

**weather report**

**86°**

at noon



**Today**

- Sunset, 7:59 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 4:27 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:00 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 65 degrees
- Humidity 21 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds northwest 14-22 mph
- Barometer 29.90 inches and falling
- Record High 97° (1939)
- Record Low 30° (1931)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High	83°
Low	41°
Precipitation	none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 50-55, winds, southwest 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high 90, low 50s, winds northwest, 5-15 mph.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: dry, high 80, low 50-55. Thursday: chance of thunderstorms, high 75-80, low 50. Friday: chance of thunderstorms, high mid 70s, low 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.35 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.20
- Loan deficiency payment — 25¢
- Corn — \$1.91 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.97
- Loan deficiency payment — 2¢
- Milo — \$2.88 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.73 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.76
- Loan deficiency payment — 13¢
- Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.76
- 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.

**Space station repairs done**

SPACE CENTER, Houston — Two spacewalking astronauts sped through a first set of urgent repairs to the international space station today, fixing several exterior problems well ahead of schedule.

Astronauts James Voss and Jeffrey Williams finished the first day of work on the 200-mile-high outpost during 6 1/2 hours outside space shuttle Atlantis. With the outside tasks finished, the crew of six Americans and one Russian will crack open the hatch to the space station tonight to begin 3 1/2 days of more repairs inside.

"Look at that space station," marveled Voss as he stepped out of the airlock Sunday night. Taking care of their first task in minutes, Voss and Williams quickly batted down a loose 5-foot construction crane which was improperly installed by another pair of spacewalkers last year.



**Jessica Nelson**  
Valedictorian



**Aaron Kafka**  
Salutatorian



Goodland High School seniors (above) filed into Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday afternoon as the graduation ceremony began. Michael Dorn (below) received a hug and congratulations from a friend after the ceremony.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Grads urged to use talents to follow what they love

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The Max Jones Fieldhouse was nearly full Saturday afternoon as 77 Goodland High School seniors received their diplomas at graduation ceremonies.

Dr. Lynn Smiley of Chapel Hill, N.C., a physician and drug researcher working on AIDS treatment, and 1970 graduate of Goodland High, spoke. Now a vice president for the Glaxo-Wellcome pharmaceutical firm, she was in town for her 30th class reunion.

Valedictorian of this year's graduating class was Jessica Nelson and salutatorian was Aaron Kafka.

School Superintendent Marvin Selby said the Class of 2000 was just starting junior high the year he came to Goodland. He said they were good students, good athletes, and good kids, which he attributed to their western Kansas heritage. He told them not to give up and never, ever to quit.

Selby introduced Smiley, who told how her class was the first one to use the fieldhouse for graduation.

She said she was honored to speak at Goodland High's graduation, saying she never dreamt she would be giving a graduation speech when she sat out there at her own graduation.

She encouraged the students to strive for excellence and give their best effort. She said they should use their talents to do what they love. She said that she loved science and got an education in



**Linda VanLoenen**

that area.

"People who don't fail are people who don't try," she said, because you learn from your failures.

She encouraged the class to have strong relationships to maintain their well being and health, and told them to contribute to their community, because what they received would be far greater than what they gave.

She also talked about girls in sports and how they could learn valuable lessons from athletics, such as self-discipline and leadership.

"Today is a day of celebration for seniors," Smiley said. "My goal is that your joys be many and your burdens few."

Following the address, the X-Pressos

sang "May the Music Never End."

A flag exchange then took place between Josh Vignery, student council president, and foreign exchange students Celia Bastida of Spain, Matheus Cirne of Brazil, and Zofie Feytons of Belgium.

Barb Whisler, president of the Sherman County Alumni Association, announced the winner of the Outstanding Educator Award. This year's winner was Linda VanLoenen, who teaches high school English. She received \$250 and an engraved plaque.

Principal Harvey Swager presented the salutatorian and valedictorian, and both Kafka and Nelson spoke for a few minutes. Nelson reminded her classmates that the people they have encountered in their lives have left a mark on their destiny.

Seniors who received scholarships and awards were announced by Dick Liess, assistant principal. Swager presented the graduates. They received their diplomas from school board members Eric Gray, Kathy Russell, Jane Philbrick, Gerry Franklin, Ben Duell and Mike Campbell.

Seniors who received honor medals for a grade point average of 3.80 or above were Aileen Cebula, Marney Davis, Lana Enfield, Alex Evert, Kafka, Nelson, Amber Ontiveroz, Nicholas Parker, Carolyn Reitcheck, Renee Tedford, Erica Tiede and Blake Winter.

Those who had a grade point average



of 3.50 to 3.80 received honor cords. They were William Bennetts, Casey Campbell, Garrett Cloyd, Christopher Cooper, Amanda Gittinger, Jessica Hays, Sasha Lohr, Bryan Russell, Aaron Schields, Matthew Schields, Eric Stefan, Shaunda Tompkins, Jodi VanDonge, Joshua Vignery and Candice VonLintel.

