

weather report

79°
at noon

Today

• Sunset, 6:28 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:46 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:26 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil Temperature 64 degrees

• Humidity 45 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds northeast 12 mph

• Barometer 29.90 inches and falling

• Record High 93° (1967)

• Record Low 32° (1959)

Last 24 Hours*

High 79°

Low 45°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain showers, low mid 40s, northeast winds 15-20 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain showers, high 60s, low 35-40, east winds 10-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: chance of rain, high 50, low 35-40. Friday: dry, high 60, low 30. Saturday: dry, high 70, low 40.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.73 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.62

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$1.78 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.58

Loan deficiency pmt. — 41¢

Milo — \$2.74 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.35 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.03

Loan deficiency payment — 87¢

Millet — ask

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.20 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.62

Confection current — \$15/\$6 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Cease fire ends after half a day

JERUSALEM — A tentative cease-fire between Israel and the Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza Strip lasted barely half a day on Tuesday, dissipating in the smoke of gunfights and rockets fired from helicopter gunships.

The renewed fighting, which came as the Israeli and Palestinian leaders prepared to attend talks in Paris with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, showed that Israel may have overestimated Yasser Arafat's influence over an enraged Palestinian population.

Israel has said Arafat orchestrated the violence to extract concessions from Israel.

In Gaza, at least three Palestinians were killed in a heavy exchange between Palestinian gunmen and troops in an Israeli outpost near the isolated Jewish settlement of Netzarim.

County says no to vote

Voters could still have say later

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

Saying they did not feel there was adequate time for people to understand the cloud seeding issue, Sherman County Commissioners said Friday that they would not consider holding a vote on whether to stay in the weather modification program in November's general election.

Larry Enfield, a Sherman County farmer, had appeared before the commissioners at a previous meeting and asked that a special vote be held to allow Sherman County citizens to express their feelings on the cloud seeding issue.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said he did not feel there was enough time before November to allow the people to become informed on the facts about cloud seeding, and said he would suggest a later date for a possible vote.

"I think it would be very good for the people of Sherman County to learn more about this issue," he said, "and we need to give enough time for the people to hear from both sides."

Commissioner Kenny Davis agreed, saying he had information from Wilmer Bahe, a farmer, in support of the cloud seeding program.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he thought holding a vote at the same time as the general election would be confusing and complicated since they have to be separate.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the rules for holding such a non-binding advisory vote are very specific, and that

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Officials talk about board woes

The owner of the KOA Kampground and the Chamber of Commerce Manager asked the Sherman County commissioners Friday to discuss the Convention and Visitors Bureau, which spends money from the county's "bed tax" on motel rooms and camping spaces to promote tourism.

"It hasn't worked out any better than before with the motel people," Dale Neill, KOA owner, told the commissioners. "We have had trouble making a quorum, and are changing the meeting time again to try to get more attendance."

Over the past two years, there have been complaints by some motel owners that the board was not following the bureau's by-laws, which require a majority of the members to be motel owners.

With a special effort last year among the motel people, enough showed interest to bring the membership into line with the requirements, but as Neill reported, that has not been enough to insure the bureau could hold consistent meetings.

Neill said there have been two resignations, from Danny Whalen of Dairy Queen and Anthony Spomer of Anthony's restaurant, who has left town.

"Some of the motel people have done well," Neill said, "but also several have not made more than one meeting."

He said the board would try meeting at 9 a.m. because some of the people felt they could make that easier rather than the afternoon meeting time.

Harding said there were a number of potential changes in the motels by the first of the year, and hoped there would also be an increase in participation.

The commissioners agreed to appoint Arlo Hansen, who plans to open a new Sinclair Station, and Marilyn Collett, co-owner of Butterfly Aviation,



Heidi Lawson, Hannah Blake, Chelsey Horney, and T.J. Freeman (from left to right) watched the unveiling of a curtain used in the old school house as a back-drop for plays the students put on.

Photos by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

Rules were strict in one-room school

By Dana Sulsberger
The Goodland Daily News

Teachers were asked not to date, be seen in town with males other than their brother or father, dye their hair or go to the ice-cream parlor.

Those were just a few rules on a long list tacked to the wall at the Union School, which was moved to the High Plains Museum from north of Kanorado.

