

**weather report**

**35°**  
at noon



**Today**

- Sunset, 5:22 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:38 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:23 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 31 degrees
- Humidity 69 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 13 mph
- Barometer 29.90 inches and falling
- Record High 68° (1947)
- Record Low -8° (1936)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High	18°
Low	10°
Precipitation	0.02 inch
Snow	0.20 inch

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: Cloudy with areas of fog, flurries and freezing drizzle, low 15, northeast wind 10 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy with areas of fog, flurries and freezing drizzle, high 25-30, low 15, east wind 10 mph.

**Extended Forecast**

Saturday: dry, high 35-40. Sunday and Monday: dry, high 40, low 15-25.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.72 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.68
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$1.92 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.88
- Loan deficiency payment — 11¢
- Milo — \$2.08 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$3.96 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.87
- Loan deficiency payment — \$1.03
- Millet — \$7.50 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$6.10 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.

**Troops kill Palestinian**

JERUSALEM — A Palestinian security official trying to infiltrate a Jewish settlement was killed in a firefight with Israeli troops early today, a day after a Gaza Strip bus driver plowed into a crowded bus stop in Israel and killed eight young Israelis.

In response to the hit-and-run bus attack, the deadliest in Israel in four years, Israel sealed off the Palestinian areas.

The attack prompted widespread anxiety in Israel about future relations. With peace talks unlikely to resume in the near future, some warned the two sides were sliding into a full-fledged confrontation.

The bus attack accelerated efforts by Israel's two rival political camps, led by Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon and his defeated predecessor, Ehud Barak, to negotiate terms of a joint government.

## County attorney questions raises

*Commissioners decide to talk to employees about evaluations and increases*

By Janet Craft

*The Goodland Daily News*

County Attorney Bonnie Selby told commissioners Tuesday that her employees were confused and unhappy about how salary increases are determined for county employees.

Selby said she sat down with the employees in her office to go over their job descriptions after pay raises were handed out recently. She said she felt the commissioners were sending a mixed

message.

She said she wanted to talk to the commissioners about the evaluation process and to let them know what her office is doing. She said she wants them to let her know if there is something her office isn't doing appropriately.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said the commissioners didn't want the raises to get out of balance from one department to another.

Selby said employees felt the commissioners

were trying to give them a message, but they don't know what it is.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said Selby if it would help if the department heads came in and asked about how the commissioners came to their decision.

"That would be beneficial to me," Selby said.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said she thought some guidelines to go by would help. Rumpel said she wasn't pleased with the evaluation on one of

the employees in her office.

"We want them to have a good living wage," Frankenfeld said.

Rasure suggested that the commissioners think about the matter and come back with some ideas.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said the county wants to keep the people they have.

Selby said she thought they should evaluate the

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## Drug use up with livestock?

*Scientists, vets give different answers*

ABERDEEN, S.D. (AP) — Scientists and veterinarians are debating whether antibiotics are still being fed to livestock in large quantities in the United States.

The Union of Concerned Scientists, in Cambridge, Mass., estimated in January that 25 million pounds of antibiotics are fed to healthy livestock annually for things like promoting growth, compared with 16 million pounds in the mid-1980s. The scientists say the heavier use will lead to more antibiotic-resistant strains of bacteria that could be hard to control — in humans as well as animals.

South Dakota Veterinarian Sam Holland acknowledges that resistance to drugs is a legitimate concern. But he said the trend is toward fewer antibiotics on the farm, not more.

There is no documentation of that as yet, Holland said. But he argues that use is down because livestock facilities — at least larger ones — are cleaner than in the past. That has led to a dramatic drop in continuous antibiotics feeding across the nation, he said.

"Because of cleaner environments, you no longer have to treat for the worms and the mange and the lice that existed even just a few years ago."

Margaret Mellon of the scientists group testified before the Food and Drug Administration late last month. The FDA regulates animal drugs.

"While we invited people to come forward with better numbers, we haven't seen anything along those lines," Mellon said in an interview with the Aberdeen American News.

She said the Centers for Disease Control plans to examine the methods the scientists used to come up with their numbers. And the FDA has pledged to set up a data-gathering system to get a handle on the volume of antibiotics livestock consume.

Mellon said a governmental system is needed to verify claims by the livestock and antibiotic industries that use is falling.

South Dakota requires no reporting of antibiotics use in livestock, said Brad Berven of the state Department of Agriculture.

"We do require that feeds be reported, as far as how many tons are sold, but we do not require the feeds to be broken down by drugs they contain."

## Utility bill breakdown proposed

TOPEKA (AP) — Utility bills would show customers exactly what they are paying for, under a proposal in a House committee.

The measure would require utilities to "unbundle" the various components of a customer's total charge. The House Utilities Committee heard testimony on the measure Wednesday.

Committee chairman Carl Dean Holmes, R-Liberal, said the idea is to inform consumers. High bills this winter are attributed to cold weather and a tight supply in a deregulated market.

## Inflating affection



Wilma Young, owner of the Blossom Shoppe in Goodland, put helium in a Valentine balloon to go in a bouquet Wednesday afternoon. Young said she was busy for Valentine's Day and had extra help to fill orders and wait on customers. She said they made about 150 deliveries, blew up around 100 balloons and went through about 600 roses.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Civilian on sub describes actions before crash

By Jean Christensen

*Associated Press Writer*

HONOLULU — A civilian who was on the Navy submarine that struck a Japanese fishing vessel said today that he pulled levers for the ascent drill but had a crew member right beside him. He also described how the ship "shud-

dered" at the impact.

"I was to the left in the control room, and I was asked by the captain if I would like the opportunity to pull the levers that start the procedure that's called the blowdown," John Hall told NBC's "Today" show.

"I said, 'Sure, I'd love to do that,'" he

said.

Hall said the nearest crew member was "right next to me, elbow to elbow. I mean, what's important to know here is you don't do anything on this vessel without someone either showing you how to do it, telling you how to do it, or escorting you around."

On Wednesday, National Transportation Safety Board member John Hammerschmidt had confirmed that a civilian visiting the sub was allowed to pull the levers that sent the attack submarine Greenville streaking toward the ocean surface Friday where it sank the Japanese vessel, the Ehime Maru.

## Roll over, play dead?



On Sunday afternoon, this snowman and dog still decorated the front lawn of the home at 804 W. 17th in Goodland.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Board turns off talk about television classes

By Rachel Miscall

*The Goodland Daily News*

After weeks of debating the value of Interactive Television classes, the Goodland School Board still can't agree on whether to end or continue the five-year program, so on Monday members decided just not to talk about it anymore.

Over objections from one member who said the district could make money off the program, the board decided at its regular meeting to keep the equipment used to teach or take classes in other districts, but not to sign a contract that would extend the television system for another five or 10 years.

While member Mike Campbell said the district could sell television classes to other school districts on the verge of closing because of dwindling enrollments, other members said the classes are expensive and have helped few students in the past five years.

A principal attending the meeting, who said he took four Interactive Television classes, and member Jane Philbrick, who said she taught a class,

"I think we're shooting ourselves in the foot with this thing."

- Mike Campbell  
School Board member

agreed that technical difficulties made it hard to learn or teach.

Members asked Superintendent Marvin Selby to look into selling the equipment at the high school to the Northwest Kansas Technical School, which also offers Interactive Television classes, or taking advantage of a federal program that helps schools pay for technology.

But, members said, they won't talk about Interactive Television classes again, unless the circumstances

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