

weather
report

60°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:54 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:08 a.m.
• Sunset, 5:53 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 55 degrees
• Humidity 51 percent
• Sky mostly cloudy
• Winds north 14 mph
• Barometer 29.96 inches
and steady
• Record High 88° (1959)
• Record Low 20° (1976)

Last 24 Hours*

High 70°
Low 53°
Precipitation 0.10 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 40,
northwest winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow:
Partly sunny, high 65-70, low 35-45,
light variable winds.

Extended Forecast

Friday: dry, high 50s, low 35-45.
Saturday: chance of rain, high 60s,
low 35-45. Sunday: dry, high 55-65,
low 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.66 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.52
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.83 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.67
Loan deficiency pmt. — 32¢
Milo — \$2.74 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.10 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.96
Loan deficiency payment — 94¢
Millet — no posted price; ask.
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.25 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.

Korea asked
about bombs

SEOUL, South Korea — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said today that North Korea must remove lingering uncertainty about its nuclear weapons activities if efforts at accommodation with the United States are to succeed.

A 1994 U.S.-North Korean agreement was designed to freeze a suspected nuclear weapons program in Yongbyan but there are concerns Pyongyang may have stockpiled one or more such weapons beforehand. Some experts believe North Korea had acquired sufficient materials in the pre-agreement period for one or two weapons while others doubt Pyongyang has any.

Albright, who arrived here today after two days in Pyongyang, told a news conference she raised the weapons issue.



Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer visited Goodland on Tuesday to meet with city officials and look at the city's economic development plan.

Official tours grant projects

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer said one reason he was in Goodland on Tuesday to meet with leaders about economic development is because he doesn't want people out here to feel left out.

Sherrer was in town looking at Goodland's economic programs, which are supported by the Department of Commerce and Housing Sherrer heads, and meeting with officials to find out what else the city might need for economic development.

While here, Sherrer went to see Canadian artist Cameron Cross's Van Gogh project. Cross's 80-foot high-replica of one of Vincent Van Gogh's sunflower paintings, one of seven around the world, is backed by a tourism grant from the department.

Sherrer also met with Ron Harding, director of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mike Skyler, owner of SkyCo, and talked about plans for air service to Goodland which Skyler has been trying to start.

Harding gave him a tour of the city so that he could see where the grants the state had given Goodland have gone. "I've always said that the state is a good partner with the community," said the lieutenant governor during a press conference at the airport, where the Goodland Ambassadors greeted him. "Communities can feel like they are left out if people in the state government don't get out into Kansas."

Just because Goodland is close to Colorado, he said, doesn't mean that it isn't part of this state.

He said the money given to any city for economic development is money well spent and should have good results.

Lottery money helps city

While the lieutenant governor is not necessarily in favor of gambling, he says he is in favor of the money that the state lottery produces.

The Kansas Legislature will consider reauthorizing the Kansas Lottery next year, said Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer, and if they choose not to renew the program, it will be difficult for the state to find the \$60 million

the lottery brings in each year.

"When people tell me supporting the lottery means I am in favor of gambling," he said, "I tell them the lottery isn't gambling, it is a tax on people who can't do math."

He went on to say that people work hard for their money and they should

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Enjoying a dry, sunny day

Claudia Stepanek (above), 9, played on the merry-go-round in the park across from the medical center. Claudia's sister, Abby (left), also 9, played on the swings. Both were enjoying the nice weather on Tuesday after a rainy weekend.

Photos by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

Members in favor of society buying Handy home

The Sherman County Historical Society has received positive response to the possible purchase of the Edythe Handy house, which members hope to use for living history displays.

The society sent letters to its members asking for their vote on whether or not to purchase the house and for pledges. The deadline was Oct. 15.

Evelyn Ward, president of the society, said they had raised close to \$12,000 in pledges. The asking price for the house is \$125,000.

"We felt encouraged by the amount of pledges

that came in during that short time," Ward said.

She said of those who did respond, there was an outstanding majority in favor of the society getting the house.

The three-story house at the corner of 13th and Center in Goodland had been owned by Edythe Handy, who died in August.

