

weather report

65°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:32 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:25 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:34 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 45 degrees

• Humidity 21 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds southwest 18-28 mph

• Barometer 29.63 inches

and falling

• Record High 73° (1981)

• Record Low -16° (1960)

Last 24 Hours*

High 63°

Low 33°

Precipitation .17 inches

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy; 50 percent chance of thunderstorms; low mid 30s; winds southwest 20-30 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy; high 45-50; winds west 15-25 mph; low 25.

Extended Forecast

Saturday through Monday. Saturday: dry; high 55; low 25. Sunday: dry; high 70; low 25. Monday: dry; high 65; low 30-35.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Santana favorite for music

Veteran sweeps list on Grammy show to cap his comeback

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The comeback of Carlos Santana is triumphantly complete.

The guitar great, who had just one minor Grammy to his credit in a 30-year career, won eight on Wednesday, tying the record set by Michael Jackson in 1983 for most trophies in one night. Santana's awards included the top honors, record and album of the year.

Santana brought grace, humility and spirituality to a show full of glitz and glamor. The 52-year-old musician known best for his breathtaking guitar work said he set out to make "Supernatural" a radio-friendly record to spread a message of hope.

"If I can do it, people from the ghettos, the barrio, the shantytowns can do it," the Mexican-born Santana said. "I know, because I came from there."

Other top winners at the 42nd annual Grammys included the soul trio TLC, who won two Grammys — for best rhythm 'n' blues for their frank put-down of men, "No Scrubs," and best R&B album for "Fanmail." "No Scrubs" was also named best R&B song.

Eminem won two awards, for best rap solo performance and best rap album.

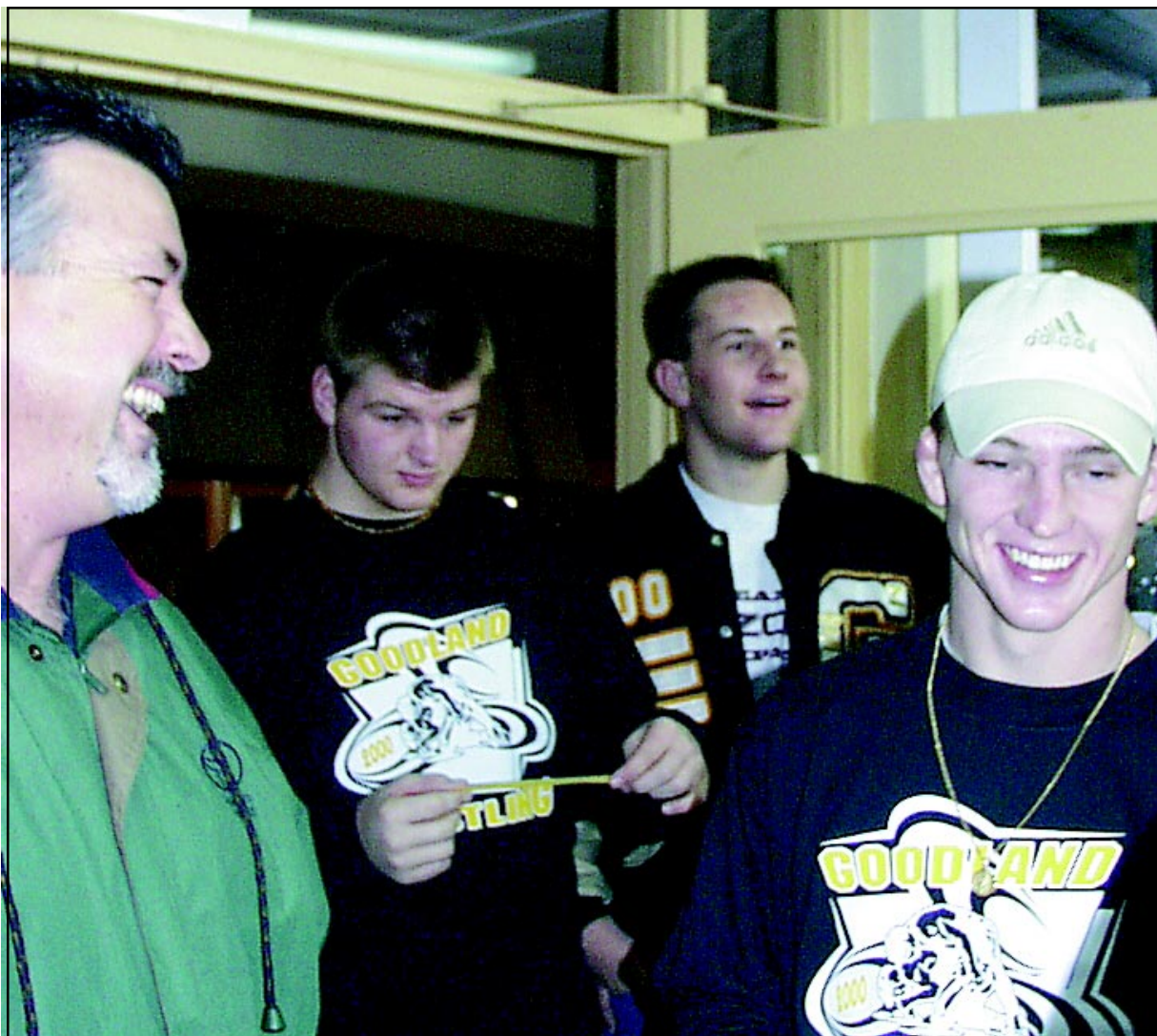
Country's leading ladies, the Dixie Chicks and Shania Twain, won two Grammys apiece. George Jones, who had a near-fatal traffic wreck last year, won best male country vocal for "Choices."

