

weather  
report

71°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:29 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:00 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:30 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 15 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest 18-26 mph
- Barometer 30.10 inches and falling

• Record High 93° (1989)

• Record Low 20° (1931)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 66°

Low 31°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Increasing clouds, low mid 40s, winds south 15-25 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, high 70-75, winds southeast 10-20 mph. Late evening thunderstorms possible, with a 30 percent chance for rain.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: chance of rain, high 60s, low 40s. Monday and Tuesday: chance of rain, high 60s, low 30s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.18 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.07  
Loan deficiency payment — 38¢  
Corn — \$1.77 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.95  
Loan deficiency payment — 4¢  
Milo — \$2.67 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.61 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.64  
Loan deficiency payment — 25¢  
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$6.39 cwt.  
Loan deficiency prnt. — \$3.54  
Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)  
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo Co 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.

Reno ready  
to use force?

WASHINGTON (AP)—Attorney General Janet Reno has exhausted other options and is waiting for law enforcement officials to decide when and how to remove Elian Gonzalez from his Miami relatives. But she still hopes the family will voluntarily turn over the 6-year-old Cuban boy.

“I’m just trying to work it out,” Reno told reporters. “I’m exploring every possibility I can to see this resolved peacefully, promptly and properly.”

Asked if she was on the verge of ordering law enforcement agents to remove Elian from his Miami relatives’ home, Reno replied, “If I were going to do something like that, I certainly wouldn’t tell you.”

Reno met for 15 minutes at the Justice Department this afternoon with the boy’s father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, who had asked for a session Thursday.

# Edson group to present plans for gym

The group from Edson which wants to save the old school gymnasium there plans to present its proposal at Monday’s regular Goodland School Board meeting at 7 p.m. at the district office.

The future of the Edson gym has been discussed over the past two months. In March, the board visited the site and talked with the citizens group. During a recent planning retreat at the Goodland Elks Hall, discussion about the gym suggested a need to find out what it might be worth, and the board directed Superintendent Marvin Selby to

get some figures.

The Edson citizen group wants to create an agency which could get a grant to operate the gym as a community center, and had asked the board about the possibility of giving the building to the community. Other questions include the problem of the old high school on the west, and repairs needed on the gym’s roof and skylights.

The Grant Junior High coaches say that they would rather continue to use the Edson gym and stop using the National Guard Armory. One or the

other will be needed even with the expansion of Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The board will also discuss a request from several fifth- and sixth-grade teachers to allow some multi-age grouping of these classes at North Elementary next year.

There will be a discussion of what the district should do about the practice of social promotions, which advance students to the next grade whether they are really qualified or not. Selby said there are a number of things involved in such a deci-

sion, and the board must set district policy.

In other business, the board will:

- Discuss a teacher union’s requests for additional supplemental contracts, and the need to add contract positions for girls softball for next fall and golf and tennis for the next year.
- Honor several teachers, and present a plaque to the High Plains Museum.
- Present teacher staffing requests for the next year and supplemental contract recommendations.

## Board, teachers trade proposals for new contract

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Daily News*

After the second negotiation session between the Goodland School Board and the National Education Association of Goodland on Wednesday, both sides said they felt there’d been some good discussions, but no new agreements.

The school board presented counterproposals dealing with extra-duty pay additions, detailing the days in the school calendar and two items dealing with health insurance benefits for retirees.

A tentative agreement was reached at the first session about adding Scholar’s Bowl and debate to the extra-duty pay list for both the junior high and high school, and the board presented a formal proposal on this which showed the additions. The extra-duty pay list, for those events which require teachers to assist outside the school day, says they will be paid 50 cents over the minimum wage for those hours.

Rhonda Williams, high school counselor, talked to the group about the duties she has as the peer counselor sponsor. She told the negotiating teams that the peer counselor program is taking more time and effort than originally anticipated, and that is why the teachers are asking that the position be added to the supplemental contract list with pay being set at 3 percent of the base.

The peer counselor sponsor position was one of three the teachers group had proposed adding at the first session. Mary Porterfield, teacher team leader, said they would also ask that the yearbook sponsor at North Elementary be added to the supplemental contract list with a pay level of 1 percent of base, and that the elementary student council sponsor be added, with an hourly rate up to a maximum of one-half of 1 percent of the base.

Kathy Russell, board team leader, said the items would be taken under consideration.

The second board counterproposal dealt with the listing of the days in the school calendar. At the first session, the

teachers had presented a proposal asking that the current language be changed to list how the 188 days of the contract would be divided between student contact, in-service training, teacher work days and parent-teacher conferences.

The board proposed language which would include open houses, faculty meetings and other special sessions as being part of the teacher’s duties.

In the counterproposal, the board changed that to include much of the wording that had been in the teacher’s proposal, and revised the language about the open house and other meetings.

The new proposal would say: “The 188 days will be divided as follows: 171 classroom, 1 technology inservice, 2 parent-teacher conference, 5.5 workdays and 8.5 inservice days. Two of the scheduled workdays will be worked at the discretion of the teachers, provided the teacher notifies the building principal.

