

weather report

20°
at noon

Today

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:59 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 28 degrees
• Humidity 59 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds north 8 mph
• Barometer 29.91 inches and rising
• Record High 74° (1988)
• Record Low -9° (1963)

Last 24 Hours*

High 23°
Low 5°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 10-15, northwest winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, high 40, low 15, southwest winds 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: dry, high 35-45, low 15.
Saturday: dry, high 40, low 10-20.
Sunday: dry, high 45-50, low 20.

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

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.74 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.57
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.89 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.83
Loan deficiency pmt. — 16¢
Milo — \$3.05 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.48 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.38
Loan deficiency payment — 52¢
Millet — \$9.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.96
Confection current — \$15/\$7 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.

Snow piles up across Kansas

TOPEKA — Schools closed, residents shoveled and drivers motored cautiously as Kansans awoke to several inches of snow Wednesday, after two days of icy roads and frigid temperatures.

The National Weather Service issued a heavy snow warning for southeast Kansas for Wednesday, and a snow advisory was in effect for central and northeast Kansas until at least midday Wednesday.

Schools across southeast Kansas were canceled, as were those in Junction City, Lawrence, Kansas City, Kan., and Johnson County.

By 11 a.m., 10 inches had fallen in Bartlett in Labette County. Independence had 9.5 inches, Oswego 9 and Sedan 7. Further west, accumulations were less, with 5 inches in Greensburg, and 3.5 in McPherson. Northeast Kansas had 4 to 6 inches of snow.

Gore to quit!

WASHINGTON (AP) — Al Gore decided Wednesday to concede the country’s overtime election, aides said, clearing the way for George W. Bush to become 43rd president and leader of a nation evenly divided along political lines.

The vice president acted after a split U.S. Supreme Court ruled against further recounts in contested Florida.

Two senior advisers, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Gore would officially drop out in a nationally televised address at 7 p.m. Mountain Time.

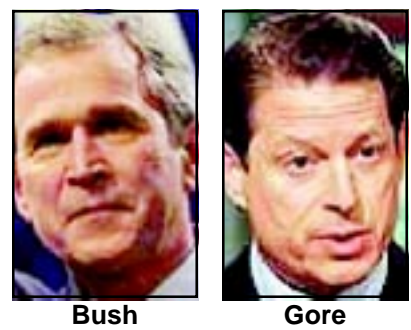
“The race is over,” said one after speaking with the vice president. “We’re done.”

Bush was planning a televised statement of his own, at 8 p.m., part of what aides said would be an effort to heal divisions caused by the campaign and its brutal, five-week postscript. A senior

Bush official also said the governor would like to meet with Gore, a possibility that both men mentioned publicly at the height of their post-election battle.

Gore made the decision to drop out 12 hours after the U.S. Supreme Court, as divided as the nation, ruled 5-4 against his bid to recount thousands of ballots in Florida. Gore had sought the recount in hopes he could overturn Bush’s 537-vote victory margin in the state whose 25 electoral votes will settle the election.

“The vice president has directed the recount committee to suspend activities,” campaign chair-



Bush Gore

man William Daley said in a written statement that effectively ended an unbearably close election 36 tumultuous days after the nation voted.

Gore topped his Republican rival by about 330,000 votes out of 103 million ballots cast nationwide. But Florida’s electoral votes, to be cast on Dec. 18 and counted on Jan. 6, would give Bush a total of 271 to Gore’s 267.

Bush was in Texas, savoring his hard-earned triumph in private, as if to give Gore all the room he needed for a graceful exit. Aides spread the word the governor would speak to the nation from the hall where the Texas House of Representatives

meets, and would be introduced by Rep. Pete Laney, the Democrat who is speaker.

Behind the scenes, Bush’s aides were reaching out to the Gore camp to suggest a meeting between the two rivals — who last were together on a stage in St. Louis in October for their final debate of the campaign.

Republican running mate Dick Cheney was in Washington, meeting with House Speaker Dennis Hastert of Illinois and other GOP lawmakers, part of a transition to power that now could begin in earnest.

“The wounds that have come from the passions of partisanship must begin to heal for the good of the country,” Hastert said in a statement that set the tone for other Republicans.

