


weather report

46°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Tomorrow

- Sunrise, 6:51 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 34 degrees
- Humidity 34 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 13 mph
- Barometer 30.44 inches and falling
- Record High 74° (1965)
- Record Low 1° (1955)

Last 24 Hours*

High	43°
Low	19°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast


Tonight: Cloudy, low 20, south winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy, 40 percent chance of snow, high 40, low 20, south winds 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, high 30s, low 20.
Thursday: dry, high 45-55, low 20s.
Friday: dry, high 30s, low 10-20.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.82 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.66
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.89 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.84
Loan deficiency pmt. — 15¢
Milo — \$3.07 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.44 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.38
Loan deficiency payment — 52¢
Millet — no posted price; ask.
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.19
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.

Space station gets its wings

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — Space shuttle Endeavour’s astronauts attached the world’s largest, most powerful set of solar panels to the international space station on Sunday, then watched with delight and relief as the first glittering wing unfurled.

The panel extended to its full length but didn’t appear to be taut, prompting NASA to put off extending the second wing until Monday at the earliest.

The astronauts’ task is as monumental as the wings themselves: The future of space station construction hinges on their ability to install the \$600 million solar panels, which will provide much needed power to the newly inhabited outpost.

Spacewalkers Joe Tanner and Carlos Noriega bolted the wings to the station Sunday afternoon.

Hunters kill deer, leave body to rot

Wildlife officer asks hunters to report crime

By Dana Sulsberger
The Goodland Daily News

It’s a crime that’s committed every hunting season, but it’s rarely reported. A hunter shoots a deer and then leaves it behind because it’s either the wrong type of deer or the antlers aren’t big enough.

State wildlife officials in Goodland say if it was a honest mistake, a hunter is better off to report it, and those hunters who come across the body should tell someone so the meat can be salvaged.

Jim Robinson, conservation officer with the Department of Wildlife and Parks, said a deer was found Thursday night which had been shot and left where it fell.

The deer was shot on Wednesday, Robinson said, but the crime wasn’t reported until Thursday night by out-of-state hunters.

Several other hunting groups had been in the area, he said, but hadn’t reported the dead deer.

“At least 12 other people knew about it,” he said. “But it wasn’t just that they didn’t report it, they walked all around

the crime scene and messed up some of the evidence.”

Robinson said his case is a lot weaker if the evidence is older or has been destroyed. If anyone comes across a deer that has been shot and left, he said, they should back away from the area and call Robinson or the police.

The conservation officer gave several reasons why a deer might be shot and left.

One, he said, is that the hunter shoots the wrong type of deer, or one not listed on the individual’s tag and then gets scared and leaves it behind. Robinson said if this should happen the hunter would be better off to call the conservation office and report what happened.

“If the hunter were to call, it would show they had integrity,” he said.

He and the courts, Robinson said, have some say in the severity of punishment, and in this type of situation he would be more likely to go easy on the hunter — if he pressed charges at all — if he came forward immediately.

Another reason, he said, is if a hunter shot the deer and then didn’t like the looks of it — either because it didn’t

have enough meat or, more likely, its rack wasn’t big enough.

The deer shot on Wednesday had a lot of meat on it, Robinson said, but it had a smaller rack.

“A lot of hunters look more for the trophy antlers than the meat now a days,” he said. “But someone who would shoot a deer and then leave it isn’t a hunter anymore, but a criminal.”

He said punishment can include fines, court costs, possible jail time and forfeiture of hunting equipment and possibly vehicles. The punishment, he said, would depend on how serious the crime is.

Robinson took the carcass of the deer shot on Wednesday to do forensic work on the body.

It will then be photographed and the rack taken for use in any case in the future.

“Sometimes there is a chance of salvaging the meat,” he said, “but this animal had been sitting there for too long.”

He said that contacting someone as soon as a deer is found will give him a better chance of catching the criminal and salvaging the meat.



Conservation officer Jim Robinson held up a deer he found shot and left Thursday. Robinson was taking the carcass in to do forensic work to catch who shot it.

Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

Court makes no clear decision

By Walter R. Mears
AP Special Correspondent

With the calendar closing in, the U.S. Supreme Court set aside on Monday a Florida ruling that narrowed George W. Bush’s minuscule margin over Al Gore in the state that will settle their presidential struggle — but without a clear decision to settle the issue.

That ruling in Washington led a Florida judge to delay his own verdict on Gore’s case for hand recounts of ballots in two counties his lawyers argue would reverse the Bush edge for the decisive 25 electoral votes in the challenged and stalled presidential election.

With electors to be chosen Dec. 12, and with leaders of the Republican state legislature considering a special session to name a Bush slate, anything that slows the process works to Bush’s advantage. Gore’s lawyers said as much in arguing their recount case in Tallahassee.

