

weather
report

32°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:20 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:40 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:20 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 32 degrees

• Humidity 96 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds southwest 6 mph

• Barometer 29.92 inches

and falling

• Record High 77° (1954)

• Record Low -11° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

High 39°

Low 18°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, 70 percent chance of snow, low 20s, northeast wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy, 60 percent chance of snow, high 20-25, northeast wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: chance of rain or snow.

Friday: dry, high 40, low 25. Satur-

day: dry, high 40s, low 15-20.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.70 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.61

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$1.89 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.84

Loan deficiency payment — 15¢

Milo — \$3.03 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.96 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.92

Loan deficiency payment — 98¢

Millet — \$7.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.05 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.47

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$14 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco

Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea

and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press



1 p.m.

Napster users
cling to past

SAN FRANCISCO — Napster Inc., the Internet song-swapping sensation, has its work cut out if it wants to parlay its latest legal defeat into financial victory.

Napster had plans to start charging subscription fees by summer, but major record labels haven't yet been persuaded to work side-by-side with the Redwood City-based company and, as a result, will not willingly part with titles from their coveted artists.

It's not even clear whether the one industry heavyweight that does support Napster, Bertelsmann AG, will continue to finance the Internet upstart in the face of a losing legal battle.

Under Monday's ruling by the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, the company must somehow stop the millions of people who use it to swap copyrighted music without charge and without restriction.

It's the
Magic lantern



Terry Borton, a Connecticut man who owns a "magic lantern" made in London in the 1890s, was in Goodland on Monday entertaining elementary students with his souped-up slide show, including stories, songs and special effects. Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Souped-up slide show amazes students

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The magic lantern show returned to Goodland on Monday, transporting dozens of elementary school students back to a time when televisions and movies didn't exist.

The lantern — a glorified slide projector used to entertain audiences in the 1890s — led North and Central Elementary School students through 300 years of American history, including the Civil War and the abolition of slavery.

The hour-long show didn't have a pre-recorded soundtrack or a teenage idol, but the youngsters were anything but bored. They sang "Yankee Doodle Dandy" and other patriotic songs, banged on tambourines and marveled at the characters on the hand-painted slides — some of whom miraculously talked, did flips or jumped rope.

Terry Borton, a Connecticut man who tours the country with his magic

lantern, said his first goal is to entertain audiences, but he also wants to show people that imagination can be more fun than video.

"I want the kids to get into the spirit of making it happen themselves," he said.

Dressed in 19th century costumes, Borton, who writes, produces and narrates the shows, and Jacqueline Alvarez, a singer and piano player who provides the soundtrack, had no problem stirring up spirit in the Goodland High School auditorium. And once the show was over, they had no problem getting students to ask questions — most of which went something like, "How'd you do that?"

With little eyes following his actions closely, Borton told the students that the magic lantern — made of mahogany and brass — is actually three lanterns in one, which allows him to do special effects.

He said many of the slides — three inch circular glass plates framed in

wood — were made in the 1890s and include mechanical features, such as a tiny, swinging monkey, that produce animation. Students were impressed with a pinkish-colored slide that Borton dripped red food coloring over to produce an effect during a war scene.

Many of the slides, he said, were painted by Joseph Boggs Beale, who Borton called America's foremost magic lantern illustrator. He said Beale, who made 1,700 slide designs before he died late in the 19th century, was a great-nephew of Betsy Ross and an illustrator for Harper's Weekly.

A fourth-generation lanternist, Borton said after the show that he grew up watching his father and grandfather put on magic lantern shows for the neighborhood. Using a lantern he bought in London, Borton said he decided to take it to the professional level.

For more than eight years, the former children's magazine editor has

traveled the country with his magic lantern.

Alvarez, who is also from Hartford, Connecticut, joined him a few years ago, saying she wanted the chance to act, sing and play the piano.

Alvarez admitted it's an odd job, but said she enjoys it.

While a graduate student at the University of Hartford studying piano, Alvarez said she heard about the job through the school's "gig line."

"The secretary was practically laughing when she told me about it," she said, "but I went to the audition."

Now, she said, the pair averages 40 performances a year and are always finding more opportunities to perform.

With nine shows, she said, they are now on a two-week tour of the Midwest.

Borton said they were in Oberlin and St. Francis over the weekend, their next stop is Concordia and the tour will end in Des Moines, Iowa.

Oscar
nominees
named

'Gladiator' is up for
12 Academy Awards

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "Gladiator," Hollywood's high-tech return to the glories of Rome, led Academy Awards contenders Tuesday with 12 nominations, including best picture, actor and director.

"Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon," the Mandarin-language martial arts epic, was close behind with 10 nominations, including best picture and best director. The other best-picture nominees were the French romance "Chocolat," the legal drama "Erin Brockovich" and the gritty drug-war saga "Traffic."

Steven Soderbergh had two directing nominations, for "Erin Brockovich" and "Traffic." The other director nominees were Stephen Daldry for "Billy Elliot," Ang Lee for "Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon" and Ridley Scott for "Gladiator."

Besides best picture, "Gladiator," the first Roman battle spectacle since the genre fell out of favor in the 1960s, grabbed nominations for actor Russell Crowe and supporting actor Joaquin Phoenix. Hans Zimmer's score also was nominated, and the computer wizardry Scott's crew used to recreate ancient Rome was honored with a nod.

With Crowe, the actor nominees were Javier Bardem for "Before Night Falls," a biography of Cuban writer Reinaldo Arenas; Tom Hanks as a man stranded on an island in "Cast Away"; Ed Harris for "Pollock," a biography of abstract painter Jackson Pollock; and Geoffrey Rush as the asylum-bound Marquis de Sade in "Quills."

Newspaper
giving up
color pics

To our Readers:

You'll notice there are no color photos in today's paper. We won't be running color pictures more than once a week for a while.

Newsprint, postage and other costs are soaring, and we have to cut back. We like the color, but right now, we just can't afford it.

We are making other changes in our operation, but few that readers will notice. The television guide will no longer be mailed outside of the immediate area, for instance, but the listings are only good in Sherman County. Subscription and want ad prices are going up in response to costs. But we promise to give you as much news, and as much quality, as you expect.

Please bear with us while the color is banished. — the Editors

Heat, snow cause students
to miss 44 hours of school

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Superintendent Marvin Selby told the Goodland School Board on Monday that students have missed more than 44 hours of school due to heat and snow so far this year.

If they miss any more, he said, the board may need to add school days onto the year's end or at spring break.

As students attending the regular meeting sighed, Selby said he wasn't recommending the board add days now, noting that students will still spend many more hours in class than required by state law. Members agreed and didn't even discuss the issue.

Selby told the board that the state requires students to attend at least 1,116 hours of school in a year, or 186 six-hour days. Districts that drop below that, he said, could lose state money.

On average, he said, Goodland students are in class for 1,198 hours a year, which is 82 hours above the state minimum.

The district has a 6-hour, 45-minute day. Selby

said the district adds extra days in case school is canceled by weather, and tries to stay well above the minimum.

This school year, he said, students have missed six afternoons because of heat (the district's classrooms aren't air conditioned), four days because of snow and one afternoon of vacation time.

He said it adds up to 44 hours and 20 minutes, which is much higher than it has been in past years. With this winter turning out to be harsher than the past few, Selby said, the district could be forced to cancel more school days.

"I like the snow," he said, "and I hope it continues. I hope we get lots more of it, but I hope we get it on the weekend."

Selby said the district still has 1,154 hours scheduled for the year, 38 above the minimum, but he said if that drops the board may want to consider adding days. If not, he said, the quality of education could fall.

The board has discussed air conditioning classrooms or starting the school year later to avoid the hottest days, but hasn't made any plans.

Dense fog settles over Goodland,
leaving layer of ice on streets, cars

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland was hazy this morning as moisture in the air and cool temperatures produced freezing fog, which made for slippery streets and sidewalks and iced over windshields and windows.

Scott Lockhart, a meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Goodland, said there was a dense fog advisory out until 1 p.m. today. He said visibility was at a quarter of a mile or less.

Lockhart said the fog was produced by a combination of low-level moisture in the area and the cool temperatures overnight.

The moisture was caused by melting snow and moisture brought up from the Gulf of Mexico by east and southeast winds.

He said it produced "a pretty thick blanket of fog over the area."

The fog was deposited on cars and streets when temperatures were right at or below 32

degrees, making things slick, Lockhart said.

Kenny Studer, division manager for the Goodland street department, said city workers were sanding streets today because of the fog.

Studer said sanding was being done mostly at stop signs, around the schools and on Main.

The weather service said the high today is to be around 35 degrees, with a forecast for a 70 percent chance of snow for tonight and lows in the 20s. Then for Wednesday, there is a 60 percent chance for snow with the high to be around 20 to 25 degrees and lows from 15 to 20 degrees.

Lockhart said the service is expecting less than two inches of snow from the storm.

On Thursday, there is still a chance of rain or snow.

Thursday's high is expected to be 45 to 50 degrees and the low is to be around 20.

The forecast for Friday and the weekend is to be dry. The high for all three days is to be in the 40s and the low around 20.