“The standard duty day may include a yearly open house, a monthly faculty meeting and an occasional special education staffing.”

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the board thought the first part incorporated what the teachers were asking for, and said there was more discussion on the second paragraph.

“We were trying to be as specific as possible about what extra meetings we want the teachers to attend,” Selby said.

“We are concerned about how much time outside of the contract the board is asking for,” Porterfield said. “We want to be clear about what is meant by occasional, and will probably have a counteroffer on the second paragraph.”

The third district counterproposal deals with the health insurance benefit for retired teachers. The district is seeking to change an “or” to “and” in the section about when a retiring teacher is eligible for health insurance. The district would like to have the section state that a teacher is eligible for insurance

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At the Last Supper, following the traditions of the time, Jesus washed the disciples’ feet before they shared the meal. At a joint Maundy Thursday service, the Rev. Loren Strait of the Goodland First Christian Church poured water on the hands of Brook Whitmore, 11, while Pastor Kay Kincaid of he First United Methodist Church of Kanorado prepared to dry them. The service, at the Goodland First United Methodist Church, began Holy Week services commemorating the death by crucifixion and resurrection of Christ.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

## Churches plans Easter services; big egg hunt set for park Saturday

Goodland churches and civic group had services and events planned for Holy Week and Easter, with a big egg hunt for kids Saturday at Gulick Park.

The Topside Lions will hold their annual Easter egg hunt at 10:30 a.m. that day for children 10 and under, accompanied by a parent or adult. In case of bad weather, the hunt will be moved to the Goodland Activities Center.

Most churches plan special services.

Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 13th and Sherman, will have a Mass at 8 p.m. Saturday, and two on Sunday, at 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m..

The Goodland United Methodist Church and the First Christian Church will have a community sunrise service at 6 a.m. Sunday at Gulick Park. A potluck breakfast will follow at the First Christian Church, 8th and Arcade.

Then the Methodist Church, 12th and Sherman, will have worship services at 10:45 a.m.

First Christian will have a service at 10:30 a.m. with communion. An Easter egg hunt will be held afterwards.

Sonrise Christian Church, 9th and Caldwell, will have an Easter service at 9 a.m. with communion.

Easter services will be held at the First Baptist Church, 5th and Center, at 10:30 a.m.

The Bible Baptist Church, 5th and Broadway, will have Sunday school at 9 a.m. and Easter service at 10 a.m. A picnic at Phillips Park will follow the service with an Easter

egg hunt for children 12 and under. It will start at about 11:30 a.m.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 13th and Sherman, will have a sunrise service with communion at 7:30 a.m., followed by breakfast at 8:30 a.m. Sunday school with an Easter egg hunt will be at 9 a.m. and worship service with communion will be at 10 a.m.

The Calvary Gospel Church will have an Easter sunrise service at 5:45 a.m. at Mac Thompson’s residence, 896 W. 35th. Breakfast will be served from 8:15 to 8:45 a.m. at the church, 4th and College. Afterwards, Sunday school will be held at 9 a.m. and an Easter worship service with communion at 10 a.m.

If you want to eat at a restaurant on Sunday, Howard Johnson Hotel will be serving a buffet lunch from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations may be made, but are not required.

Kentucky Fried Chicken will be open for lunch on Sunday.

Sugar Hills Country Club will have Easter brunch at 10:30 a.m. or noon for members and their guests only.

The Goodland Elks Lodge will have an Easter buffet from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Reservations are not necessary. Tables will be available for groups up to eight. Larger groups are asked to call the lodge at 899-6251, so a table can be set up. Best Western Buffalo Inn Restaurant will not be open for lunch on Sunday.

## Committees wrap up state budget

By John Hanna

*Associated Press Writer*

TOPEKA — Two committees are putting together the last budget bill of the year, and major ethics legislation will soon be law.

The House Appropriations and Senate Ways and Means committees met Thursday to review Gov. Bill Graves’ latest budget proposals. They planned two days of meetings.

They started the same day Graves

signed a bill containing the bulk of the state budget. Ut appropriates nearly \$8.65 billion for the state’s 2001 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

The legislation being drafted by the committees is likely to add millions in spending to the bottom line.

Graves also signed a bill placing new restrictions on contracting by state agencies and closing a loophole in a law that limits campaign contributions to legislators while they are in session.

The ethics bill’s most-publicized provisions would increase the amount of information lobbyists are required to disclose in reports they file monthly during each session. As of July 1, they will have to list the recipients of individual gifts and meals they provide.

All of the action came on a day when the Legislature wasn’t officially in session.

The House and Senate plan to recon-

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### Going through the years



Sixth-grade students at North School displayed the research projects on memorable events of the past century on Thursday afternoon in the school’s multipurpose room. Amanda Mayfield, a fourth grader from Central School, looked at a 1915 display by Matt Rohr.

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