

weather report

26°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:02 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:56 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:04 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 37 degrees
- Humidity 92 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds northwest 14 mph
- Barometer 29.48 inches and rising
- Record High 69° (1976)
- Record Low -13° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*

High	24°
Low	19°
Precipitation	0.11 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy with flurries, low 20-25, northwest wind 15-25 mph.
Tomorrow: Cloudy, 30-40 percent chance of snow, high 30-35, low 20, northwest wind 15-25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: chance of snow, high 30, low 20. Thursday and Friday: dry, high 35-45, low 15-25.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

County officer quits job

Undersheriff leaves; deputy takes over

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

After losing to Sheriff Doug Whitson in last year's election, Undersheriff Dee Albers quit his job Tuesday and was replaced by a Goodland native who has been with the department for seven years.

Albers could not be reached Monday, but Whitson, who has been sheriff for six years, said Albers told him he was resigning because of differing opinions on law enforcement in Sherman County.

"We just had some personal differences," Sheriff Whitson said, "and he decided to leave while we are still friends."

The sheriff said disagreements between him and Albers, who held the post for six years, started long before November's election, where Albers, a Democrat, ran against Whitson.

"He thought it should be done one way," Whitson said, "and I thought it should be done another way."

The differences showed in the two officers' campaign platforms. Albers, who has worked in the sheriff's department for 10 years, said he wanted to hire a "resource officer" to provide information about drug use and other crimes to schools. He said he also wanted to buy a trained dog to sniff out drugs or help find a lost person.

Whitson said he thought educating parents was the first step to stopping children from using drugs. He also said he wanted to start a program to teach the elderly about scams and cons artists who can steal their money.

The sheriff said he asked Kevin Butts, who has worked full-time in the department for five years, to take over as undersheriff.

"He was best suited for the position," said the sheriff, noting that Butts — now "acting" undersheriff — will have to work through a probation period before he can officially take the position.

Butts, who will be sworn in today, said he will continue to seek higher-grade equipment for deputies.

"I have always fought to have deputies get the best equipment," he said. "Maybe someone will listen to me now that I'm in this position."

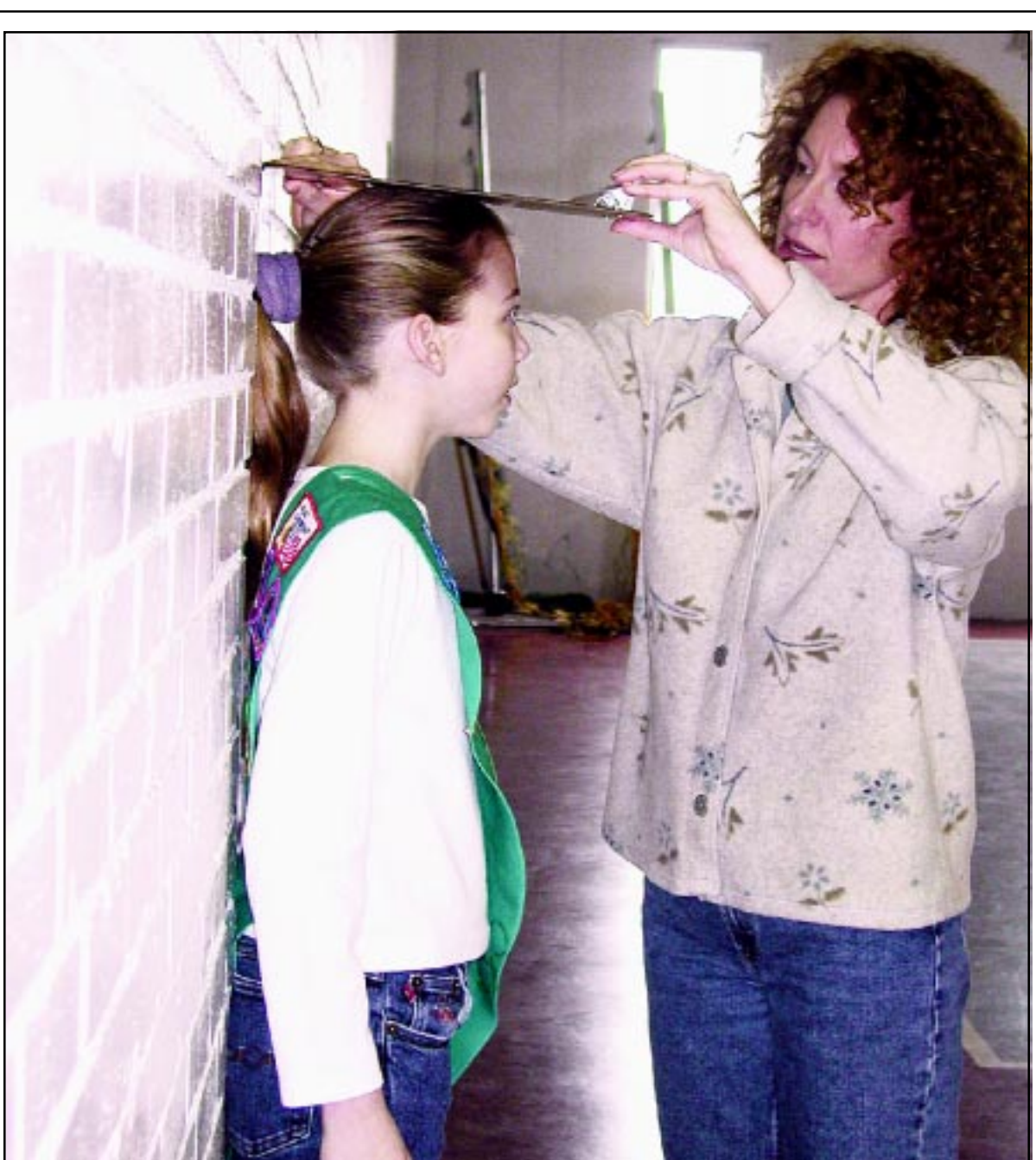
Sheriff Jack Armstrong hired Butts as a reserve deputy in 1994, and he became a full-time in 1996. In October 1998, Butts said, he was named president of the reserve unit.