As Handy had no children, she left the house to a niece and nephew. The relatives do not live here and want to sell the house. They have given the society first chance to purchase it.

Ward is working to get a tourist attraction development grant through the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, Division of Travel and Tourism Development.

If the house is purchased, the society plans to use it as a living history center with displays in different rooms.

It was built in 1906, Ward said, by the William Ennis family and still has the original oak woodwork and 12-foot ceilings.

"No decision has been made on the house,"

Ward said, "but we're still exploring possibilities and we're still encouraging anyone who wants to make a pledge to make (one)."

The society feels that pledges are critical to success of grant, she said. The more local backing they have, the better the chance of getting state money.

Tax-free pledges or donations for this year or 2001 can be made to the historical society at Box 684, Goodland, Kan. 67735 or by calling the society's office at 899-6773.

County to consider bids

Sherman County commissioners will hold a special meeting at 8 a.m. Thursday at the courthouse to review landfill bids and discuss other landfill matters.

Three bids for excavating the first cell of the new county landfill south

of Goodland were received by the commissioners two weeks ago. The bids were turned over to Mark McMullen of Terranext, the Colorado engineering firm working on the project, for a review and recommendation.

U.S. senator cancels meeting here

Sen. Pat Roberts' planned to stop in Goodland on Friday on his annual fall tour, but has postponed the trip because the Senate has not finished its business.

Congress had been scheduled to adjourn on Oct. 8, but has not gotten to all of the appropriation bills for 2001, said Kay Sharp, casework director at Sen. Roberts' Kansas City, Kansas, office.

Ron Harding, executive director of

the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, said they had planned "an eggs and issues session," where the senator would give a presentation on happenings in Washington.

Sen. Roberts already canceled the first part of his tour because he was needed in session on Tuesday and Wednesday. Harding said the senator thought he would still be able to come

to Goodland for the breakfast meeting, but found out this morning he would be delayed in Washington.

Sharp said the senate will have Monday and Tuesday off and go back on Wednesday.

Harding said he spoke with Roberts, and the senator told him he would try to come to Goodland after the first of the year.

Ranchers betting that shoppers will choose 'designer' beef

By Jeff Barnard

Associated Press Writer

ISLAND CITY, Ore. — After the steaks and beans were gone and the ice cream bars were being passed around at the annual barbecue at Intermountain Livestock's stockyards, the talk turned to a new idea moving through the Old West.

Oregon Cattlemen's Association President John Hays has been putting together a plan to market a branded product — as in brand name, not branding iron — called Oregon Trail Beef.

Starting around the first of the new year, Hays hopes shoppers who might typically choose the Calvin Klein label over less expensive jeans will do the same when they lean over the beef case at their local supermarket.

The idea is to create appealing designer beef labels that also will beef up the wallets of the ranchers wearing the Wrangler jeans.

"The buyer gets a commission, the feeder gets a commission, the trucker gets a commission," Hays said. "It's gotten to the point the cow-calf opera-

tor was out of the equation. We figured there's got to be a better way to do this."

While brand names started showing up on precut packages of chicken parts in the poultry section of grocery stores in the 1960s and 1970s, most beef still goes to market as a true commodity, where one piece of meat is treated like another.

Hard numbers are elusive, but Hays estimates that about 4 percent to 8 percent of the beef sold in the U.S. now is under a brand name — Certified Angus Beef, Laura's Lean, and Oregon Coun-

try Beef, to name a few. It's a growth trend that should double next year, said Mark Thomas of the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

"The category is still very, very young, but it clearly is the direction the industry is going," Thomas said.

With its large cuts, long preparation time, and higher fat content, beef began losing market share to chicken as American families got smaller, more women joined the workplace and people became more health-oriented, said Thomas.

But that is changing as producers offer lower-fat cuts and companies like Harris Ranch Beef and IBP Inc. offer precooked entrees, such as pot roast and steaks, that budget-conscious or time-pressed families can warm up in the microwave.

The trend toward designer beef labels will result in fewer cattle breeds being raised commercially, as ranchers are forced to produce a more uniform carcass, said Harlan Hughes, a livestock economist from North Dakota State University.