Tony Bennett, now 73 and enjoying his own commercial resurgence, took the Grammy for traditional pop vocal for his tribute to Duke Ellington.

"This is my ninth Grammy, and boy, I just feel like going back in the recording studio and coming up with another one," he said.

Christina Aguilera staged a mild upset for best new performer over fellow teen queen Britney Spears. Aguilera said she was so sure someone else

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Farewell, Cowboys, good luck!

One of the largest crowds for a school sendoff in recent memory gathered this morning at Max Jones Fieldhouse to the Goodland Cowboy wrestlers as they headed for the state tournament in Wichita. The Goodland High cheerleaders (top) led the group in cheers and there were smiles all around as the wrestlers were greeted and congratulated. Wrestler Joey Smith (right) joked about the upcoming tournament and teammates Curtis Swager and Alex Evert (in the background) waited to get in the cars.

Photos by Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.23 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.14

Loan deficiency payment — 31¢

Corn — \$1.70 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.81

Loan deficiency payment — 18¢

Milo — \$2.61 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.25 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.31

Loan deficiency payment — 58¢

Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.80 cwt.

Loan deficiency prmt. — \$3.92

Confection current — \$13/\$8 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$12 (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.

NATO wants more troops

WASHINGTON — Responding to a call by NATO military commanders to reinforce the peacekeepers in Kosovo, France is preparing to dispatch an additional 600 to 700 soldiers, and U.S. Marines may follow.

A U.S. official said Wednesday that allied political authorities at NATO headquarters in Brussels were considering whether 1,200 extra peacekeepers may be needed in addition to the contingent of French soldiers.

The official said a U.S. Marine unit was among several allied forces designated for potential use as reinforcements in the ethnically divided Serbian province.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said no decision had been made on whether more American troops would go. He said that would be decided after it was clear what NATO commanders needed.

City starts special run to get junk

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Do you need to get rid of some junk that can't be put in city dumpsters? Then the city has a deal for you.

It has started a special pickup program, where residents can call to have crews pick up stuff that can't go in dumpsters. There is no charge, because the cost is included in the price you pay for trash pickup.

Items not allowed in the trash dumpsters include tree limbs, appliances, lawnmowers, metal, unpainted or unfinished wood, furniture and tires.

The service is available to everyone except businesses, landlords, contractors and tree cutters, who have to haul their own junk. You can be fined for putting forbidden items in the dumpsters.

Crews make the special Tuesdays and Wednesdays, and if you call early enough, they usually come by the same day.

There are four categories, and the crew pickup up one each week in rotation, appliance and metal items the first week of the month, limbs and branches the second, unpainted wood the third and furniture and old tires the fourth.

There is a \$6 fee for pickup of appliances which still contain refrigerant. A fee is charged for tires, based on their size. Tires must be separated from their rims, and fees need to be paid at the city office before the pickup will be made.

Special pickup schedules are avail-



City crewmen Randy Stasser (left) and Robert Reed showed some of the items they picked up Wednesday in the city's special pickup program. Stasser began working for the city when the program started in January. Reed was moved into the new job after working for the city for 23 years.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

able at either the city office, 204 W. 11th, or the power plant office, 1701 Cherry.

To schedule a pickup or for questions, call Cindy Crutcher at the power plant at 899-4539 or 4530.

Autopsy report rules youth's death a suicide

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

A month after he was discovered hanging in his cell in the Sherman County Bastille, the official autopsy filed Tuesday declares the death of Tirso E. Zuniga, Jr., 18, as a suicide.

Reports indicated that the youth had been "huffing" paint with a "wannabe" gang and possibly smoking marijuana before his arrest. His sister said she thought he just couldn't face the fact that he probably had earned a trip to prison by trying to escape from police.

The report signed by Dr. Sue Jennings, deputy coroner, details the investigation into the death, and includes a report from Dr. Lyle J. Noordhoek, who performed the autopsy in Hays, and Kansas Bureau of Investigation Special Agent Delbert Hawel, who found no signs of foul play.

Dr. Jennings' report said the body was found in his cell by Sherman County Deputy Sheriff William Knitig at 2:18 a.m. Friday, Jan. 21. He was hanging from a piece of bed sheet looped in a vent. Police officers and emergency medical technicians were called.

Goodland Police Officer Brad Parker arrived within three minutes, along with Officer Doug Storie. The body was facing the wall and the feet were touching the ground with the legs buckled.

He was cut down and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation was administered to no avail.

Deputy Knitig said that when he did rounds at 12:15 a.m., Zuniga was on his cot writing. When checked at 1:25 a.m., he was in bed. Knitig said there was no

verbal contact at these times, and that when we went back at 2:18, he found Zuniga hanging.

Dr. Jennings arrived at 2:40 a.m. She pronounced Zuniga dead, and the process of gathering evidence and taking photographs was begun. A letter about a page and a half long was found signed Chucho.

A note was found written on a shelf. "Can't be nobody but me that all I could be. Can't be who you want me to be cuz that ain't me." It was signed brown clown 2000.

Zuniga's sister, Josie Hernandez, now in Mexico, said "Chucho" was a family nickname, and she thought the "brown clown 2000" was his nickname in the South Side 13, a gang that she knew he had been involved with.

Hernandez said a copy of the letter given to the family was a rambling missive which seemed despondent, but yet somewhat positive about his future.

"He wrote about moving back to Texas and getting together with his girlfriend," Hernandez said. "It wasn't much of a letter of good-bye, and it didn't say anything about what he was planning to do."

The autopsy said there was physical evidence that Zuniga had been a paint puffer, and after his arrest on Jan. 14, when he had attempted to escape and was recaptured, he had been transferred to the Goodland Regional Medical Center for evaluation of having withdrawal symptoms from the paint.

He was kept for observation overnight and sent back. A drug screen from the hospital revealed some THC (tet-

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