

weather
report

75°

at noon

Today

- Sunset, 7:34 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:53 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:35 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 54 degrees
- Humidity 27 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds north 10 mph
- Barometer 30.04 inches and steady
- Record High 89° (1921)
- Record Low 23° (1953)

Last 24 Hours*

High 67°
Low 34°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, winds north 5-15 mph, low 40. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, dry, high 70-75, winds north 15-25 mph, low 40-45.

Extended Forecast

Friday: dry, high 75-80, low mid 40s. Saturday and Sunday: chance of thunderstorms, high 70-75, low mid 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.13 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.07
Loan deficiency payment — 38¢
Corn — \$1.78 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.99
Loan deficiency payment — 00¢
Milo — \$2.69 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.65 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.71
Loan deficiency payment — 18¢
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.25 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$3.54
Confection current — \$13/\$7 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.

Top Broadway
producer dies

NEW YORK — David Merrick, Broadway's most successful producer whose flair for showmanship and publicity helped create such hits as "Gypsy," "Hello, Dolly!" and "42nd Street," has died. He was 88.

Merrick, who suffered a stroke in 1983 that severely affected his speech and forced him to use a wheelchair, died early Tuesday in London, according to a statement released here Wednesday by the David Merrick Arts Foundation.

Merrick produced over 80 plays or musicals on Broadway including such shows as "Oliver!", "Carnival," "Fanny," "Look Back in Anger," "Becket," "Irma La Douce," "Play It Again, Sam," "A Taste of Honey," "Stop the World — I Want to Get Off," "Cactus Flower," "Philadelphia, Here I Come," "Forty Carats," "I Do! I Do!" and "Promises, Promises."

People want to buy, fix up Edson gym

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

An Edson group offered \$1,000 for the school gym at Monday's Goodland School Board meeting, asking for a year to put together what it described as a win-win deal for the district and town.

"We don't feel we can pay a lot of money for the building and do the upgrades to the building," spokesman Mike Cochran said. "We propose to pay the district \$1,000 for the gym and surrounding property."

Cochran said if the board accepts the proposal, the proposed Edson Community Foundation

would need a year to organize, establish a certified non-profit organization, apply for tax credits and do some additional fund raising.

The proposal said the foundation would be willing to rent the gym back for school use and give the district priority during the months of November through February. Cochran said the group would handle the custodial costs and maintenance during the rental period.

He said the group would assume responsibility for updating the heating system, installing an exhaust fan, refinishing the floor, have the skylights fixed and have a new water well drilled with

a chlorine system.

"We want to keep the building as a community center," Cochran said, "and we hope it can be open more as a public facility."

Board members wanted to know if the community's commitment would last.

"Do you think this would be a long-lived entity?" asked board member Ben Duell.

"We feel it would be long term," Cochran said, "but realistically, I cannot say what might happen in 10 years. We feel the Edson community can make this work, and there is interest among the school alumni to keep the gym."

"I would say our minds are open, not vacant, but open," Duell said.

Dick Short, board president, said the proposal would be added to material that Superintendent Marvin Selby had gathered, and the board would discuss the matter later. Previously Short said the board had directed Selby to find out the value of the building and the cost of doing minimal repairs.

Short added that the board had decided to keep the gym for a year while they consider alternatives.

Bob Harkins, transportation superintendent for

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Errant car smashes deck

Emergency crews (above) rushed Jason Weis, 19, to an ambulance Tuesday after his car ran across two lawns and smashed John and Kathy Baker's redwood porch at 915 Arcade. The youth, who police said apparently had a seizure, was northbound on Arcade about 3 p.m. when his car went off the east side of the street. It high-centered on the porch, but with the engine on and the driver apparently passed out, it sat there spinning its smoking tires until a neighbor turned the ignition off. Later, Baker (left) and friends pushed to help a tow-truck driver back the slightly damaged car off the porch. One neighbor told Baker that at least he'd be getting a new deck out of the incident. He shook his head, saying, "We just did that two years ago." It was just luck, he added, that their three children, 4 months, 3 and 5, were inside. "The kids love to play hide and go seek in those things," he said, gesturing to ruined planters and a splintered bench. "They pop in and out."

