

weather  
report

35°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:32 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.  
• Sunset, 4:33 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 30 degrees  
• Humidity 47 percent  
• Sky mostly sunny  
• Winds north 20-25  
• Barometer 30.29 inches  
and falling

• Record High 62° (1929)  
• Record Low -9° (1946)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 46°  
Low 22°  
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, low 10-15, northwest winds 10 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of snow, high 35, low 20, southeast winds 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: chance of snow, high 20, low 5-15. Monday: dry, high 30s, low 5-15. Tuesday: dry, high 40s, low 10-20.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.91 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.70  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$2.06 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.98  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 1¢  
Milo — \$3.42 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.55 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.37  
Loan deficiency payment — 53¢  
Millet — \$9.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.90  
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.

Four fill slots  
on Cabinet

WASHINGTON — President-elect Bush chose Rod Paige, the Houston superintendent of schools, to be secretary of education on Friday, and named former Colorado Atty. Gen. Gale Norton to be secretary of the interior.

He nominated Anthony Principi to be secretary of veterans affairs, the department in which he once served as deputy.

As expected, Bush named Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson to become secretary of health and human services.

The four Cabinet appointments left only three slots to be filled after the new year, the secretaries of labor, energy and transportation.

Paige becomes the second black member of the Bush Cabinet. The other is Colin Powell, the designated secretary of state. Bush said he picked “strong, smart people.”

# City reduces Wal-Mart's trash fee

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City Commission voted Thursday to reduce the fee it charges a contractor to pick up Wal-Mart's trash from \$450 a month to \$300 a month, but commissioners said the city couldn't afford to drop it entirely.

Commission members voted in a noon meeting called so the contract the city has with trash contractor Kevin Butts could be renewed before it expired on the first of the year. They renewed the contract with Butts and lowered the city's fee

for Butts picking up trash to \$300 a month.

Wal-Mart Manager Scott Schroller had asked the commission, when it was about to renew the contract with Butts at the last commission meeting on Dec. 18, to reduce or eliminate the fee.

At that meeting, Schroller said he didn't have a written contract with Butts and might consider changing to a different service or having the city haul the trash if that would save money.

The commission set the special meeting so they could reword the contract with Butts. Under the old pact, the city could still require a payment from

Butts whether he was still hauling the trash for Wal-Mart or not.

Both Butts and Schroller were present at the special meeting.

“I still think that \$300 is outrageous,” said Butts. “The city isn't even doing anything.”

Both Schroller and Butts said they had hoped to get the cost reduced by half. Commissioners said they couldn't reduce it that much because they already had the fee budgeted for this year.

“I think we should all try to work together,” said Commissioner Rick Billinger. “This system

seems to work really well for everyone.

If Butts refused to pick up the trash at Wal-Mart, the city would have to do it, said City Manager Ron Pickman.

Pickman had worked up a cost estimate for the city would which would have to charge \$18,576 per year with \$78 for each additional trip they had to make to pick up the trash outside of their regular schedule.

“We are paying that much now plus the fee the

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## Cookie maker comes to town

A new step in baking automation went into operation at The Bread Box, 1111 Main, on Thursday. The hand-cranked machine drops four cookies at a time, and owner Judy Harper said they made 120 dozen (1440) cookies in three hours, including the baking and bagging.

With school out for the holidays daughter Sharon, 16, handled the donut business out front while son Matt, 14, (top) turned the handle to drop the cookies and kept the dough punched down. Husband Larry helped fill trays and bag cookies. Judy (right) kept busy moving trays of dough into ovens and the baked cookies out to cooling racks.

“We made chocolate chip, butterscotch pecan and oatmeal raisin,” Judy said. “We will also be making ginger snaps, sugar cookies and peanut butter with the cookie maker. Our coconut macaroons will continue to be made by hand, as the dough will not work in the machine.”

Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News



## Goodland businesses close for New Year's Day

Many Goodland businesses will be open on New Year's Day but several will be closed, as will banks and most offices, state, county, city, federal and private. There will be no mail.

If you're unsure if a store is open, you can call for information. Wal-Mart Super Center will be open regular hours Monday, from 6 a.m. to midnight. Alco Discount Store at will be open regular hours, from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m.

