

weather report

50°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:28 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:38 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:28 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 31 degrees
• Humidity 31 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds north 17 mph
• Barometer 30.26 inches
and steady
• Record High 74° (1974)
• Record Low 4° (1929)

Last 24 Hours*

High 42°
Low 19°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear, low 15-20, light winds. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high 50s, low 20-25, south winds 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Saturday: dry, high 45-55, low 20.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.79 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.62
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.92 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.82
Loan deficiency pmt. — 17¢
Milo — \$3.12 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.28 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.18
Loan deficiency payment — 72¢
Millet — no posted price; ask.
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.65 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.24
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.

Two weeks; still no results

TALLAHASSEE (AP) — Two unforgettable weeks after Election Day, George W. Bush and Al Gore sweated out a ruling from the Florida Supreme Court and manual recounts in three Democratic counties Tuesday as they waited to learn who will sit in the White House.

“There’s no timetable at the present time” for rendering an opinion, despite persistent rumors to the contrary, Supreme Court spokesman Craig Waters told reporters clustered outside the building where legal arguments had unfolded on Monday.

Hundreds of miles to the south, the laborious manual recounting ground on in West Palm Beach, Miami-Dade and Broward Counties, Gore hoping for enough votes to overtake his rival in the race for the White House.



First grade students ate food they brought for Monday’s Thanksgiving feast at West Elementary. Jarrod Kaup (left) talked to Laine Herl (right)

as they ate. Others eating nearby were Jordan Garza, Matthew Barker and Sydnee Thornburg.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Students have their own holiday feast

Children share thanksgivings

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

First graders at West Elementary, teachers and a few parents feasted on all types of fall food Monday at the classes’ annual Thanksgiving feast.

Each of the kids brought something for the feast.

Laid out on the tables were cheese, pumpkin pie, ham, crackers, cookies, cake, carrots, apples, raisins and celery.

There are five first-grade classes at the school; teachers are Lynette McLean, Deb Bantam, Pat Thompson, Janet Davis and Linda Lucas.

Mrs. Thompson read a blessing about five kernels of corn before they ate.

Each kernel represented things that the pilgrims were thankful for.

The kids took turns filling their plates, then returned to their desks, where a few mothers brought drinks to them.

Mrs. McLean’s class made native American costumes in class, but the



Deborah Garcia (left), a first grader at West Elementary School, turned from eating at Monday’s Thanksgiving feast, while her table mates, Lauren Kudera (right) and Heather Miller (second right) ate their food.

other teachers let their students make costumes at home.

Davis and McLean’s rooms are next to each other, so the divider down the

middle was opened and the five classes gathered there.

Some of the students were asked what Thanksgiving meant to them. Some responses.

“It’s fun,” said Cammy Lamb.

“Pilgrims, turkey, Indians,” said James McCurry.

“It’s good,” Samantha Guterrez said. “I like it.”

“I really like turkey,” said Tyler Fisher.

“My grandma gets to cook the turkey,” Brad Vinar said.

“Go off and kill turkeys,” said Jaron Ragels.

“It’s really nice to have a big feast with your class and your family,” Haley Linnell said.

“We eat turkey,” said Skylar Williams.

“Sharing and to be nice,” said Reed Bellamy.

“Sharing, giving things to others,” Albert Michael Mouchette said.

“It means we’re thankful to God to give us this healthful meal,” Page Seeger said.

“Giving thanks,” Cassie Battistoni said.

“I like to spend time with my mom,” Chauntell Peter said.

Groups get money for cancer victim

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Debbie Snethen said she went to the doctor in August because of two lumps on the side of her neck, and was surprised to learn she had leukemia.

“I never dreamed that I would end up with leukemia,” Snethen said. “It can hit anyone.”

Snethen, 35, said the blood disease is treatable, but not curable as of yet. She is taking chemotherapy in Hays, but has no health insurance, so groups in Goodland are raising money for her medical bills.

Snethen goes to Hays once a month for five days and takes hour-long intra-

venous treatments each day. So far, she has received two series, which cost about \$8,000 each. She needs six. She will go back for her third treatment on Nov. 27. She also had a computer scan which cost \$4,000 and will need another.

Snethen, the former Debbie Musalek, said the treatments take a lot out of her and by the end of the week, she’s drained.

A lot of people have pitched in to help with her bills.

Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Goodland had a jar fund for coffee and rolls at the church from which they raised \$900. The Lutheran Brother-

hood matched that amount, which brought the total to \$1,800, and the church is taking donations for her care.

Jacque Drennan, with the Aid Association for Lutherans, is putting together a benefit soup supper for Snethen on Tuesday, Dec. 5. The association will match the money raised from it. Saturday, the Goodland Promenaders Square Dance Club, which Snethen is a member of, had a benefit breakfast. Snethen said she thought they made over \$1,000.

There are donation cans at the check-out stands at Alco Discount Store, where Snethen works about 30 hours a week now except for the week she receives treatments. She would like to

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Workers will take a long weekend

As Thanksgiving Day rolls around, most area businesses will be closed to give employees time off for the holiday, while a few will be open to provide vital services.

