

## weather report

66°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 8:05 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:06 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 74 degrees
- Humidity 65 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds north 20
- Barometer 29.88 inches and rising
- Record High 96° (1934)
- Record Low 39° (1946)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 103°  
Low 62°  
Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 65, winds 5-15. Tomorrow: Sunny, high 85-90, low 60, winds north 5-15.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday: chance of thunderstorms, high 85, low 60. Friday and Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, high 80s, low 55-60.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## Chamber seeks cash for its plan

*County will get request for budget line to fund economic development*

Officials of the Goodland Chamber of Commerce will meet with Sherman County commissioners Wednesday morning, asking for money for economic development projects.

The commission will meet in the commissioners' room on the first floor of the courthouse to take care of end-of-the-month business along with several matters on the agenda.

Stephen West and Ron Harding of the Chamber will present a plan to the commissioners on six economic development projects the business development committee wants to work with this year.

West said the Chamber wants to let the commissioners know what's happening with their committee and where they are headed.

They want to meet with the commission before they do next year's budget, so that the commission might set aside some money for the projects. The City of Goodland has budgeted \$30,000, though the committee had asked for \$50,000.

Mike Miller, the building contractor on the handicapped restroom project at the courthouse, will give an update on the project.

Wayne Lofton and Kermit George, representatives from High Plains Mental Health, will give an annual update on their agency's services and make a budget request to the commissioners.

Road and Bridge Director Curt Way will present the commissioners with some prices on the purchase of a loader and a grader for the county.

Also on the agenda is Jeremiah Wickham with Recycling Resources in Goodland, who will present his plan of using county facilities for recycling processing.

The commission will hear the county audit report from Mark Bauer of VonFeldt, Bauer, and VonFeldt in Larned.

Bill Dattola from Business Office Systems in Kearney, Neb., is scheduled to talk to the commission about buying or leasing a postage machine.

Tom Rohr with Dependable Glass is to talk with the commissioners about no longer being able to dispose of glass products at the county landfill.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby will talk more with the commissioners about the property which was given to Goodland Regional Medical Center in payment of services. By law, Selby said, the hospital cannot own property.

## A DAY TO REMEMBER



## Veterans give salute to the fallen

Bryan Russell (top right) played the trumpet for the Memorial Day service on Monday at the Goodland Cemetery. The main entrance of the cemetery (left) was lined with flags which were put out by the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars. Some of the flags belong to the veterans' organization, while others were donated by families of deceased veterans. A few people (bottom) looked at the graves of veterans after the service was finished.

Photos by Janet Craft  
The Goodland Daily News

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.32 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.30  
Loan deficiency payment — 15¢  
Corn — \$1.74 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.91  
Loan deficiency payment — 8¢  
Milo — \$2.58 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.37 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.58  
Loan deficiency payment — 31¢  
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$6.04 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.89  
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.

## Shuttle crew touches down

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Atlantis and its crew swooped through the pre-dawn darkness today and ended a triumphant repair mission to the international space station.

Within moments of touchdown, the seven astronauts were basking in praise. Infrared cameras tracked Atlantis on final approach; the shuttle resembled a ghost ship in the grainy, black and white pictures. The view switched to inside the cockpit just before the 2:20 a.m. landing; the runway and center line were easily seen.

It was only the 14th time in 98 flights that a space shuttle landed in darkness. The crosswind ended up being well within safety limits, despite NASA's earlier concerns.

The astronauts' handiwork, the rejuvenated space station, had passed over the Kennedy Space Center just 10 minutes earlier.

## Yankee greats yielded to a rookie from Kansas

By Rachel Miscall

The Oberlin Herald

It was the 22-year-old rookie's first time in New York, and in Yankee Stadium.

It was also the first time he had stood face-to-face with the legendary George Herman Ruth. He with a ball, the Babe with a bat.

The crowd roared, the catcher signaled, another player yelled in the background. Then everything got quiet and a tiny bead of sweat trickled down the young pitcher's face.

He was a long way from his quiet western Kansas hometown of Norcatgur.

After wiping his hand on his gray Detroit Tigers road jersey, Elden Auker palmed the ball and delivered his usual submarine-style pitch.

"Strike one!" the umpire yelled.

Maybe the Babe had been confused by the young man's underhanded style or maybe it was just Elden's lucky day.

He swung his arm again, and the umpire yelled, "Strike two."

And then, "Strike three."

"You're out."

The Babe walked away with his head down. Elden Auker didn't have much time to celebrate, because the next man to step to the plate was Lou Gehrig.

Auker, who has been called the greatest all-



Elden Auker and his wife Mildred sat in the shade Saturday as the new park in Norcatgur was dedicated in his name.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Oberlin Herald

around athlete in Kansas history, told his Babe Ruth story to a crowd gathered around him on Main Street in Norcatgur, on the county line halfway between Oberlin and Norton, on Saturday afternoon.

They were there for the dedication of the Elden

Auker park — named after Norcatgur's most famous native. Auker, who hadn't been to his hometown since 1983 when his mother died, came to Norcatgur this weekend to see the park and attend an alumni banquet.

"I have had several honors," said the 89-year-

old as tears filled his eyes, "but this is one of the best."

Sixty-eight years later, Auker says, he doesn't remember thinking much of striking out Babe Ruth, the Bambino, the Sultan of Swat. He was just doing his job, and the Yankees' lineup wasn't known as Murders' Row for nothing.

He remembers the day, he said, because of an outrageous comment the third base coach made.

"Hey Bush," Auker said the Yankee third base coach, Art Fletcher, yelled at him.

"He used to call me Bush," Auker said, "when he wanted to get my attention."

"Hey Bush," the third base coach screamed, "you've got the Bam all upset."

"He said he's been struck out a lot of times, but that's the first time a damn woman ever struck him out."

Auker said he was one of two pitchers at that time who used a "submarine" throwing motion, more common in women's softball.

He didn't know about the other guy, but Auker said he learned that style of pitching after injuring his arm playing football.

During his college career at K-State, he earned nine varsity letters — in baseball, basketball and football — and was the first athlete to achieve All-