

weather  
report

12°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:36 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:21 a.m.  
• Sunset, 5:37 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 32 degrees  
• Humidity 77 percent  
• Sky mostly cloudy with light snow  
• Winds northeast 18 mph  
• Barometer 30.35 inches  
and rising  
• Record High 72° (1978)  
• Record Low -9° (1962)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 36°  
Low 19°  
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with flurries early, low 5, light winds. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high 30, light southwest winds, low 15-20.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: dry, high 30s, low 10-20. Friday: dry, high 40-45, low 15. Saturday: dry, high 40-45, low 10-15. (National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.75 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.65  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.96 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.87  
Loan deficiency payment — 12¢  
Milo — \$3.15 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.97 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.86  
Loan deficiency payment — 1.04¢  
Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$6.30 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.59  
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.

Kansas runner  
wins third race

**LIBERAL** — Chalk up another victory for the Yanks.  
Lisa Spillman won the Liberal leg of the annual Shrove Tuesday pancake race with a record time of 58.1 seconds, beating Juliet Minter's 67-second winning time in the Olney, England, leg.  
Spillman's victory today — her third straight — was in doubt until only seven yards from the finish line, when she ran past Sherida Valport.  
Cold, freezing rain and 20 mph winds did not affect the race, but forced Liberal officials to cancel the children's preliminary races and an afternoon parade.  
Shrove Tuesday, known in Britain as Pancake Day, traditionally was the last day for merrymaking before the start of Lent. Pancakes were thought to be a good way to consume the fat the faithful were supposed to do without.

# Board approves ads at sports events

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland sports fans will have more to take in this year, as large, colorful banners advertising businesses will decorate the football and softball fields during high school games.  
School administrators told the Goodland School Board on Monday that the banners will help send students to college and buy new equipment for the high school.  
Despite two members' objections that the district might want to restrict some advertising, the

board decided to let a student group sell advertising space on banners to be displayed at games.  
The board voted to allow the Girl's Athletic Association — a group that raises money for athletics and the high school — to hang the 4-by-8-foot banners at outdoor games. Though they talked about it, members decided not to ban businesses that sell alcohol or tobacco.  
Members said they will consider allowing the banners to go up at the Max Jones Fieldhouse, where most inside games and meets are held, if a test hanging shows that the signs are visible with-

out blocking fans' views or bothering players.  
The vote was 4-2, with Gerald Franklin absent from the regular meeting and President Dick Short and member Mike Campbell voting "no." Campbell asked Superintendent Marvin Selby to find out if it was legal to restrict advertisers. He questioned the high school's athletic director about maintaining the banners and responsibility for keeping the project alive.  
Short said he thought the board made a hasty decision.  
"More questions needed to be answered," he

said after the meeting, "more guidelines set."  
Other board members said they thought it was a good idea.  
"I think the banners will show that the community is supporting the school and the kids," Kathy Russell said.  
Superintendent Selby said the Colby district, which allows advertising banners at sports events, has had no problems.  
Richard Liess, high school's athletic director,

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**Theater puts on new show**  
A crowd gathered at the Sherman Theatre on Monday, not for a movie, but for the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce's monthly "Business After Hours." Marilyn Cooper (above), a business owner, looked off the theater's usually restricted balcony, while owner Dave Branda (below) popped popcorn for his guests and contractor Garald Paxton grabbed a handful of veggies.  
Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

## Bush wants to use surpluses to cut taxes and reduce debt

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush, eyeing forecasts of huge budget surpluses, is asking Congress to give an impartial hearing to his proposals to cut taxes, raise federal spending and pay down the national debt.  
As is standard for first-year presidents, Bush is forgoing the formal State of the Union address and instead is appearing before a joint session of Congress tonight to outline his \$1.9 trillion budget plan for fiscal 2002.  
White House aides indicated the speech would run 40 to 50 minutes.  
"I'm the kind of person who likes to try to get to the point," Bush told reporters Monday. "I will spend enough time speaking so that people will understand

where I'm coming from, but not too long so they go to sleep."  
Bush counselor Karen Hughes, interviewed today on CBS' "The Early Show," scoffed at Democratic insistence that big parts of his proposed tax cut take effect only if the projected budget surplus actually develops.  
"If the surplus does not materialize, it will not materialize for only two reasons: One is Congress spent too much and therefore all the money is gone, and the other is if you have an economic downturn and that is precisely the time when you do not want to raise taxes," she said.  
House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., recalled that a similar tax

cut was enacted in 1981. "Most of it went to the wealthiest Americans" and was followed by huge budget deficits, he said. "We don't want to repeat that mistake. We can have a lesser tax cut (but) let's see how the economy goes," Gephardt said on NBC's "Today."  
Bush worked on the speech with aides Monday, using — for the first time — a TelePrompTer. He wasn't providing any details, telling reporters, "If I tried to review every particular in the budget, I would set the all-time record for the amount of time in front of the Congress."  
Talking points circulated on Capitol Hill stressed that Bush was seeking funding for education and conservation

programs, plus debt reduction of \$2 trillion over 10 years. Bush said he also would argue for protecting Social Security, while offering "tax relief that the people can feel."  
He will repeat his campaign call for a commission of outside experts to suggest changes in Social Security, such as his proposal to allow workers to divert some Social Security taxes into the stock market, aides said last week.  
Asked Tuesday how the panel would differ from its many predecessors, spokesman Ari Fleischer said: "The last time Social Security was successfully reformed was 1983 as a result of a commission."  
"There's evidence that commissions

have worked in the past, there's a lot of evidence that commissions have not," Fleischer said. "And the trick to a commission is, if there's a will there's a way, and the president will seek to create that will."

### Cancellation

A pancake supper planned for tonight at St. Paul's Episcopal Church has been canceled because of bad weather.  
The supper was to celebrate Shrove, or "Fat," Tuesday and will not be rescheduled.

## Building crack on agenda

### County to discuss Bastille problems

The Sherman County commissioners on Wednesday plan to discuss building problems at the Sherman County Bastille, including a the concrete floor in the "sallyport" which is cracking.  
The commissioners will hold their end-of-the-month meeting at 8 a.m. in the meeting room on the first floor of the courthouse.  
Sheriff Doug Whitson said the concrete floor was poured in March 1996 and he thought the cracks were worse than they should be for no longer than the concrete has been in place. The sallyport is a secure entryway where officers can drive in and unload prisoners.  
In another item, commissioners plan to open bids to anyone who wants to mow ditches and right-of-ways along county roads during this spring and summer.

They will also discuss a letter from the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group asking for support. The group deals with water wells, septic systems, and environmental concerns. It acts as the environmental health section of the county health department.  
Daryl West, noxious weed director, will meet with the commission to talk about hiring a part-time employee.  
More county department heads are on the agenda to talk with the commissioners about employee evaluations and budget concerns: County Appraiser Terry Ballard, Communications Director Mary Messamore, and Register of Deeds Carol Armstrong.  
The commission is to go over contracts on the use of the fairground facilities by the Ruleton Eager Beavers 4-H Club and the Sunflower Spinners, a group that holds antique tractor pulls.  
Commissioners plan to continue discussions of farm leases on county land. The commissioners have talked about switching from a crop share basis to a cash lease basis. At last week's meeting, Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he had checked with Dana Belshe, county extension agent, to find out what a fair cash lease price. He said Belshe told him around \$20 an acre.  
Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld asked Tiede to call the farmers who are leasing the land to let them know what the commissioners planned to do before they made a motion and Tiede agreed to do it.  
The commissioners are to sign the inventories for the county departments.