

weather
report

64°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 5:56 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:07 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:54 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil Temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 78 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southwest 22 mph
- Barometer 30.15 inches and falling
- Record High 85° (1952)
- Record Low 20° (1975)

Last 24 Hours*

High	53°
Low	45°
Precipitation	0.27 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, 60 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 45, southeast winds 15-25 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, high 65-70, low mid 30s-40, west winds 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: chance of rain, high 50s, low mid 30s-40. Friday: dry, high 50s, low 20-30. Saturday: dry, high 45-55, low 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.67 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.52
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.85 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.66
Loan deficiency pmt. — 33¢
Milo — \$2.76 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.11 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.89
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.01
Millet — no posted price; ask.
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.20 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.45
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.

Gore says he
won't add jobs

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, Ill. — Under fire as a big-government Democrat, Al Gore promised on Tuesday to freeze the size of the federal work force if elected. George W. Bush insisted the vice president would do just the opposite.

"He wants to increase the size and the scope of the federal government," Bush told a gathering in this mostly Republican Chicago suburb.

Gore pledged not to add "even one single position" if elected and touted his record shrinking government as vice president.

"Together we took a government that was out of control and brought it under control," Gore said in a speech in Little Rock, Ark. "I'm for a smaller, smarter government that serves people better, but offers real change."

School
offering
tech class

*Teacher says there's
a shortage of experts*

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland High School is responding to a shortage of information technology specialists by offering a class that trains students in computer networking, the school board heard Monday.

Jackie Elliott, head of the high school math department, spoke to the board in the high school's cafeteria, where members were holding their second meeting of the month. During the year, the board usually devotes one meeting a month to visiting one of the five schools in the district to check out new classes or technology.

Elliott said in 1999 there were an estimated 400,000 unfilled information technology jobs in the U.S. To help get students into those jobs, she said, the high school is offering a new class called "NetPrep."

She said the class, developed by Westnet Inc., a Denver company, and sponsored by the communications company 3com, uses textbooks, compact discs, computer-aided presentations, the Internet and hands-on activities to teach students about computer networks.

Four courses are available at the high school level, she said, and students can test twice in high school to receive certification from the National Association for Communication Systems Engineers. The certification is "vendor neutral," she said, which means certified students aren't confined to working for one company or one type of network.

After high school, Elliott said, junior colleges and community colleges offer courses allowing students to become certified as a "Student Network Technician." She said she has to be certified to teach the class, which 11 young men are taking this year.

Board member Gerald Franklin asked if she saw the class size growing in the future. Elliott said if she can convince girls to take the class and integrate

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Haunted
building
to open

If you're looking for a good scare, you might try a quick trip north to St. Francis, where the Jaycees' Haunted Warehouse will be open this weekend.

The attraction will be open from 8-12 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7-11 p.m. Monday and Tuesday in the old Equity Hardware building at Main and River streets. There will be a "lights on" matinee 1-5 p.m. Sunday afternoon for the younger set.

For several weeks, Cheyenne County Jaycees have been busy putting together this year's warehouse, which should be an unforgettable experience.

To enter the Haunted Warehouse, groups are lowered by elevator to a fog-filled basement where the screams and terror begin. This year, the thrills include a "coming out of the wall room," "coffin room," "children of the corn room," plus the infamous maze.

"Everything is coming together and it should be scary for all," said Iris Mastin, committee chairperson.

A group of Jaycees came from eastern Kansas last year to take a trip through. The club was commended for an excellent haunted house and community project.



Little hands
help with
Halloween

Nolan Deeds, 2 1/2, (above) helped his older brother Hazen (left, above), 8, decorate the Deeds' front lawn for Halloween on Monday afternoon. The decorations at 1416 Arcade St. reflected harvest time and Halloween as Jill Deeds, Nolan and Hazen's mother, made the frame for a pumpkin-headed farmer doing a headstand. The boys and a friend Bryan Guyer, also 8, helped by stuffing the farmer's overalls with straw and filling a wheelbarrow with pumpkins and a hay bale.

