

weather report

63°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:56 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:29 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:57 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds south 8 mph
- Barometer 30.17 inches and falling
- Record High 95° (1934)
- Record Low 34° (1981)

Last 24 Hours*

High 56°
Low 40°
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low mid 40s, winds south 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms, highs

Extended Forecast

Sunday: chance of thunderstorms, high 80-85, low 50-55. Monday: dry, high 85-90, low 50-55. Tuesday: dry, high 85-90, low 50-55. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.29 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.16
 - Loan deficiency payment — 29¢
 - Corn — \$1.90 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.94
 - Loan deficiency payment — 5¢
 - Milo — \$2.86 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.75 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.69
 - Loan deficiency payment — 20¢
 - Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.67
 - 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.

Couple claims half of jackpot

CHICAGO — A couple who own a small brewery have a lot to toast each other about today as they claimed half of last week's \$363 million Big Game jackpot. Joe Kainz said he and his wife, Sue, plan to "have a lot of fun" and take a trip to Ireland. They got a ceremonial check for \$181.5 million, but opted for the lump sum, which amounts to \$90 million before taxes, rather than taking the bigger prize in installments. The couple, married 40 years, own the Wild Onion Brewing Co. in Lake Barrington. They live in Tower Lakes, another Chicago suburb. Their three adult children all work for the family microbrewery. Kainz also owns a medical supply business. Kainz, 64, said they did not plan to retire. Their first goal, he said, "is to get it and park it" somewhere where the money is safe.

Buffalo reappearing on High Plains

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Buffalo are returning to the plains and there's a herd of them about 17 miles northeast of Goodland.

Ken and Laurie Klemm and their four children, Austin, 9; Emily, 8; Jessica, 6; and Levi, 3, moved to northwest Kansas and started their own buffalo ranch, called the Homestead Ranch.

The Klemms moved here from Colorado, where Ken had managed two of the largest buffalo ranches in the state. The herd near Alamosa, in the San Luis Valley, had 3,000 head of buffalo and the other, which was two miles from the Colorado-Wyoming stateline and south of Laramie, Wyo., had 2,000 head.

The Klemm's herd has close to 100 buffalo which includes 50 cows, three herd bulls, three young bulls to be slaughtered for prime choice meat, and 40 calves.

Buffalo meat is sweet and juicy with a mild but hearty taste. The meat they sell is U.S.D.A. inspected. They take the buffalo to Blue Mountain Premium Meats in Oakley to be slaughtered and butchered.

Their pickup has a bumper sticker on it which reads "Warning-Buffalo Meat May Improve Your Life."

Laurie said buffalo meat is lower in cholesterol, fat, and calories than skinless chicken, beef, or pork. It cooks faster than beef and tends to dry out, so low and slow is the way to cook it.

She said it is believed that around 100 million buffalo once lived on the plains of the United States. But in the late 1800s, the U.S. government started killing the buffalo as a way to control the Indians. When they were finished, there were only about 800 to 1,000 buffalo left. Today though, there are over 250,000 buffalo in this country.

Once a year, the Klemms work the buffalo. At that time, the calves are weaned and the entire herd is vaccinated for the same diseases that cattle are usually treated for. Other than that, the buffalo receive no growth hormones or medication and are left alone.



Some of the buffalo herd belonging to Ken and Laurie Klemm grazed on a pasture south of their house. The new buffalo ranch has a herd of about 100 which are about 17 miles northeast of Goodland.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Just like cattle, buffalo have to be tested before they can cross state lines, Laurie said.

She said buffalo are fast moving, so you have to be on your toes around them.

Calving with buffalo is a hands-off process, Laurie said.

"They're still basically a wild animal," she said.

However, they have very few calving problems and the calves usually weigh about 35-50 pounds at birth.

On Saturday, the Klemm family will have an open house from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. to let the community come to see



the buffalo herd and their new calves. They will serve a tasty buffalo burger lunch for \$4. Ken and Laurie will also answer questions and have a good se-

lection of their meats for sale. To get to their ranch, go 11 miles north on K-27 until you get to Road 74. Then go 5 miles east until you come to

a "T" which is Road 25. From there go 2 miles north to the first stone house on the west side of the road. The mailbox has Homestead Ranch on it.

Former student returns as graduation speaker

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Saturday afternoon at 2 p.m. 83 young people will gather with family and friends at the Max Jones Fieldhouse to take a major step forward as they receive their high school diploma.

Former Goodland graduate Dr. Lynn Smiley will be the featured speaker, and the Valedictorian and Salutatorian of the Class of 2000 will be announced during graduation.

Scholarships received by each student will be announced. Among the scholarships to be announced are those receiving The Goodland Daily



Gittinger



Cloyd



Ontiveroz

News and Merchants Scholarships. Winners were selected from those nominated as Student of the Week during the school year.

ing for this scholarship comes from the merchants who have sponsored The Student of the Week advertising and The Goodland Daily News.

