flipping through a notebook to find their names because they were listed under the seller’s name. She thought then that a database would have made things so much easier.

So 80 sixth graders took on the project. The students entered the customer’s names, addresses and phone numbers, the quantity of enchiladas ordered, whether or not the customer pre-paid their order and who the seller was. After the information was entered, Darnauer said, she compiled it, by going into each child’s folder, copying the data, and pasting it into a master database.

Then from her computer, she sent a copy of the master list back to the students to be edited. They worked in pairs to make corrections on one master list. It was after they were finished editing, that she and Pam Hardy, another sixth grade teacher, who helped her in checking the students’ work, realized how good of a job the students had done.



There were 406 dozen enchiladas ordered from 342 different customers.

“They did such a good job in their editing skills,” said Darnauer. “They had made very few mistakes.”

Darnauer said she thought the students did a wonderful job for their age and were so careful that they should be recognized for their efforts. She said a database is a useful tool in organizing information and is part of the program she teaches the students. In this case, it not only simplified the work of distributing the enchiladas, but also served as a real life learning experience for the students.

Then on Saturday, Nov. 6, Darnauer’s computer station was moved into the lobby and three of the sixth graders, Megan Stefan, Sara Studer, and Janelle Wolak, who each have a brother or sister in the junior class, were at North to help distribute enchiladas to the customers. They would find the names of the customers in the computer, collect money if necessary and then mark off that the enchiladas had been picked up. The majority of the enchiladas were distributed that day.



Megan Stefan typed on a computer keyboard, (left) while Hollie Britt, Sara Studer and Janelle Wolak (left to right) watched the screen, as they helped distribute enchiladas to customers at North School on Nov. 6. The enchiladas were sold to raise money for Project Graduation 2001. Kathy Wolak (front, below) and her daughter, Andrea, helped Diane Stefan (center) take enchiladas to her vehicle. Curtis Duncan (above) walked away with his order of enchiladas at North School.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Daily News



Six dead, 28 injured in collapse of bonfire

COLLEGE STATION, Texas (AP)—A 40-foot pyramid of logs being assembled for Texas A&M’s annual bonfire collapsed early today while dozens of students were climbing on it. At least six students were killed and 28 injured.

In the hours after the 2:30 a.m. collapse, rescuers pulled four students from the rubble alive, said Bart Humphreys, a fire department spokesman. One student wasn’t pulled free until more than six hours later.

Even after that, Cynthia Lawson, a

spokeswoman for the university, said crews using sound detectors could hear “moaning and tapping sounds,” leading them to believe one or more students was still trapped.

At midmorning, cranes were removing logs gingerly, one by one, in the search for more students.

“Every piece of wood in that pile is unstable and every piece of wood that moves affects other pieces of lumber,” Humphreys said.

Students who had been looking for-

ward to the huge bonfire, a tradition since 1909 to get fans ready for the football game against archrival University of Texas, were instead in mourning.

Some gathered near the scene, a field on the northeast corner of the campus, holding hands and praying while the rescue efforts continued.

“The scene right now is a scene of disbelief,” said Sallie Turner, editor of *The Battalion*, the student newspaper. “A lot of the students just feel it’s surreal.”

University President Ray Bowen gave

the death toll as six dead, all men, and 28 injured. At least three were in critical condition.

Officials conducted head counts at residence halls in an effort to account for everybody who may have been working on the structure. Some 60 to 70 students were believed to be on it when it fell.

Rusty Thompson, assistant director of the student center and the bonfire faculty adviser, said students told him “there was just a sudden movement. Five to seven seconds and it was on the ground.”

Gov. George W. Bush choked up when he discussed the accident in a CNN interview. “I just can’t imagine what that means to have that happen to them,” he said. “It’s sad, it’s tough.”

The bonfire tradition, which draws tens of thousands of spectators, began when Texas A&M was still an all-male military academy. The only year the bonfire was not lit was 1963, following President Kennedy’s assassination.

This year’s bonfire was scheduled for Thanksgiving night, the eve of the game.

Elevator, band on agenda of special breakfast meeting

By Charlie Baker

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board meet Friday to discuss moving the elevator in the Max Jones Fieldhouse addition, even though work on the shaft is nearly done.

The board also is to discuss the band Christmas program at the meeting, set for 7:30 a.m. at the district office.

At Monday’s meeting, member Mike Campbell said he had heard from people attending the open house that they were concerned

about having the elevator shaft out on the gym floor.

The elevator is being built at the west end of the fieldhouse, just off the court. The shaft will extend up to the domed ceiling, and, Campbell said, he is afraid that will detract from the looks of the building.

Construction on the shaft is nearly complete, so the board has to move quickly.

The board will also discuss the band’s Christmas program, scheduled for Dec. 19, just six days after the next regular board meeting.

Cut wire causes Internet problems

Somewhere between Topeka and Kansas City this morning, a fiber optic line was accidentally cut, and communication to a large part of Kansas was cut off including the Internet connections to nwkansans.com.

“There was a power surge before 8 a.m. in Goodland which caused a minor glitch in the local system,” said Tom Betz, Internet services director for nwkansans.com, “but about half an hour later it became apparent there was another problem. Contact was made with officials in Topeka who reported the line problem.”

“We know this is inconvenient for our customers and somewhat frustrating for us as well,” said Betz. “It is beyond our control, and while we are happy it is not specifically our problem, it is not some-

thing we like to have happen.

“Such an outage reminds everyone that the Internet system is very important, and yet that it depends on the integrity of the phone system across the nation.”

Repairs apparently were complete by shortly after 11 a.m. and Internet service was restored. The outage also affected other Internet services in western Kansas, including the IXKS server in Goodland.

“The pressure on the Internet continues to grow,” Betz said. “In face of expansion, additional lines have been installed in our Goodland office to continue our efforts to keep up with the growing number of customers.”

“Southwestern Bell is also responding to our needs by running additional

cable to allow for more expansion in the future. It has been our commitment to do as much as possible to stay up with the technology and the needs of our customers.

“We know in the past several weeks there were numerous problems with our e-mail server, and wish to thank our nearly 800 customers for their patience,” Betz said. “Evan Barnum, our hardware technician, worked very quickly to install the new e-mail system which seems to be running efficiently. However, as with all such things we keep watching and checking to see that it performs as expected.”

Customers on nwkansans.com are located in Colby, Oberlin, Norcatur, McDonald, Bird City, St. Francis and Goodland.