Dee Albers



Kevin Butts



People test their health

Marilyn Imel, aerobics instructor at the Goodland Activities Center, measured Hannah West during the annual health fair held Saturday at the activities center. Debbie George, a certified respiratory therapist from the Goodland Regional Medical Center, coaxed Isabel Morgan to blow air out while she took a lung function test at Saturday's health fair.

Photos by Janet Craft
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Rescuers find live baby in collapsed building

BHUI, India (AP) — Rescue workers digging through the rubble of a collapsed building today uncovered a dead woman and, in her lap, an eight-month-old child, covered in her blood but kept alive by the shelter of her body through three cold nights.

It was one of the increasingly rare dramatic rescues in this devastated town, where funeral pyres have been burning around the clock in the wake

of Friday's earthquake. So far, 6,287 people are known dead, and officials said today that damages reached \$5.5 billion.

"It was just miraculous," said R.K. Thakur, a Border Security Forces assistant commandant, who was among the rescue workers who found the baby, Murtza Ali, under a collapsed building in the Bhuj's Kansara Market.

His team was trying to recover the

body of a woman from the rubble when they realized the blood-covered baby in her lap was alive.

"We saw the baby in the mother's lap, we saw some movement from the baby. I took the baby in my hand and I found it was alive," Thakur said.

The boy was rushed to a medical center, where doctors later said he was conscious and smiling. Doctors said it was the warmth of the mother's body and

the protection it offered that helped the baby survive during nights when temperatures dropped to 44 degrees.

In Bhachau, a town east of Bhuj, a seven-month-old girl was rescued from the rubble of her home, and hours later was being passed around the arms of her joyous mother and relatives.

But such points of hope are becoming

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Californians were able to watch Super Bowl

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — Electricity demand was closely monitored as Californians powered up their televisions to watch the Super Bowl, but the state managed to avoid rolling blackouts.

Today began as the 14th straight day California faced a Stage 3 alert, meaning electricity reserves were dangerously low and that blackouts were possible.

The Independent System Operator, manager of most of the state's power grid, had urged Californians to watch the Super Bowl on Sunday in groups to help conserve electricity — something many had planned to do anyway.

As the week began, state legislators searched for ways to deal with the financial problems of the state's two largest utilities, Pacific Gas & Electric Co.

and Southern California Edison.

There was little sign of help coming from Washington.

President Bush planned to convene top advisers today to discuss the power crisis. However, the president's economic adviser, Larry Lindsey, warned Sunday that California should expect no more help from the White House.

"It's not that we don't want to give them the help. If we could send thunderbolts into the electric grid to run electricity, we would do it. We can't," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Blackouts lasting about two hours hit nearly 2 million homes and businesses in northern and central California on Jan. 17 and 18. On Jan. 21, a power surge in Oregon caused a 20-minute

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The big game



Abby Murray, Shannon Showalter and Gami Cloyd (left to right) watched the Baltimore Ravens and the New York Giants play Sunday during a Super Bowl party at the Knights of Columbus Hall. The Ravens won 34-7.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Big snow gives few problems

Seven inches causes scattered accidents

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

There weren't many accidents on county highways or I-70 this weekend despite the fact that seven inches of snow made most roads slick and icy.

Goodland recorded seven inches of snow with .52 of an inch of precipitation, said Mike Lammers, meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Goodland. He said the 12-hour snowfall began Saturday afternoon and continued into Sunday morning. Between 6 to 8 inches of snow fell in the area around Goodland.

Today's forecast for Goodland is light flurries with maybe an inch of snow to fall, Lammers said.

On Tuesday and Wednesday, he said, a system is expected to move through that could produce a couple of inches of snow. Lammers said temperatures won't rise until the end of the week.

Trooper Rich Hageman of the Kansas Highway Patrol said that two non-injury accidents occurred late Saturday afternoon on I-70 due to icy roads. One involved a pickup and stock trailer that slid off the highway at milepost 1, near the Kanorado exit. There was some damage to the pickup and trailer.

The other accident occurred when a car slid off I-70 and hit a sign at milepost 19 near the east exit of Goodland. Both accidents happened around 4 p.m.

In addition, Hageman said, there were about six vehicles that slid off the freeway and needed a tow truck.

The Sherman County sheriff's office reported a non-injury accident which took place shortly after 3 p.m. on Saturday at the overpass near the Kanorado exit. A '99 Chevrolet pickup slid off I-70 and hit a concrete railing.

Motorists slid around the city this weekend as snow blanketed the roads, but most avoided accidents. The only weather-related accident reported in Goodland involved a grader that was trying to clear the streets this morning.

A city worker was using a John Deere grader to remove snow at 5:40 a.m. at Sherman Avenue and Eleventh Street when the worker ran into a parked car. Mark Wing owns the damaged 1995 Oldsmobile.