

**weather report**

**68°**

at noon



**Today**

- Sunset, 8:08 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:08 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 64 degrees
- Humidity 28 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southeast 14 mph
- Barometer 30.35 inches and steady
- Record High 94° (1956)
- Record Low 31° (1951)

**Last 24 Hours\***

- High 75°
- Low 52°
- Precipitation none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, areas of drizzle, low 50, winds south 15-25. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, 30 percent chance for thunderstorms, high 85-90, low 55-60, winds south 20-30.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: chance of thunderstorms, high 75, low 55-60. Monday: dry, high 70s, low 50s. Tuesday: dry, high 80s, low 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.29 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.21
- Loan deficiency payment — 24¢
- Corn — \$1.91 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.83
- Loan deficiency payment — 16¢
- Milo — \$2.84 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.53 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.53
- Loan deficiency payment — 36¢
- Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$6.40 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.08
- 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.**

**Family duel continuing**

WASHINGTON — After two months in America and three court rulings in his favor, Juan Miguel Gonzalez again asked Miami relatives to stop the legal dueling that has kept his 6-year-old son Elian from going home to Cuba.

There was little indication the family would oblige. So it remained unclear how much more time Elian would have to spend in the United States.

In Cuba, a half-million women filled Havana's main coastal highway today to protest the delay after President Fidel Castro called them out in the largest mobilization of his six-month campaign to bring the boy home. Castro also made an appearance.

"Bring back Elian!" the mothers and grandmothers shouted, waving small Cuban flags and marching in step with a uniformed military band. "Down with the lies!"

## Weather study draws media

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

On June 1 the Severe Thunderstorm Electrification and Precipitation Study (STEPS 2000) opened its doors to the media and allowed them a glimpse at the technology that surrounds this program.

News crews came from as far away as Germany and are offering international coverage of the STEPS program.

STEPS is a program that started on May 22 and will continue through July 16. The core areas of interest of the study are precipitation and lightning in supercell storms.

The area of study is a triangle made up of Goodland, Burlington and Idalia, Colo. STEPS will be carefully watching systems passing through this area.

According to Anatta, the media relations representative for University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), Discovery News has already filmed part of the project for a documentary that they will be doing on lightning.

ABC World news was here earlier in the week, shooting some footage. NBC evening news has already aired a story about the STEPS project.

Inside Science, an East Coast TV crew, which films educational shows to be aired on local channels, covered the project. The Discovery Channel was interested in STEPS for a documentary they are doing on planetary atmospheres.

The greatest distance traveled goes to a crew here from Germany. The program will be filmed in English and aired internationally. Their interest is centered on the hail research in the program.

Also present were the Longmont Times and the Associated Press out of Kansas City as well as News 4 out of Denver.

One of the reasons for the media's interest in the STEPS program is because of the uniqueness of the project.

"There is a unique arsenal of tools that we have here," said Steve Rutledge, Rutledge professor and head of atmospheric sciences at CSU and one of three co-directors of field operations. The program brings together a large spectrum of equipment including the T-28, an armored plane designed to fly into weather systems.

Another unique feature of this project is the CSU-CHILL (Colorado



Television camera crews (top) try to get a good picture of the instrument that transmits the measurements of electric fields inside the storms. Ned Chamberlain (right) inflates the weather balloon within a protective casing before releasing it. The Channel 4 News van (below) which program aired last night. (More photos on Page 7.)

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The Goodland Daily News



State University-Chicago Illinois) radar facility that is set up currently in Burlington. CSU-CHILL has been located in Greeley Colo. for the past few years and this is one of the first times that it was relocated. The CSU-CHILL was moved temporarily to Burlington



in order to create the triangle needed for this study.

The main goal of the research is to improve future forecasting by proving the worth of current technologies, and also to gain a better understanding of low pressure supercell storms. A sec-

ondary benefit of the research is the opportunity for world wide education through the media coverage of different aspects of the research.

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## Busy weekend for running, Hospice auction

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland will be busy this weekend as the Topside of Kansas 24-Hour Relay Challenge, the Fifth Annual High Plains Marathon and Hospice Harvest 2000 will all be held Saturday.

The 24-Hour Relay Challenge will take place from 10 a.m. Saturday to 10 a.m. Sunday at the Goodland High School track. The event will have teams made up of 10 members who will take turns running or walking around the track a mile at a time for 24 hours. Team members and coaches will stay at the track the whole time.

The goals of the event are to unify the community by creating a positive environment that is drug, alcohol and violence free; to raise money for school and community youth programs; and to provide leadership and service opportunities to youth.

Rhonda Williams and Jo Simmons are co-directors of the event.

So far there are 23 teams signed up with four of those teams coming from St. Francis, said Simmons.

A National Guard Huey helicopter will bring in the Denver Broncos cheerleaders, Sen. Stan Clark, Rep. Jim Morrison, and Goodland Mayor Chuck Lutters Saturday morning. The helicopter will land near the track.

Entertainment throughout the day will be provided by the Bronco cheerleaders, the "Con Man," (a Denver radio personality) and Exit 17, as well as local entertainers. Tim Renner will be the announcer.

As another way to raise money, the cheerleaders will sell their calendars with all the proceeds to go to the event. People can also pay to have a Polaroid picture taken with the cheerleaders.

The opening ceremony will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday.

Games will be provided for the participants.

A concession stand, the Hard Walk Cafe, will be open from 10 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

A hamburger feed will be held for the participants at 6 p.m.

For a free will donation, the public can attend the opening ceremony and stay until 10 p.m. The grounds will be closed at that time to the public for safety and security purposes.

A candlelight ceremony will be held at midnight to honor all children who have been killed or hurt, Simmons said.