Photos by Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News



Broadcaster inducted
into the hall of fame

Kay Melia describes himself as a western Kansas gardener, but he has been in radio broadcasting for 50 years. Earlier this month, he was inducted into the new Kansas Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Melia and 31 other radio broadcasters were named to the hall at an evening banquet Oct. 9 during the annual convention of the Kansas Association of Broadcasters.

Melia, who won the Distinguished



Kay Melia

Service Award from the association in 1981, said he knew he would be inducted, as the association was changing their rules about honoring broadcasters.

Some of the other men honored were the late Ed Mason, Grover Cobb, Bob Schmidt, Alf Landon, Bill Miller and this year's distinguished service award winner, Max Falkenstein, who has done

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Filling station opens
near hotel, restaurant

A new Sinclair gas station opened its doors Friday on K-27 in between the Howard Johnson's and the new Dairy Queen still under construction.

Manager Arlo Hansen said the store isn't completely done yet. He said there are still several unstocked shelves.

Pete Whalen and his son Dan Whalen own the station, and Dan also owns the Dairy Queen going up next door.

Pete Whalen said the full opening of the Sinclair station will be when the Dairy Queen opens.

"We want the businesses to open as



Arlo Hansen

one," he said, explaining that though the station is open now, the grand opening will have to wait until both businesses are ready to run.

He said their hope is that the two businesses can function together.

Pete Whalen said a grand opening for both businesses should be held in a week or two.

The gas station is open from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. now, he said, but hours will shift with the seasons, weather and demand of travelers. He said the gas pumps accept credit cards, so no matter what, travelers will be able to get gas 24 hours a day.

Seeding
answer
'unclear'

*Scientist gives one
view on program*

By Patty Decker

The Colby Free Press

A mixed bag of people attended Sunday night's public information meeting on cloud seeding — some opposed, some in favor and some undecided — but the speaker advised them all to keep an open mind.

"How many of you have already made up your minds on this issue?," asked Dr. Charles Doswell, who is a meteorologist with the National Severe Storms Laboratories in Norman, Okla. By a show of hands, over half of the nearly 100 people attending said they had.

"So why is it so hard for science to say whether or not clouding seeding actually works?," he asked. "If we close our minds and say we know all we need to know on the subject, then we are kept in ignorance."

"Critics are our friends, and I am here to give a prospective as a professional meteorologist."

During the presentation, he walked the audience through the life cycle of a single thunderstorm cell. A cloud forms from updrafts, he said, and as the cooling continues to increase, the relative humidity also goes up. When it reaches 100 percent relative humidity, condensation begins that eventually becomes rain as we see it.

"A single thunderstorm cloud is approximately six miles in diameter and about the same in height," he said, "and can hold 200 million gallons of condensed water."

He explained that it takes about one million cloud droplets to form one rain droplet.

The theory of cloud seeding is that by adding material to form an even supply of drops, clouds will produce more rain and less hail, he said.

"Cloud droplets are too small to fall as rain, and so the hang-up to getting rain is in getting the droplets to grow," he said. "Pure water has a hard time freezing."

Supercooled water has to be "taught" to freeze, he said, and this is where seeding comes in, by offering a freezing nuclei, which is not the same as condensation nuclei.

"By getting an agent into the cloud of supercooled water, it mimics nature and teaches the cloud to freeze," he said. "Seeding creates ice particles that compete with non-frozen water to make none big enough to cause large hail, and that's assuming natural storms have too few freezing nuclei."

Does seeding work in enhancing rainfall or suppressing hail? Doswell said seeding influences clouds, but it's hard to prove how the outcome is different from what would have happened anyway. It could be good or bad.

"It does things to them," he said, "but seeders will tell you that the process of seeding clouds in season reduces hail and increases rain. ...it does only good

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