People that visited the Old School House on Sunday afternoon, had a lesson on what life was like for students and teachers who taught in the one-room school house, from its opening in 1912 to its closing in 1960.

The Old School House Days event, sponsored by the Sherman County Historical Society, gave 20 or so visitors the chance to hear first hand what it was like to teach and be a student in the school house.

"I still cherish those children who are still around," said Eula Babcock, who was not only a teacher at the school, but also a student.

She said that she completed eight years of elementary education in the



A member of the historical society passed out prizes to Loren Strait, Tyler McDonald, Chelsey Horney and Hannah Blake (from right to left).

school house, then went on to high school. She said she didn't have to go to college because no degree was required to teach at the time, so she started teaching as soon as she graduated from high school.

In fact, she said, sometimes the students were older than the teachers.

Clara Scheopner, a former teacher at the school house, said her oldest stu-

dent was 21, while she was only 19 at the time. The 21-year-old boy was forced to drop out when he turned 22, she said, because the state said he was too old to go to the public school.

Margaret Bauman said she was 19 when she started teaching at the school, and her oldest student was 16.

In addition to teaching all eight grades, Evelyn Ward, head of the historical society, said in the one room, teachers were also responsible for cleaning, keeping the fire burning and wood stocked, and keeping water in the classroom.

Several of the teachers who spoke talked about natural disasters that added excitement to their teaching days. Scheopner talked about a large dust storm that hit the school one day.

"I could see the storm coming," she said, "so I told the kids to run home as fast as they could."

She said all the kids made it home OK, but she was stuck in her car in the dust for several hours.

Bauman shared her experience with

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Gymkhana Saturday

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

Kara Bentzinger wrote in 1990 that by 2000 she would either have finished veterinary technology school and be working as a technician for a large animal veterinarian or be in veterinary school, with three to four years left.

In either case, the Goodland native hoped to be involved with rodeos and horses. The young woman also wrote in the school assignment that she hoped to see many parts of the world before she settled down and got married.

Bentzinger never got to realize her dreams because she was killed in a one-vehicle accident south of Goodland, almost three years after she turned in the assignment. She was thrown from a pickup, as it rolled out of control on a gravel road.

"A seat belt may have saved her life," said Jill Koslosky, who was Kara's best friend and is helping to organize the eighth-annual Kara Bentzinger Memorial Gymkhana, "but we will never know that for sure. What we do know is that a young life was taken and for those who loved her they wanted to find

a way to celebrate her life."

In celebration of her life and her love of horses and rodeos, the memorial gymkhana will be held Saturday at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

For a \$15 entry fee, children and adults may choose to compete in one or all of the events, which include speed trail course, goat tying, barrel racing, pole bending, flag racing and a keyhole race. Riders need to provide their own horse.

Immediately following the gymkhana, a jackpot roping will take place. The entry fee for the jackpot roping is \$5 and riders may throw ropes in both team roping and breakaway.

Registration will start at 9 a.m. on the east side of the arena. The grand entry will thunder through the arena at 10 a.m. A free barbecue for the competitors will be held at noon.

Winners of the gymkhana will go away with belt buckles and a variety of welded creations to use around the barn or the home.

The event is sponsored by the Bentzinger family and the Sherman County 4-H Council.



Darin Richardson raced to the finish line at last year's Kara Bentzinger Memorial Gymkhana held in Goodland.

Photo by Jill Koslosky

'The Cowboy Way' homecoming parade on Thursday

This year's Goodland High School homecoming parade and pep rally, organized by the Sherman County High School Alumni Association, will have a theme of "The Cowboy Way."

The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Eighth and Main Street and

will proceed to 13th and Main, where parade participants will turn east towards Cowboy stadium for the pep rally and bonfire to begin around 7. Participants will enter the stadium at the south gate, parking in a lot behind the west end zone.

The alumni association will give a cash prize of \$50 to all high school organizations with parade entries. Floats from other schools will also receive prize money to help defray costs. The association encourages boosters to take part.

The parade will include appearances by the high school's fall sports teams, the cheerleaders and dance team, the "Jumpin' Juniors," and this year's homecoming king and queen candidates.

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