All government offices, banks and business offices will be closed Thursday, including *The Goodland Daily News*. There will be no mail service and no paper that day.

The Sherman County courthouse will be closed on Friday, as well the

health department, road and bridge department and the county landfill.

City offices will also be closed on Thursday and Friday for the holiday, but emergency services will be available.

Post offices will be closed on Thanksgiving Day but will open again on Friday, as will other state and federal offices.

The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office will be closed Thurs-

day and Friday, as will some other downtown offices. *The Daily News* will be open Friday, and will publish that day. Deadline for news and ad copy is noon on Wednesday.

Restaurants that will be closed Thanksgiving Day include Ray’s Cafe, Crazy R’s, Kentucky Fried Chicken/ Taco Bell, Kickers, Gambino’s, Dairy Queen, Pizza Hut, Sugar Hills Country

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Officials put off land lease

City asks who will maintain painting

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

With two commissioners gone Monday, the Goodland City Commission wasn’t able to do much, and commissioners put off approval of a lease for the big Van Gogh painting planned for the old Cherry Street wye area.

The Sunflower U.S.A. Association came with a final lease for an easement to place the 80-foot high Van Gogh replica being done by Canadian artist Cameron Cross on city land. The big painting would be erected on a tract east of Cherry Street, known as the old wye, which extends from 19th street south to Business U.S. 24.

The association plans to erect the painting on the far north corner of the property so that it is facing I-70 so it will draw people into the town.

“Did you discuss forming an escrow fund in the lease?” Commissioner Tom Rohr asked Darin Neufeld, an engineer who does work for the city and is a member of the association.

Rohr said his main concern was that the association would disband down the road and the taxpayers would be left with the cost of tearing down the painting if it got too run-down.

“The commissioners know the people who make up the association,” replied Vice President Marcia Golden. “We only want to improve the city and make the quality of life better. No member is going to permit this to become an eyesore.”

Rhor said he understood but wanted to be sure it could still be taken care of 20 years from now if none of the association members were around.

Neufeld said he felt like there was some value to the painting that could be used to recover any costs the city had.

“I just hate for this to be put up until we start the project on Cherry Street,” said Rohr. Cross will be finished with the painting on Thursday, said Neufeld, but it won’t be ready to go up until at least the first of the year, if then.

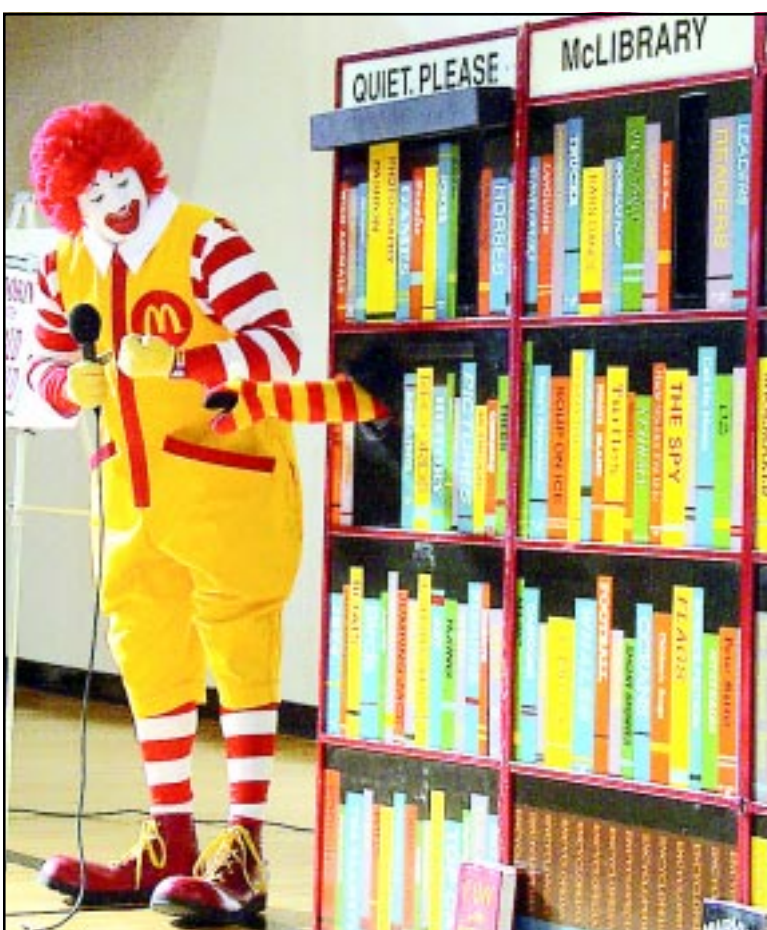
“I disagree with Commissioner Rohr,” Mayor Chuck Lutters said. “I think the painting will prove to be an asset to the community.

“The cost of tearing it down will be made up for by its value to the community.”

After the discussion, the matter was

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Ronald the librarian...



Ronald McDonald talked with his book worm friend in front of classes from North Elementary School on Monday. Ronald was in town as part of the McDonald’s “Bookin’ with Ronald” program.

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