

weather  
report

66°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 73 degrees

• Humidity 41 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds north 8 mph

• Barometer 30.00 inches

and steady

• Record High 101° (1946)

• Record Low 40° (1981)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 97°

Low 54°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, 30 percent chance for rain, low 40s, winds light and variable. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, high 65-70, low 50, winds southeast 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: chance for rain, high 70, low 50. Monday: dry, high 80, low 55-60. Tuesday: dry, high 85-90, low 55-60.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.36 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.22

Loan deficiency payment — 23¢

Corn — \$1.87 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.67

Loan deficiency payment — 32¢

Milo — \$2.45 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.24 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.52

Loan deficiency payment — 38¢

Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.95 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.87

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.

Korea moving  
towards unity

SEOUL, South Korea — Responding to an olive branch from North Korea, South Korea ordered the suspension today of all anti-Pyongyang propaganda broadcasts and promised swift action on agreements reached at their historic summit.

Relations have been warming since this week's meeting, when the nations' leaders pledged to work together to end half a century of hostilities and unite families separated by the Korean War. North Korean leader Kim Jong Il even promised to visit South Korea.

"The danger of war on the Korean peninsula has disappeared," South Korean President Kim Dae-jung said, briefing Cabinet members on the three-day meeting that ended Thursday. "The summit opened a new chapter for national unification."



Fun with  
polka dots

Breana Snyder (above) tried to do the impossible while visiting the Polka Dot Cafe on Thursday afternoon. She tried to pat her head and rub her stomach while singing along with dozens of other children crowded into a room at the Goodland Public Library. The kids were there to see Thad Beach (right), an Abilene man who travels around performing "The Polka Dot Cafe" for children. The 45-year-old entertained the youngsters for an hour with songs and various instruments, including a "jawharp." The event was part of the library's summer reading program.

Photos by Rachel Miscall  
The Goodland Daily News



Goodland girl gets back to life after leukemia

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Katlyn Topliff can play softball now. She can go to the pool or run through the yard or play with a friend.

"I can be a kid again," she told her mother.

Katlyn, 7, daughter of Randy and Jeannie Topliff of Goodland, had to spend nearly five months in Minneapolis, Minn., where she had a bone marrow transplant. She received the trans-

plant in November, with her older sister, Eryn, as the donor, and afterward had to stay mostly in her room to avoid infection.

Doctors found out she had leukemia in late August, and she had a transplant in Denver, for which her twin sister, Kirsten, was the donor. After the Minneapolis transplant, Katlyn was confined to her hospital room except when she had X-rays and radiation.

Even after Katlyn got out of the hospital on Dec.

20, she had to stay in Minneapolis for 100 days to wait for a bone marrow biopsy. It was done the early part of March, and she returned home March 10. Her mother and Katlyn stayed at the Ronald McDonald House in Minneapolis during that time.

Katlyn was able to return to school after getting home, but she had to wear a mask to protect her from germs.

Her mother said that Pat Thompson, Katlyn's

first grade teacher at West Elementary, came up with an idea so that Katlyn didn't have to eat lunch by herself.

Each school day, she picked two children to eat lunch with Katlyn in a special place in the principal's office.

"She really enjoyed that," Jeannie said.

Katlyn returned to Minneapolis for a six-month

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Farmer brings in first wheat but doesn't know it

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Dwight Chipperfield is a leader, even if he doesn't know it.

Working in a corn field nine miles west of Goodland on Thursday evening, the farmer was surprised to hear that he had started wheat harvest in Sherman County that afternoon.

That's because while he was busy cultivating corn, his 16-year-old son was a couple of miles away harvesting a field of continuous-crop wheat.

"He's taking care of it," Chipperfield said of his son, Jace.

At 1:47 p.m., 470 bushels of Chipperfield's wheat was emptied into an elevator at the Ruleton branch of Frontier Equity Exchange Co-op. Tony Criswell, branch manager, said the grain had a moisture content of 9.5 percent and a test weight of 52.6 pounds.