The Cowboy Loop, 17th and Main, will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Monday. Presto Convenience Store, 2417 Commerce Road, which has fuel and food, will be open as usual.

Total Petroleum Inc., 2710 Com-

merce Road, will be open on Monday, but the A&W Restaurant will be closed.

Aten Department Store at 1103 Main will be closed Monday and Tuesday in preparation for a sale. It will be open again at 9 a.m. on Wednesday.

The J.C. Penney Store at 1104 Main will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday and from noon to 4 p.m. Monday. Then on Tuesday, it will be open regular hours. Grass Roots Lawn Service will be closed Saturday and Monday.

At least four restaurants on K-27 will be open: Kentucky Fried Chicken/Taco Bell from 10:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.; McDonald's from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Dairy

Queen from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; and Wendy's from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

City offices will be closed New Year's Day and will open again on Tuesday. So will all county offices, including the health department, shop, landfill and courthouse.

First National Bank, 202 E. 11th, will be closed Saturday and Monday; Western State Bank, 815 Center, will be open Saturday, but closed Monday; Bankwest, 924 Main, will be closed both Saturday and Monday; and Commercial Federal, 1302 Main, will be closed Saturday and Monday.

The Goodland post office window will be open from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. on

Saturday and regular mail delivery will be made. The window will be closed and there will be no mail delivered on Monday.

Liquor stores will be closed Sunday, even though it is New Year's Eve, and there will be no beer sales allowed at other stores.

Three Goodland liquor stores will be open Monday. Garrett's Liquor at 918 Main will be open from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m.; Reb's Party Mix, 403 E. 17th, from about 10 a.m. to 11 p.m.; and Workman Liquor at 2213 Enterprise Road from 9 a.m. to about 1 or 2 p.m.

Kamper Liquor on Business U.S. 24 will be closed.

## Partiers can't buy this year

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With New Year's Eve falling on a Sunday this year, liquor stores in Goodland are hoping that people will plan ahead for the holiday.

With its heritage as a longtime “dry” state, Kansas still forbids liquor and beer sales on Sundays — even if it is New Year's Eve. Store owners across the state are worried that will cut into what usually is a bonanza.

“I don't think that I am worried about the sales,” said Larry Jackson, owner of Reb's Party and Mix Shop. “I think people will know enough to plan ahead.”

The owner of Kamper Liquor said he was concerned about the sales for the holiday, which has a reputation for being one of the busiest days for liquor sales.

“I don't quite know what to expect,” said Jack Kamper, the owner. “Most people buy the liquor for their celebrations on New Year's Eve.”

He said he thought people would plan ahead for the holiday, but his main concern was if they didn't buy enough they would run out. Since Nebraska's liquor stores are allowed to be open on Sunday, he said he thinks people will go there if they run out.

He said he thinks sales will be high on Saturday. He added that he hadn't gotten a chance to look at the numbers to see how sales were the last time New

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## First baby will win gifts

Nearly 20 merchants and donors will shower the first baby born at Goodland Regional Medical Center in 2001, and his or her parents, with great gifts.

Sponsors include the hospital, gift basket with formula, diapers, baby book, and more; Klip 'N Kurl, free first haircut for the baby; Goodland Daily News, 6 month subscription; Garcia's Home Furnishings & Appliance, discount off rocking chair or glider; Pizza Hut, medium pizza.

Elliott's Inc., Armetale Alphabet Plate; First National Bank, \$50 Savings Bond; Grass Roots Lawn Service, \$20 gift certificate; McDonald's, \$25 gift certificate; Aten Department Store, \$25 gift certificate; Red Brick Road Promotions, two free “First Baby” mugs with child's name & birthdate;

Wal-mart Super Center, \$25 gift certificate, GoodSign, a special gift featuring the child's name; Serendipity Flower Shop, silk floral arrangement; Thread Fx, \$20 gift certificate.

Other donors include the United Methodist Church Quilters, quilt; B-E's Jewelry, Rasure Lumber Do-It Center, the Blossom Shop, Knott Just Books, Collage Ltd., Dairy Queen and the Puppet Factory.

Primary sponsors are The Daily and the medical center, where Dale Shields is the organizer. Watch The Daily News for a story on the “First Baby of 2001” born at Goodland Regional Medical Center.