

weather  
report

50°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 5:35 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:23 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:36 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 34 degrees
- Humidity 88 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds southeast 18-22 mph
- Barometer 30.25 inches and falling
- Record High 70° (1932)
- Record Low -6° (1960)

Last 24 Hours\*

High	50°
Low	24°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Winter storm watch. Cloudy, 70 percent chance of snow, low 10-15, northeast wind 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy, 70 percent chance of snow, high 20, low 10, northeast wind 10-20 mph. Total accumulation 6-10 inches.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: chance of snow, high 25-30. Thursday: dry, high 40, low 15-20. Friday: dry, high 45-50, low 20s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.67 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.67  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.91 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.87  
Loan deficiency payment — 12¢  
Milo — \$3.09 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.91 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.86  
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.04  
Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$6.20 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$6.59  
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.

Bush may ease  
Iraq sanctions

DAMASCUS, Syria — In a potential policy shift, Secretary of State Colin Powell will recommend to President Bush an easing of curbs on export of civilian goods to Iraq to make sanctions more palatable in the Arab world, a senior U.S. official said today.

Even some goods that conceivably could be useful to the Iraqi military — such as water pumps and refrigerators — may be exempted from the sanctions, which have been a bedrock of a tough U.S. policy toward Iraq for more than a decade, the official said.

Powell, finishing a trip to the Middle East and Persian Gulf, was meeting with Syrian President Bashar Assad and Foreign Minister Farouk al-Sharaa to discuss Iraq sanctions and peace efforts. In Kuwait City, Powell pledged that “freedom will live and prosper in this part of the world.”



Foreign exchange students (from left) Nathalie Marki of Switzerland, Cristina Bertelli of Italy, Celina Hallas-Junker of Denmark and Annika Jagevall of Sweden looked at an old carriage Friday afternoon at the

High Plains Museum in Goodland. Marki is living in East Troy, Wis., Jagevall in Norton, and Bertelli and Hallas-Junker in Goodland.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Wisconsin students like tumbleweeds

Exchange brings  
Easterners here

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Seven high school students from East Troy, Wis., came to Goodland last week to learn what life was like in this part of the country.

It was part of an exchange between Goodland High School and East Troy High School. The students, who are members of the American Field Service club in East Troy, were Laura Moyer, Erin Lang, Kara Groth, Jackie Jones, Naomi Helbling and Megan Wexler and Nathalie Mark from East Troy High School. They were accompanied by sponsors Jennifer Stever and Amy Kylmanen, who teach high school science.

“It’s a learning experience to see a different part of the country,” Jones said.

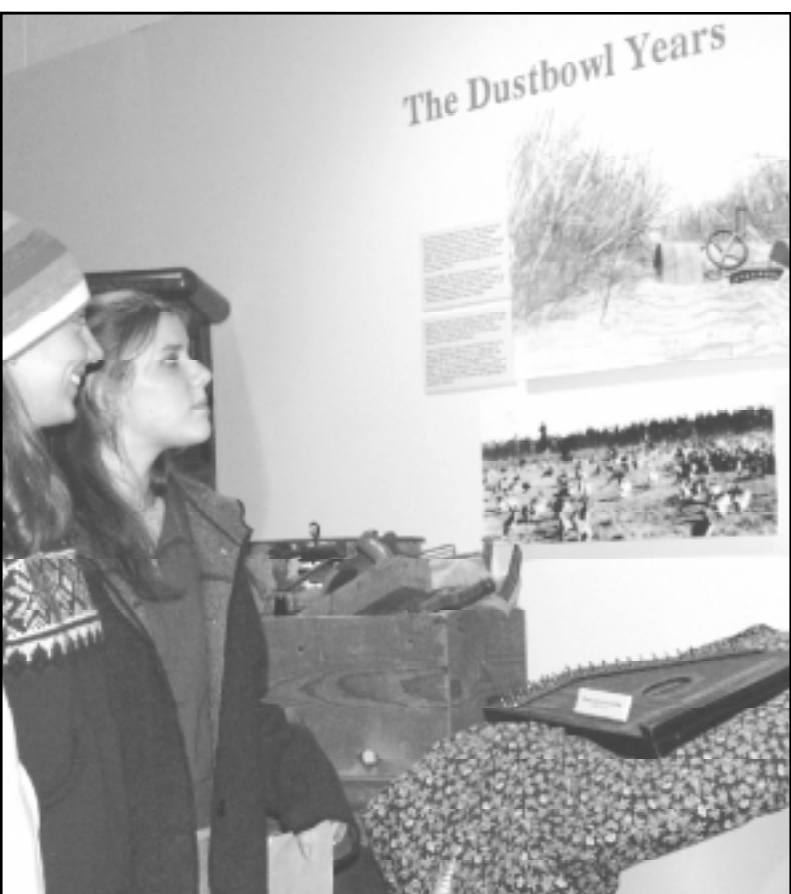
Moyer said she learned there are a lot less trees in Kansas than in Wisconsin.