The grounds will be open to the public again at 6 a.m. Sunday, with a community worship service to be held at 7 a.m. The relay will end at 10:30 a.m. with a closing ceremony.

Simmons said there are a lot of volunteers from the community helping with this event.

The Fifth Annual High Plains Marathon begins at 5 a.m. Saturday at the Goodland Activities Center, with an early start time of 4:20 a.m. for those who plan to run the race in a slower time.

The 26.2 mile-long race is one of only two races in Kansas that are certified by U.S. Track and Field. Runners will be eligible for state and national records and may qualify for the Boston Marathon.

There are 55 runners entered in the race. They come from Kansas, Colorado, Missouri, Wyoming, Oklahoma, Nebraska, Pennsylvania, Maryland, New Jersey, and Texas, with one from Canada.

Prior to the race, an "all you can eat" pasta meal will be held for the runners from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the United Methodist Church.

Runners will begin the race at the activities center at Eighth and Main, and run west on Eighth to Kansas. From there they will head south to 12th and go west to Cattletrail. Then

they will go south on Cattletrail across the railroad tracks to Business U.S. 24, where they will head east to Edson. At Edson, they will turn around and run back west to Goodland on U.S. 24, until they get to Cherry. From there they will head north across the railroad tracks to 17th and Caldwell. Then they will run north on Caldwell to Eighth and then west on Eighth to the Goodland Activities Center.

The community is encouraged to get out and cheer the runners along the race course, as this encourages and motivates them.

An awards ceremony will be held around 10 a.m. at the activities center. Age group awards will be presented then, with prize money to be given after the ceremony. Marathon finishers will be given a medal along with a certificate of completion.

Memorial markers are being sold for \$50 each for each mile along the race course. The money from this

will be divided between the marathon and hospice. After the race, the markers will be put around the track during the relay challenge.

Hospice Harvest 2000 is the major fund raiser for Hospice of Goodland. It will include a buffet dinner and auction to be held at the Goodland Veteran of Foreign Wars Hall. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 10 and under and may be purchased at the door.

The doors will open at 6 p.m. Richardson's Homestead Realty will host a social hour before the buffet dinner which begins at 6:30 p.m. A silent auction will go on all evening, while the live auction begins at 7:30 p.m.

The auction will be handled by Maynard Bane of Bane Auction. He will be helped by Terry Richardson. The money raised at the event will be used to offset costs not paid for by insurance or patients.

## Man injured in shooting; three people in Bastille

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

About mid-morning today city police and ambulance crew, backed up by the Sherman County Sheriff's office, were called to a possible shooting incident at 919 East Highway 24, Lot 11.

Police officials have not released the details, but Sheriff Doug Whitson said there were several people involved.

Sheriff Whitson said three people who were apparently involved in the shooting are in custody at the Sherman County Bastille.

An unidentified male and female are in custody for the shooting and another male was arrested on an incident related to the shooting.

The victim had superficial injuries to the right ankle and was treated and released from Goodland Regional Medical Center.

City Police Chief Ray Smee was called for additional information about the incident, but at press time he had not returned the call.

## Gas prices headed up

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

A check of the gas prices around town this morning gives rise to the question about when the consumer is being taken for a ride by the oil companies.

The word on Main Street this morning was that the CMart's had raised their prices to \$1.74 per gallon, but a check found that to be the price of premium. The price of unleaded is \$1.64 at both CMart locations.

Around town the Presto Phillips 66 was the cheapest for unleaded at \$1.48.

Total south of I-70 had \$1.51, while across the street at New Trail Texaco the price was \$1.59.

Conoco stations both on the east and west exits were both at \$1.54, and the full service at McB's was \$1.59. At Cowboy Loop the unleaded was going for \$1.62.

At Frontier Equity the cash price for unleaded was \$1.549 and the charge price was \$1.589.

Nationally gas prices have been on a roller coaster which has many people wondering if they are going to be able to make the vacation trips they planned.

Recent increases in air fares have been linked to a rise in the price of jet fuel, and Congress was asked to increase the money being given to the Essential Air Service to compensate for the increased cost of operation.

The latest report from the American Automobile Association the national average price for unleaded is \$1.54 for the month of May. That is up 10 cents from April and 40 cents up from a year ago.

Kansas has been below the national average, and was about 10 cents below at the first of April when the national average was \$1.48. The current average for Kansas at the end of May was \$1.53, compared to \$1.31 in April and \$1.04 a year ago.

Geoff Sunderstrom of Triple-A said the market factors which have driven the prices higher are the introduction of summer grade fuels, the normal increased demand because of summer driving and federal regulations that require sale of specially formulated gasoline in areas not meeting air quality standards.

"The petroleum industry has been signaling for several weeks that it will have difficulty refining enough of the new fuels in time to meet the June 1 deadline," Sunderstrom said. "Some analysts have been saying some stations may be forced to close early this summer if the supplies run low."

## City looks at first payment on water park

The City Commission will meet at 5:00 p.m., Monday, will consider the first payment estimate from Rhoads Construction for the new Steever Water Park. City Manager Ron Pickman said at this point the construction work is being done on the bath house building and the equipment building.

The Commission will be receiving an update on the progress of the airport roof. The commission will also look at a few optional changes in their plans and hear price estimates on those changes.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment will be placing additional water monitoring wells at four locations throughout the city. This will be discussed during the managers report, as well as the Memorial field dedication which will be held on June 11 at 2 p.m.

A letter of interest for federal hydro-power will be considered so that Goodland would be eligible to receive this in the future

## School board meets Monday

The Goodland School Board will be holding a special meeting on at 7:30 a.m. Monday, at the district office, to discuss personnel. During this meeting they will be hiring teachers for several positions and are also accepting several resignations.