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Peeping student punished

By Dana Sulsberger
The Goodland Daily News

A 15-year-old Goodland High School student has been suspended for placing a video camera in the girl’s locker room at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said wrestlers found the camera in a girls locker in the room and the video has been turned over to the police.

Though the camera was in the locker room for about 24 hours, he said, the tape only ran for half an hour.

“There was no nudity on the tape,” Selby added.

He said the school has put the boy on a long-term suspension. He is the only one involved in the incident that the school knows about at this time, he said.

The camera was placed in the locker on Friday and was found on Saturday morning, he said, when wrestlers from Garden City and Colby were changing in the room and saw the camera.

The wrestlers reported the camera to their coach, who reported it to Goodland officials.

The video camera was being run by a battery which ran dead after a half an hour of recording, said Selby. Though the video was turned in to the police, Selby is keeping the camera for now.

Harvey Swager, principal at Goodland High School, said he was not at liberty to comment on the event.

Police were called in on Monday morning, said Chief Ray Smee, and took the video cassette.

He said they don’t know for sure yet whether anyone else was involved but they are still investigating it.

The boy hasn’t been arrested at this time, Smee said, and he didn’t know what he might be charged with.



Students sang out Christmas at elementary music program

Goodland third graders gave a music program, “Sing Out Christmas,” Tuesday night in the Central School gym. They were directed by Birkley Barnes, third grade music teacher. They sang about a dozen songs for the Christmas season. Their last song, “Silent Night,” they sang in both English and German. The third grade teachers are Marilyn Sowers, Susan Jensen, Linda McKee, Lori Lalicker and Donna Whitmore.

Among the kids singing were Angie Hillmer (above, from left), Josh Dorn, Quinten Ragels, Brandi Bahe, Angie Medrano, Brook Redlin and Jessica Geist, as they performed hand movements to the song “Children, Go Where I Send Thee.” Parker Johnson (from left, lower photo), Tyler MacDonald, Kaleb Keith, Gabriel Gonzales and John “J.P.” McCool sang with other third graders to another song.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Veteran gets diploma he fought for

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

Lewis Nowak was 20 and a high school junior at Brownville, a school that was south of Brewster, when he was drafted to fight in World War II in July 1942.

He said he was an older student because the Great Depression and a severe case of tonsillitis interfered with his schooling. But more than anything else, he said, it was the war that got in the way of his education.

Nowak said he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps — traveling to stations across the U.S. and in South America and Puerto Rico — from 1942 to 1945, when the war ended while he was on his way to California. He said he was a

truck driver, heavy equipment operator and sometimes worked on radar.

“I still think the Good Lord was on my side,” he said.

After the war, Nowak moved back to a farm south of Edson, got married, had children and ran Nowak Transfer and Storage, a freight business in Goodland, for 20 years. He said he never found the time or money to go back to school and thought seeking a General Educational Development degree would be “a waste of time.”

Almost 60 years later, Nowak will get the high school diploma he missed out on while fighting for freedom. He said his wife and one of his four children will share the experience with him.

Friday morning, he and 11 other

World War II veterans who dropped out of schools in the Goodland area will be awarded honorary diplomas by the Goodland School District.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the diplomas will be awarded during the district’s annual senior citizen Christmas dinner, which begins at 11 a.m. at Goodland High School.

He said it’s part of a statewide program called “Operation Recognition,” which the Goodland School Board decided to join in August. The Kansas Commission on Veteran’s Affairs organized the program after getting the idea from a Massachusetts school district.

“We’re just real excited,” said Selby,

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Red Cross holds drive

During the holiday season, the American Red Cross is asking for the gift of blood and the bloodmobile will be in Goodland on Thursday to collect.

The Red Cross team will be at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church from noon to 5:15 p.m. taking donations.

“We are trying to get 100 people to donate at the event,” said Martha Gunderson, one of the organizers here.

She said that people can call for appointments, but walk-ins are welcome, too.

For a time, call Dolly Irvin at 899-

2111.

“People who donate will be provided with a light lunch,” Gunderson said.

The requirements to donate are that you weigh at least 90 pounds and be at least 18.

Gunderson said people will be interviewed before donating to find if they are taking any antibiotics or medications.

Certain medication and all antibiotics would keep a person from donating.

“If they aren’t sure whether or not they can donate,” she said, “all they need to do is come down and see.”