Jones said there are places smaller than East Troy.

Several of the girls remarked about the tumbleweeds. They told how they enjoyed watching them tumble out of the back of a truck after they had piled the back of the truck full of tumbleweeds.

Groth said areawise Goodland is about the same as East Troy.

“We don’t have as many restau-



Wisconsin high school students spent a few days in Goodland as part of an exchange program. Naomi Helbling (left) and Megan Wexler looked at an exhibit of the “Dust Bowl Years” on Friday at the High Plains Museum.

rants,” Helbling said.

The girls said East Troy is about a half hour from Milwaukee, 45 minutes from Madison, Wis., and an hour

and a half from Chicago.

It’s a lot colder in Wisconsin and they have lots of lakes, so they have ice fishing and ice skating, Groth said.

Some other things they enjoyed about their trip to Goodland were the “really big ostrich,” the Kidder Massacre, the lock-in and dragging Main.

Helbling said she learned about the cowboys and the “critters” they take care of at the feedlot.

Marki, a foreign exchange student from Switzerland, said she learned how interesting a farmer’s life can be.

The girls and their sponsors arrived at the Denver International Airport on Wednesday morning where they were greeted by American Field Service sponsors, Mary Porterfield and Elaine Felver, and five Goodland club members. After a tour of Denver, they ate lunch and then left for Goodland where they arrived in the middle of the afternoon and met their host families. A pot luck supper was held that evening in the high school cafeteria.

On Thursday, the students attended school with their host club member. They went to a video party that evening at Yvette Acosta’s home.

On Friday, they toured T-Bone Feeders, the National Weather Service Office, the Puppet Factory and the High Plains Museum and ate lunch at Crazy R’s. That night there was a lock-in held at the high school for the Wisconsin students and the Goodland club members which ended early Saturday morning.

Saturday was a day for them to sleep and spend time with their host family. Then Saturday night, they went bowl-

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Lawmakers talk about budget, lottery, schools

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The small room at Ray’s Cafe was crowded Saturday as about 30 people squeezed in to question and listen to state Sen. Stan Clark and state Rep. Jim Morrison.

The stop in Goodland was part of a district-wide “listening tour” that included stops in Colby and St. Francis.

Clark opened the session by handing out financial information about the state budget, lottery income, school fi-

nance and property taxes. He also provided a listing of the bills that have been introduced and have been acted on so far in the session.

Morrison said the session is going smoothly, with no apparent contention so far, and there are fewer bills than in the past session.

Clark said that while the state revenues are up by 7 percent, there is some worry because tax collections are about 2 percent behind expectations. This means the available money is short of

projections by \$4.7 million through January.

He said revenue increases include about 8 percent in individual income tax collections, while corporate taxes are down by 11.5 percent. Total tax revenue is up by about 3 percent.

