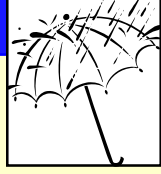


weather report

34°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:28 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:39 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 44 degrees
• Humidity 89 percent
• Sky cloudy
• Winds northeast at 13 mph
• Barometer 29.94 inches and falling
• Record High 73° (1924)
• Record Low -4° (1929)

Last 24 Hours*

High 56°
Low 32°
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: snow, heavy at times, accumulations 4 to 8 inches, low near 20, north winds 25 to 35 mph.

Tuesday: 30 percent chance of snow, high near 35, north winds 15 to 25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, low near 15, high near 45.

Thursday: dry, low near 20, high near 50.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.09 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.06
Loan deficiency payment — 39¢
Corn — \$1.54 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.62
Loan deficiency pmt. — 37¢
Milo — \$2.16 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.92 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.91
Loan deficiency payment — 98¢
Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.80 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.01
Confection current — \$117 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.

Clinton lands in Bulgaria

SOFIA, Bulgaria (AP) — President Clinton, on the first-ever visit to this former communist nation by an American president, told a jubilant, flag-waving crowd of thousands that Bulgaria must "stay the course" to build a democracy, ally itself with America and avoid the ethnic conflict that has crippled many of its Balkan neighbors.

"I am very proud to be the very first American president to visit Bulgaria — a free Bulgaria," Clinton said. "I am proud to stand in this place where voices were silenced for too long."

Clinton spoke in a cobblestoned square in the heart of the Bulgarian capital, facing the spectacular neo-Byzantine style Alexander Nevski Cathedral. Huge American and red-white-and-green Bulgarian flags formed part of the backdrop, and signs declared Bulgaria's celebration of 10 years as a democracy.

Santa Claus stars in special parade



Visit eagerly awaited

Santa and Mrs. Claus arrived in Goodland Saturday afternoon, escorted by the Highway Patrol, Goodland Police, and the Kansas National Guard, as the children eagerly awaited him. The Goodland Ambassadors had spice cake, hot chocolate, and hot apple cider at the old Schneider's building. Families lined up for their turn to give Santa their wish lists.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Aroma of candles, food greet craft shoppers

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The aroma of scented candles and bath products and the smell of sloppy joes were in the air.

Up and down the aisles, wooden shelves of various sizes, a Christmas tree full of crocheted snowflakes and angels, dried floral arrangements, flat metal stand up figures and wooden plaques with funny sayings were displayed in booths.

All of these and more were to be found at Saturday's 22nd Annual Nu Phi Mu Arts and Crafts Fair at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. The booths were set up in rows on the gymnasium floor and around the edge of the arena.

Shoppers could sign up for door prizes at a table as they came in. Then names were drawn and announced hourly over a loudspeaker.

The craft items, which had to be handmade, showed the wide variety of crafters' talents.

A booth by the entrance had different sizes of mirrors with designs painted in the center. Another booth had three dimensional wooden build-



Linda Lucas (right) pointed out a metal figure to her daughter Courtney at one of the booths at the Nu Phi Mu Arts and Crafts Fair on Saturday. A crafter (above) put another item out for display on her table of Christmas decorations. She was one of the many who had booths at the 22nd annual fair at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



ings made from tree stumps.

Cobblestone Floral and Garden Center of Goodland had big decorated Santas, made using an upside-down planter, in their booth.

Down one aisle, there was a booth geared to kids which sold handmade Barbie-doll clothes and tents.

One booth sold "kornor kids," which are made from children's sleepers. The dolls, which stand up with their hands covering their faces, were available in sizes from about 18 inches to three feet tall, dressed in a variety of outfits.

The majority of the crowd was women, but a few men showed up as well. There were some babies and toddlers being pushed in strollers, while several kids were playing on mats in the wrestling practice area.

The sorority had a lunch counter upstairs in the fieldhouse, with tables and chairs where shoppers could sit and eat or visit. A baby-sitting service also provided for shoppers or crafters alike.

The money which is raised by the sorority will be used to benefit club and community projects.

State newspapers test citizen access to public records

Nineteen Kansas newspapers joined forces in June, agreeing to a two-week test of how Kansans can expect to be treated when they ask for public records.

The Goodland Daily News and its sister papers in the Nor'West Newspapers group, the Colby Free Press, Oberlin Herald and St. Francis Herald, joined the project, though their participation was mostly limited to gathering information in five northwest Kansas counties. Larger papers did most of the planning and writing.

The Daily News will be running stories from the project through the week, starting with the main roundup tomorrow. More complete versions are available in the Salina Journal, Hays Daily News or Wichita Eagle.

dozen states found both ready cooperation and stubborn refusal to turn over records that, by law, are public.

The Kansas papers agreed to ask for and copy records that ordinary citizens would be interested in and likely to ask for: the mayor's or city manager's expense report; the minutes of the last county commission meeting; the high school football coach's salary; and the previous weekend's offense reports from the county sheriff's office.

A preliminary test of four counties in late August found almost complete compliance with the Open Records Act, under which each of these records is



open to the public. But because some mayors went weeks or months without filing expense claims, the group agreed to ask instead for the list of the previous

month's bills approved for payment by the city council.

During the weeks of Sept. 20 and 27, reporters visited all 105 Kansas counties' courthouses and sheriff's offices, each county seat's city hall, and the largest school district in each county, seeking public records. Nineteen newspapers took part in the test.

The reporters were told to disclose their names or addresses when asked, as allowed by law, but not to identify

themselves by occupation unless they felt compelled to do so.

Repeat visits were required in a handful of cases when reporters were told they could come back later for a record. In at least two instances, reporters were sent back to a public office to repeat their request because they were asked to come back later, but did not do so.

In our area, the results were similar to those statewide: county clerks and city workers generally were helpful, while school offices were guarded and some county sheriff's were downright hostile.

The Open Records Act gives public agencies 72 hours to grant or deny a records request. Records turned over within that period were considered granted.

rather than the requested record, a note upon which the coach's salary was scribbled, for example, rather than a copy of his contract, it was considered partially granted. If reporters were allowed to view a record but not copy it, it was considered partially granted.

A record that was refused, or promised but not delivered within 72 hours, was considered denied. In some cases, offices provided an old version of a record. Those were also considered denials.

Also taking part in the project were the Chanute Tribune, Emporia Gazette, Garden City Telegram, Harris News Service, Hutchinson News, Lawrence Journal-World, Manhattan Mercury, Ottawa Herald, Parsons Sun, Pittsburg Morning Sun, Topeka Capital-Journal, Tri-County News (Gardner) and Winfield Courier.