Chipperfield said he had no idea, but the 41-year-old is also responsible for making three people in Sherman County a few bucks richer. Because the load of wheat was dropped off at a participating elevator and had under 14 percent moisture content, it qualified as the first load in *The Goodland Daily News'* annual Harvest Countdown contest.

Three people who came the closest to guessing the date and time the first



Jace Chipperfield cut wheat Thursday on land his father owns about eight miles west of Goodland. The 16-year-old brought the first low-moisture load of wheat of harvest into a Sherman County elevator on Thursday.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

load of wheat would be brought in are contest winners. There were registration sites at seven businesses, but the winning entries were made at Frontier Equity's main office in Goodland.

Max Linin, an area farmer, gets \$50 for guessing that the first load would come in at 2:08 p.m. on Thursday, 21 minutes from the actual time. Steve

Raymer, North Elementary School principal, was off by 47 minutes, but he gets \$35 for guessing 1 p.m. Leo Hatcher, a retired farmer, gets \$15 for his 2:38 p.m. guess, which turned out to be 51 minutes late.

All Chipperfield gets is the satisfac-

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High gas prices  
hurting buyers  
and suppliers

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

It is all a matter of supply and demand when it comes to gasoline prices, those in the business say, and everyone is getting hurt, the supplier as well as the consumer.

The price of crude oil was \$27.50 per barrel on Thursday and expected to hit \$30 today, compared to the \$8 or \$9 a year ago, said Tim Carr of the Kansas State Geological Survey.

Retail prices were around \$1.74 per gallon in Goodland today, up around 50 percent in the last few months.

The jump in oil prices has sent fuel prices soaring, leaving some motorists wondering why. In Goodland, workers at McB's, Total and Frontier Equity Exchange have all heard comments about gas prices from customers, mainly asking why prices are so high.

There doesn't seem to be an end in sight. The market is a cycle, said Wayne Sparks of Frontier Equity. He said prices go up and come down, but no one knows when.

"The markets are sociological beasts," said Carr, adding that no one can predict what they are going to do next.

In Goodland, the higher prices are hurting the farmers as well as drivers. The price of diesel fuel has held steady during the last raise in gasoline prices, said Kevin Dhuyvetter, an agricultural economist with Kansas State University, but still is up 50 percent from last year. This means an increase in production costs for farmers of \$1.50 per acre.

"The influence here in Goodland is going to be on everyone's pocketbooks," said Sparks. "This is definitely going to have an effect on the economy here."

The raise in gas prices doesn't just affect the farmers, it also affects anyone who owns a car.

"Customers seem to be complaining less now," said Mary Beth Zwick, bookkeeper at McB's Motor and Radiator Repair. "I think it is because they

have gotten used to prices going up."

The high prices don't seem to have reduced the volume of traffic any.

"There seems to be the same number of travelers as last year," said Maria Enfield, manager of the Total station.

"There are a lot of travelers," said Enfield. "It's been a little slower the last couple of days, I don't know if it's because people aren't vacationing now or if they aren't traveling as much because of the gas prices."

No one is getting rich off of the high prices, Sparks said, explaining that the increases are hurting the retailers, too.

The crude oil shortage and higher demand for gasoline have prompted a renewed interest in finding new oil, said Carr of the state Geological Survey.

The demand for fuel has brought out 19 drill rigs, he said, while there have been only three working lately.

"We have no more rigs, and no more men to run them," said Carr. "We have every piece of metal that will move running."

Another factor in high fuel prices, said Carr is the switch to reformulated gasoline which was ordered by the Environmental Protection Agency. Having to produce the special fuel for some areas has cut refinery capacity some.

"We just picked the wrong time to reformulate our fuel," said Carr.

There will not be a dramatic drop in prices any time soon, said Sparks.

"This is not a short term problem," he said.

The Organization of Petroleum Producing and Exporting Countries will be meeting on Tuesday, said Sparks, and there might be a drop in crude oil prices after it meets. It will still take at least six to eight weeks to see any change here in the United States, he said.

After that, it might take a couple of years for prices to come back around to normal, said Carr.

"We want to drive it (oil prices) like a Ferrari, but it actually moves like a big rig," said Carr.