The Supreme Court ruling, issued as routinely as though it was an everyday matter instead of a judgment on the closest presidential election in 124 years, did what Bush had asked — but only temporarily.

“The judgment of the Supreme Court

of Florida is ... vacated and the case is remanded for further proceedings not inconsistent with this opinion,” the court ruled, its decision issued while the justices heard arguments in a soccer mom’s appeal against a seat belt arrest.

The action added more uncertainty in the most uncertain election of modern times.

Bush had appealed a Florida Supreme Court ruling in which Gore won an extension of the time for certification of the state election, time spent recounting until Nov. 26. Bush was then certified the winner by 537 votes, down from the edge of 930 he had held.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court sent the case back to Tallahassee “for further proceedings,” a spokesman for the Florida high court said he couldn’t comment on what happens next.

Within minutes of the Supreme Court ruling, Judge N. Sanders Saul sent word that his own ruling on Gore’s case for hand recounts in Palm Beach and Miami-Dade counties would be delayed while he tries to determine whether the ruling has any impact on the case before him.

After presiding over a trial unlike any other — a grueling weekend of testi-

mony capped by closing arguments that stretched late into Sunday night — Sauls, a Leon County circuit judge, promised to rule quickly on Gore’s bid for a recount of 14,000 disputed ballots in heavily Democratic counties.

Gore said in advance that if he lost, that case, too, would be appealed to the Florida Supreme Court.

Bush attorney Barry Richard said the GOP nominee should also be expected to appeal should Gore win his recount case.

Doug Hattaway, a Gore spokesman, said the U.S. Supreme Court decision would have no impact. He said the vice president is confident the Florida Supreme Court will rule for him again, and convince the high court “its decision was based on Florida law.”

Another Bush attorney, Fred H. Bartlit, said he believed the Supreme Court “can’t figure out” the grounds for the Florida Supreme Court ruling.

Gore’s aides already were planning steps to counter the Legislature, should it try to appoint Bush electors.

“The Democratic Party is getting ready down here to put pressure on the Florida legislators,” Hattaway said earlier.

Board to start looking for leader

Finding a new hospital administrator is at the top of the agenda for the Goodland Regional Medical Center board’s meeting Tuesday.

Members will also review next year’s budget — one issue at dispute when the board fired the administrator last month — at the 6:30 p.m. session.

It’s the first meeting since the board fired administrator Jim Chaddic.

Board Chairman Doug Irvin said the board will be looking at beginning the process of finding a new administrator and to approve a budget for next year.

Andy Laue, finance officer and acting administrator, will report on the budget and the monthly financial figures.

The board will meet with Mike Skyler, a state trooper trying to establish an air service at the Goodland airport, who wants to discuss handling the hospital’s needs for transporting specialists and supplies by air.

Part of the meeting will be closed at the request of Skyler, to allow him to provide confidential financial information.

Another closed door session will be held to consider personnel contracts.

The board will approve policy manual updates for the emergency room, mammography, swingbed and maintenance. The management committee of Laue, Dale Schields, personnel and fund-raising chief and Mary Ann Elliott, supervisor of surgery, will present a report on the hospital operation.

The board will also hold a closed door session dealing with personnel and risk management issues.

Too pretty to eat?



Bobbie Dinkel, a mortgage loan officer at Western State Bank, picked a cauliflower from a veggie plant Friday night at the Chamber of Commerce’s “After Hours” Christmas party held at the bank. The fruit and vegetable decorations, created by Tammy Neal, owner of Edible Arrangements, decorated food tables.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

‘Meals on Wheels’ looking for volunteers

The Meals on Wheels program in Goodland needs volunteers to deliver meals from Dec. 15-30.

Ruth Soward, scheduling coordinator, said these two weeks around Christmas are a bad time to get volunteers, but the program needs to provide meals every day of the year.

She said they have many people who volunteer to deliver the meals, but most people get really busy around the holidays.

“We have some wonderful people and churches that help all year,” Soward said.

Students home from college might be able to help out, she said. The meals are prepared at Goodland Regional Medical Center, she said, and need to be picked up there at 11:15 a.m.

Soward said it takes about an hour to deliver the food and volunteers are usually home by noon.

There are two routes, so at least two people are needed each day. If a volunteer can’t deliver meals on a weekday, Soward said, then perhaps they can do it on the weekend.

If you are interested, call 899-2095 and leave your name and number.



Frost covered wreaths and fog greeted Goodland citizens Saturday morning as volunteers went door to door picking up sacks of food for the Genesis Food program.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

Youngsters gather sacks for food bank

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

Volunteers took the first step towards providing holiday dinners for those less fortunate in Goodland on Saturday morning as young people hit the streets collecting bags of food as part of the annual Genesis Food Bank program.

The food will be boxed and distributed later in December to a list of over 100 families in the city.

It was a very frosty, foggy morning as over 40 young people and drivers, who were a little older, gathered in the

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