Lottery revenue figures by county were included and Clark noted that Sherman County had lottery sales of \$1,161,091 in the past fiscal year. The 12 lottery retailers in the county received \$67,146 in commissions and the

state received \$348,327 in revenue from the Sherman County sales.

The lottery brings in about \$58.4 million to the state, Clark explained. Figures show that Sherman County has received \$105,235 in the 10 years, with \$50,000 being the most recent grant to assist with the giant sunflower painting.

In looking at state school finances, Clark said that general state aid has increased by 133 percent over the past 10

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Get ready: more snow, wind, cold on way tonight, Tuesday

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Get the shovel back out. Find your galoshes. Warm up the snow blower.

The National Weather Service has put Sherman County and the Tri-State area under a winter storm watch today, predicting a low pressure system will bring up to 10 inches of snow, wind and frigid temperatures over the next two days.

Brooke Taber, a meteorologist with the weather service office in Goodland,

said the system, centered over the southwestern part of the U.S., is expected to start dropping snow after midnight.

The snow is expected to last into Tuesday, he said, with six to 10 inches piling up across northwest Kansas. Taber said the snow should taper off into flurries Tuesday night, but the bad weather won’t end there.

The wind is expected to pick up Tuesday evening, causing blowing snow and drifts, he said, adding that tempera-

tures should stay in the low 20s through Wednesday, making for bad driving.

Taber said the weather should improve this weekend, with temperatures rising to more seasonable levels in the upper 40s to near 50.

The system is another in a series of storms that have moved over Kansas this winter, bringing 27.4 inches of snow to Sherman County. While snow has been scarce in past years, Taber said, this year isn’t unusual.

He said the average annual snowfall

Board  
accepting  
religion

District takes step  
to change old policy

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board moved today to loosen a policy that bars religious groups from holding events on district property, but won’t decide on letting people gather at schools for religious purposes until it hears from parents and taxpayers.

At the regular meeting — moved to a morning session so not to conflict with the Class 4A sub-state basketball tournament in Hays tonight — members approved the first reading of a revised policy, but said they would talk to parents, teachers and students before making a final decision on the changes.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the Kansas Association of School Boards, which the Goodland district belongs to, has a policy that says if a district allows any outside group to use school facilities, it shouldn’t discriminate against any group that wants the same. Member Mike Campbell asked Selby to discuss allowing religious events on school property with the board’s lawyers at Vignery and Mason.

The board passed a policy in 1995 that said no one can use a school facility for religious purposes, Selby said, adding that administrators began questioning the policy when they had to turn away religious groups.

Last week, the superintendent said, a religious group asked Richard Liess, the high school athletic director, for permission to use the auditorium for an event. Liess followed policy, Selby said, and the group found another place, but the incident started a discussion.

The superintendent said board member Ben Duell reminded him there have been legal decisions saying it’s illegal to discriminate against groups based on their religion or other characteristics. Selby said a representative of the association of school boards agreed.

Allan Langness, a Goodland man who said he decided to attend the meeting after reading in *The Goodland Daily News* that the board might allow religious events in schools, told members that many schools have allowed religious groups to use their facilities.

The proposed changes to the 1995 policy include removing two paragraphs which say school facilities can’t be used for prayer or religious purposes, except on a temporary basis if a church or religious group has lost its place of worship.

“This will not make everyone in the world happy,” Selby said, noting that a person called him on Saturday who was against allowing religious groups to hold events in schools.

He added that the district can’t discriminate against any group that asks to hold an event on school property.

“If the Ku Klux Klan wanted to meet,” he said, “we would have to let them.”

The revised policy says events held by outside groups should not interfere with classes or school activities.

In other business, the board: • Approved next year’s school calendar, which has school starting on Tuesday, Aug. 28, and ending on Friday, May 4. Selby said there were minor changes, including giving students a full day instead of half day vacation at the end of each nine-week period to

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