

weather report

76°

at noon

Today

- Sunset, 8:01 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 5:25 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:02 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 66 degrees
- Humidity 35 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds south 21 mph
- Barometer 29.85 inches and steady
- Record High 97° (1964)
- Record Low 29° (1992)

Last 24 Hours\*

- High 79°
- Low 49°
- Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 70 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 55, winds south 20-30 mph and decreasing. Tomorrow: Sunny, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 80-85, low 45-55, winds southwest 5-15.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, high 70, low 45-55. Sunday: dry, high 80, low 50-55. Monday: chance of thunderstorms, high 80s, low 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.37 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.29  
Loan deficiency payment — 16¢  
Corn — \$1.81 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.93  
Loan deficiency payment — 6¢  
Milo — \$2.69 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.47 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.63  
Loan deficiency payment — 26¢  
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$6.17 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.

Legislators fix mistake in bill

TOPEKA — Legislative leaders moved quickly to pass a corrected version of a tax relief bill, then adjourned before other issues could surface.

Both chambers were in session less than an hour Wednesday. House Speaker Robin Jennison, R-Healy, said he didn't think many legislators wanted to get into matters other than the tax bill.

The tax legislation was designed to help farmers and ranchers by allowing them to apply one year's losses toward previous years' tax returns. But a dropped word — "farm" — made the tax break apply to all corporations in the state, inadvertently raising its cost by about \$5.5 million a year.

So Gov. Bill Graves vetoed the bill last week, and legislators were forced to work on a day that traditionally is reserved for only ceremony.

Veterans to honor fallen comrades

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Memorial Day services at area cemeteries will honor war veterans Monday, as most of the town takes a long, three-day breather before the start of summer.

Supplies should be available at Goodland businesses for people heading to lakes or planning cookouts. While most offices and businesses will be closed, groceries, gas and food should be easy to find.

The Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and Disabled American Veterans will hold three Memorial Day services: at Brewster Cemetery at 8:30 a.m., at the Goodland Cemetery at 10 a.m., and at the Kanorado Cemetery at 11:30 a.m., all Mountain Time. In the event of rain, the services will be moved to the Brewster

School, the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, and the United Methodist Church in Kanorado.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars Color Guard and Drill Team will open the services, then Andra Townsend will sing the national anthem. Jim Ross of the American Legion will give the Orders of the Day and invocation, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Bill Selby will read the roll call of deceased veterans.

Then Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary will lay wreaths on the veterans' graves.

Pastor Jim Cress from the Pleasant Home Church will speak at the Brewster service, Pastor Scott Grimshaw of the Emmanuel Lutheran Church at the Goodland service, and retired U.S. Air Force Chaplain Chet Ross at the Kanorado service.

Townsend will perform a solo at each service. Ross will then give the benediction. Honors to deceased veterans is to given by the color guard and drill team and will end each service.

Taps will be played by Eva Selby at the Brewster service, then at the Goodland and Kanorado services, Isabelle Hellerud and David Russell will play.

Goodland businesses will be open for people who need supplies for the lake or a cookout to celebrate the holiday.

Wal-Mart will be open from 6 a.m. to midnight, Alco Discount Store will be open from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Cowboy Loop will be open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. over the holiday weekend.

Downtown, all federal, local and state offices will be closed on Monday, as well as banks and most businesses and offices. The Goodland Daily

News will be closed and there will be no paper on Monday.

If you are wanting to eat out that day, some of the restaurants to be open Memorial Day include Dairy Queen, 1632 Main, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Along K-27, McDonald's will be open from 5:30 a.m. to midnight; Wendy's will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.; and Kentucky Fried Chicken/Taco Bell will have regular hours, 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.

If you need fuel, Total Petroleum and Presto Convenience along K-27 will be open 24 hours a day during the weekend.

The Pizza Hut Express at the Presto Convenience Store will be open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Sunday and Monday. A & W which is at the Total station will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday through Monday.

Kansans vote united on China

Both parties see benefit of trade for state's farms

By Libby Quaid

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — Kansans in the U.S. House were united in voting to normalize trade relations with China, although the hard-fought measure to end two decades of annual review passed narrowly.

The delegation's lone Democrat, Rep. Dennis Moore, often parts ways with Republican Reps. Jerry Moran, Jim Ryun and Todd Tiahrt. This time they all voted Wednesday in favor of the bill, which would allow American businesses to take full advantage of a series of market-opening concessions China has made to join the World Trade Organization.