## Investigators will focus on why both engines failed

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP)—Investigators will focus on why both engines of a chartered plane carrying 19 people from a weekend trip to Atlantic City apparently failed at the same time, federal transportation officials said today.

National Transportation Safety Board member George Black said engines failing simultaneously is "highly improbable" and could indicate some sort of systems failure.

"We'll be looking at fuel systems; we'll be looking at ignition systems, the weather—all of the variables that are associated with the operation of the engines," Black told CBS' "The Early Show" this morning.

Among the possibilities, he said, was that the fuel was somehow contaminated. Investigators were trying to figure out where the plane had last refueled, he said.

Peter Hartt, spokesman for the South Jersey Transportation Authority, which operates the Atlantic City airport, said the aircraft received no maintenance or fuel there after arriving Sunday morning from Republic Airport in Farmingdale, N.Y. A telephone message left at Republic Airport was not immediately returned today.

The Jetstream 31, owned by Executive Airlines of Farmingdale, crashed Sunday in a dense and remote northeastern Pennsylvania forest, killing all those aboard.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators were reviewing

the transcript from air traffic controllers who spoke with the crew before the accident. The two pilots can be heard on a part of the tape saying, "we lost both engines."

Black also said that investigators now know that pilots did not indicate there were engine troubles on their first approach to the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport. The plane crashed while attempting a second approach.

"We said earlier — last night — that we thought there was an engine loss on the first attempt at an approach," he said. "We listened to the full tower tape last night, and there was no mention of any emergency or engine problem until the second approach."

A trail of emergency vehicles and four-wheel drive trucks had to climb winding roads through the mist-shrouded Pocono Mountains to reach the site where the twin-engine plane went down Sunday on its approach to Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport.

The victims' bodies were taken to a refrigerator truck that acted as a makeshift morgue until authorities can use dental records and information from families to begin identifying the remains.

The plane disappeared off radar during a second instrument approach about 11:40 a.m. Sunday, said Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Tammy Jones. Officials said the plane might have missed its first

approach because of the weather.

"The weather was bad, it was windy and there was some precipitation. The visibility was poor," Jones said.

Michael Peragine, chief executive officer of Executive Airlines, said today that the pilot had 8,500 hours of flight time, including 4,000 hours on the type of plane that crashed, and the first officer was close to being upgraded to pilot.

"These were two expert pilots and the machine was maintained to the highest standards. You just don't have a clue as to what could have possibly happened," Peragine said.

Burned and twisted wreckage from the plane — carrying 17 passengers and two crew members — was scattered across a swath of forest about nine miles south of the airport. The plane's cockpit voice recorder was recovered, the NTSB said.

The group had been on an overnight gambling trip to Atlantic City, N.J., and the plane had been chartered by Caesars Atlantic City Hotel Casino. It's not unusual for casinos to charter flights for their best customers.

The group was to return at 1:15 a.m. Sunday, but fog kept the plane grounded in Farmingdale, so they spent Saturday night at a hotel, officials said.

The victims were believed to be from the area around Wilkes-Barre and Scranton, a region surrounded by dense forests and pristine lakes.

popular for camping and hunting. It's about 90 miles north of Philadelphia and 150 miles northwest of Atlantic City.

Megan Maguire was outside gardening at her home near the airport when she heard a plane apparently having problems.

"I heard the engines die, then I heard them start up again, and then they just died. I heard it rev up twice, so it died twice," Maguire said.

Throughout the day Sunday, teary-eyed relatives and friends filed into the airport, where they received consolation from clergy and counselors.

"It's a small, close community, and that's what I think makes it so hard," said Lackawanna County Commissioner Randy Castellani, who arrived soon after the crash.

Airport Superintendent Jim Brunozzi said his niece's mother-in-law and father-in-law were among the victims.

"That was tough to look at the manifest and see the names," Brunozzi said. "We were a close family. It's sad."

Anthony J. Giannone, airport ground superintendent, had to console a friend whose wife was on the plane.

"He's got two small kids, and he had to leave here to tell them," Giannone said.

On the Net: Federal Aviation Administration: <http://www.faa.gov>, Jetstream: <http://www.bae.regional.co.uk/in-service—jetstream-31.htm>, Executive Airlines: <http://www.executiveairlines.com>

## Board to hear future report on foundation funding goals

The Goodland Regional Medical Center board is scheduled to hold a brief meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the hospital board room.

Hospital Administrator Jim Chaddic said the board will review policy manuals and the monthly financial report. There will also be a report on last week's meeting of the Northwest Kansas Area Medical

Foundation board. The foundation wants to raise money for a new computerized tomography scanner, ultrasound machine and endowments for the hospital.

Chaddic will give strategic planning and administrator's reports.

A closed session to discuss personnel may be needed, and board members comments will follow.