Steve Haynes/The Goodland Daily News

Doctor says boy's family needs to settle dispute

WASHINGTON (AP) — A child psychiatrist who interviewed Elian Gonzalez for the government recommended that his Miami relatives reconcile their differences with his father before they are allowed to visit the 6-year-old Cuban boy, a Justice Department spokeswoman said today.

Dr. Paulina F. Kernberg, of Cornell University Medical College, advised Immigration Commissioner Doris Meissner that "Elian needs more private time with his family and she believes that before the Miami relatives see Elian they need to work out their differences with Juan Miguel," Justice spokeswoman Carole Florman said.

Kernberg spent 2 1/2 hours Tuesday with the Gonzalez family at their new retreat on Wye River Plantation on Maryland's Eastern Shore. She spent some time alone with Elian, some alone with the father and some with the entire family including his stepmother and 6-month-old half brother, Florman said.

"The doctor reported that Elian needs

to feel there is no tension between his family and his Miami relatives before any sort of extended family meeting," Florman said.

Kernberg was one of three doctors consulting for the government who interviewed the father and Elian's great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez, who had been caring for him, before Saturday's raid. They recommended that the boy be quickly reunited with his father.

A Justice official, requesting anonymity, said Kernberg told Meissner that Lazaro Gonzalez's 21-year-old daughter, Marisleysis, "is clearly not ready to see Elian, because she is too emotional and too angry to be a positive influence for him." Kernberg has not interviewed Marisleysis, but the young woman has conducted several televised news conferences describing her anger over the raid that took Elian from her home in Miami.

Little pieces of Elian life in Cuba are being brought to him in America as his

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Getting ready to rip



A crew from Smith Sand and Gravel out of Garden City was out Tuesday morning putting up concrete barriers along K-27 south of I-70 for the upcoming construction. One by one, the barriers were put in place by a front-end loader and a little pushing and shoving, to protect workers who will take out part of the old median.

Photo by Debra Turner/The Goodland Daily News

Garden, home show this week

Over 40 exhibitors will fill the floor of the Max Jones Fieldhouse Saturday and Sunday for the KLOE/KKCI/KWGB Home and Garden Show.

The doors will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and noon to 4 p.m. Sunday.

A highlight of this year's show will be the appearance of "The Conman" radio personality from Denver. Friday he will be at Crazy R's at 9 p.m., and at McDonalds Saturday from 9:30-10:30 a.m.

The Conman will be at the Home and Garden Show from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., and then be the master of ceremonies for the Great Divide Concert in Colby at 7 p.m. The Goodland band Exit 17 will also perform at the concert.

About 45 exhibitors are expected to fill Max Jones, including many area businesses and at least two from Florida. Among those expected to have a booth are:

The Rattlesnake Roundup of Sharon Springs; Colby Photo, Cellular One and the Pirates Den of Colby; Superior Flooring and Knapp Realty of Burlington; DK Family Learning of Hope; Mingo Custom Wood; Watkins Soft Tubs of Hoxie; S and T Communications of Brewster; Nancy Dietz of Kirk, Colo.; Video Kingdom and Stevens Kansas Territorial of St. Francis; Discount Siding of Hays; Health Craft Cooking Show, Tampa, Fla.; and LustreCraft of Mount Dora, Fla.;

Grass Roots Lawn Service, Party Gras, Goodland Greenline, Scheopner's Culligan Soft Water, Nikken, Frontier Equity, Waddell and Reed, Elliott's, Fitzgibbon's, Securities America/Hospice, Luci's Aquarium, Cole Auction and Realty, The Goodland Daily News and nwkans.com, J.D. Stone Cutting, Wal-Mart, Homestead Realty, the Sherman County Star;

Cobblestone Floral and Garden, Hitchcock Inc., American Communications, Bowman Heating and Air Conditioning, the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, Lincare, First National Bank, Rasure's Do It Center, Shields BDS Enterprises and Nature's Sparkle, all of Goodland. Outside of Max Jones there will be a booth for Shields BDS.