Receiving \$250 scholarships will be Amanda Gittinger, Garrett Cloyd and Amber Ontiveroz. The three were selected for their leadership, scholarship and commitment to excellence. The fund-

Dr. Smiley graduated from Goodland in 1970, and will be celebrating her classes' 30th reunion while also being the speaker for graduation.

Following graduation Smiley attended the University of Kansas graduating in 1974 with a degree in Microbiology. She completed her medical degree at Duke University Medical School.

She did her internship and residency in internal medicine at Duke and was on the faculty of the School of Medicine at the University of North Carolina.

In 1988 she joined the anti viral development team at the Glaxo-

Wellcome pharmaceutical firm. She is a vice president with a primary focus is drug development for HIV/AIDS and for other infectious diseases.

Recently she was named as a Fellow by the Infectious Diseases Society of America. She has authored or co-authored two books, two pieces of computer software and numerous professional publications.

She and her husband, Peter Gilligan live in Chapel Hill, N.C.

As a KU alumni she cheers for the Jayhawks during the NCAA, but not if they are playing North Carolina.

Legislature going back to fix flaw

TOPEKA (AP) — An expensive drafting error has forced Gov. Bill Graves to veto a tax bill and will bring legislators to the Statehouse next week to fix the mistake.

The tax bill Graves vetoed Thursday would have cost the state \$5.5 million more than legislators intended when they approved it.

Graves said signing the bill "would make it extremely difficult to fund public education and other priority areas."

"This bill is flawed," the governor said in a statement. "It does not reflect the intent of the Legislature, and I cannot sign it."

Legislative leaders said they will convene both houses Wednesday and try to pass a version of the bill that matches what legislators thought they were passing at the end of the session, April 29.

"After looking at it, looking at all the different ramifications, the best thing is to come back and fix the bill," House Speaker Robin Jennison, R-Healy, said Thursday.

The bill sent to Graves was designed to help farmers who had a bad year, allowing them to apply their losses toward previous years' tax returns. Currently, they can only carry forward that credit.

Legislators agreed to the provision to help farmers and folded several other measures into the bill.

But a staffer used an earlier version of the provision — which omitted the word "farm" — in the final version of the legislation sent to Graves. The provision would have given the tax break to all corporations, not just farms.

Instead of costing the state about \$410,000 for fiscal 2001, which begins July 1, it would cost \$5.9 million.

Graves' veto killed other provisions in the bill, such as those eliminating some penalties to taxpayers and contractors.

Board to hear multiage recommendation

Following the parents meetings this week and follow-up calls North Principal Steve Raymer told Superintendent Marvin Selby he will be ready to present his recommendation about trying the multiage program at 7 p.m. at Monday's school board meeting at the district office, 1312 Main.

The proposal for allowing a multiage class was presented at the previous board meeting, and Raymer said he would gather information from parents to see if there was enough interest in doing this next year. Three teachers have indicated an interest in working

with a multiage system.

"He said he would have the information by Noon Monday," Selby said. "I don't know what the recommendation will be, but he wanted to present it to the board at this meeting."

High School Principal Harvey Swager will be presenting information on a new class which would be offered next year with board approval. The class would be an advanced computer class dealing with networking and similar advanced computing techniques. Selby said Jackie Elliott would be the

teacher assisted by Carla Murray, district technology coordinator.

In other business the board:

- Will consider a new salary schedule for non-certified employees.
- Hear an update on the open house being held 2-4 p.m. Sunday at the district office for retiring teachers Marlene Eddleman and Vickie White.
- Hear a site council report from Central Elementary.

The board will also set the meeting dates for July. The next regular meeting will be 7 p.m., June 12, at the district office.

Hardware failure causes Internet outage

Thursday afternoon customers on *nwkansas.com* were able to connect to the local system and receive their e-mail, but for about four hours they were unable to connect with any sites on the Internet or send e-mail due to a hardware failure at the upstream Internet provider in Kansas City.

About 3:30 p.m. the Internet connection outside the *nwkansas.com* system went down, and service was not restored until about 7:30 p.m.

The cause was a main Verio router in the Kansas City area, and it affected Internet customers all over the Midwest.

"We apologize for any inconvenience this has caused," said an e-mail received this morning from Ken Kresha of Verio.

Because of the problem with the router, Verio will schedule a maintenance outage for a period from five to 15 minutes between Midnight and 1 a.m. Monday.

The maintenance outage will perform upgrades and replace the failed equipment.

"We are sorry the service was interrupted, and thank our customers on the *nwkansas.com* system for their patience," said Tom Betz, director of Internet services. "Most who called about the problem were pleasant and understood that we were not the ultimate problem, and that it was out of our control."

"In the past few weeks we have actually seen an improvement in the reliability of our system due to some upgrades done at our service provider in Topeka," Betz said. "We continue to look for ways to improve our service, and appreciate the nearly 1,000 customers who depend on our system."

Internet service is available from *nwkansas.com* in Goodland, St. Francis, Bird City, McDonald, Oberlin, Colby, Norcatur and now in Oakley. There are special rates available throughout the system to make the monthly cost about \$16.50.