Labor unions, a strong Democratic constituency, waged an intense campaign against the bill. That placed Moore, the first Democrat to win his Kansas City-area district in nearly four decades, in an uncomfortable position.

"It'll be good to have this one behind us," Moore said in an interview. "I think I'm doing the right thing for our country. This will open Chinese markets to U.S. products and services, which I hope will make the global economic pie

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Ready to take on the state



Members of the Cowboy and Cowgirl track teams were clowning around before they had their picture taken Friday at a send-off in front of the high school. Then they headed for the Class 4A state track meet, which

will begin Friday afternoon and continue on Saturday morning. Eight Cowboys and 11 Cowgirls qualified for the state competition.

Photo by Doug Jackson / The Goodland Daily News

Storm chasers primed to follow area cells

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Early summer afternoons on the High Plains are time to scan the skies for violent thunderstorms, and this week over 100 scientists are camped in Goodland, Burlington and Idalia, Colo., to chase and examine 'em.

Supercells are the most severe type of thunderstorm, often producing violent winds, large hail and tornadoes. When one develops, the National Weather Service and the National Severe Storms Center send out warnings in the project path of the storm. But scientists always want to know more about how the storms act and what makes them tick.

Beginning Monday, a special cooperative effort called the Severe Thunderstorm Electrification and Precipitation Study (STEPS) field program began, running through July 16.

Scientists will watch the afternoon skies for supercells in a target area, and they have mobile units which can chase storms which are outside the "triangle."

The are looking especially for a type of storm known as a "low precipitation" supercell, which has very different characteristics than the more common high-precipitation supercell. The most noticeable difference is that while the winds are turning the clouds and creating the typical "anvil" shaped formation, there is very little moisture coming out of the storm.

The current study involves scientists from at least nine organizations, and has been planned over the past two years. Getting ready for the



This photo shows a low-precipitation supercell thunderstorm, the type which storm hunters hope to observe and measure this month while chasing storms around Goodland.

project included determining where the best sites would be. Scientists chose a triangular area northwest of Goodland, bounded by Burlington and Idalia.

The corners of the triangle are anchored by radars, with the Goodland corner being the National Weather Service radar near Renner Field under the direction of Kevin Lynott and Llyle Barker.

A mobile "dual polarization radar" from Colorado State University was relocated from Greeley to south of Burlington. This radar, operated by Pat Kennedy from Colorado State, has an inflated bubble for protection. It allows the scientists to probe storms with both vertical and horizontal ra-

dio waves to get an in-depth image of a storm's inner structure.

The third radar is from the National Center for Atmospheric Research in Boulder, Colo., and has been established near Idalia. This all-weather radar is a S-polarimetric radar and is also a dual-polarization unit, handled by Tammy Weckwerth.

The study also had an armored T-28 aircraft from the South Dakota School of Mines which will fly into the storms to confirm what the radars are saying. The plane is based at Renner Field under the direction of Andy Detwiler.

Operation leaders are Jay Miller and Morris Wiesman of the National Center for Atmospheric Research.

The supercells also produce tremen-



This "armored" T-28 aircraft is a modified version of an old military trainer, beefed up with tough plastic and metal armor to help it survive trips through violent supercell thunderstorms during weather research.

dous amounts of lightning, and a group from New Mexico has set up about 50 locations in a circular pattern around the triangle to study lightning.

Paul Kreibel of the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology is in charge of the lightning study. The lightning study will include both the discharges which stay in the storm clouds and those that travel to ground.

Kreibel said the most interesting lighting patterns are in the low precipitation supercells because they seem to have a more positive electrical charge than the normal supercell, which usually has a negative electrical charge. This is one of the other aspects of the low precipitation storm the scientists hope to gather information on.

Another team from Oklahoma will be releasing large weather balloons into the storms with meters to record information from within the storms such as temperature, pressure, humidity, wind and electrical field.

In Kit Carson County, about 80 volunteers have been recruited to be spotters and weather recorders for rain and hail as part of a Colorado study by Nolan Doesken, assistant state climatologist.

There are also several specially equipped vehicles which will be chasing the supercells to gather information to add to the total picture of these storms, which can cause great devastation to crops, livestock and people as they travel across the plains.