

weather report

54°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 5:42 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:12 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:43 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 35 degrees
- Humidity 50 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds southwest 15 mph
- Barometer 30.23 inches and falling
- Record High 75° (1956)
- Record Low -15° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

High	49°
Low	26°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy with areas of fog, low 25-30, southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy and foggy, 40 percent chance of precipitation, high 40, low 25-30, east wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

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

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.89 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.78
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.02 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.94
- Loan deficiency payment — 5¢
- Milo — \$3.27 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.08 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.95
- Loan deficiency payment — 95¢
- Millet — \$6.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$6.50 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.46
- 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.

Student kills one, injures 14

SANTEE, Calif. — A gunman opened fire on fellow students at Santana High School today, killing one and wounding 14 other people. One witness said the youth smiled as he fired a long-barreled handgun. A male student was taken into custody, officials said. Santee Fire Department spokesman Jeff Fehlberg said one person was dead at the scene and 14 were hurt. At least one of those shot was a campus supervisor. "I looked at the kid, and he was smiling and shooting his weapon," student John Schardt, 17, told KGTV. Schardt said he was in a nearby classroom when the shooting started about 9:20 a.m. in a boys' rest room. "It was total chaos," he said. "People were trying to take cover."

Winter slugs the Northeast

By the Associated Press

Millions of kids got the day off from school today and hundreds of airline flights into and out of the Northeast were canceled as a nor'easter that threatened to be the worst in years blasted the region with snow and sleet. Winter storm watches were in effect from West Virginia to Maine, with 2 feet of snow likely in some inland areas and even 3 feet possible in upstate New York, Massachusetts and New Hampshire, the National Weather Service said.

"This storm will rank up in the top 10 of March storms," said weather service meteorologist Greg DeVoor.

The heaviest snowfall was expected Tuesday, with blizzard or near-blizzard conditions, but flakes started appearing Sunday. By this morning, a foot or more had already collected in parts of upstate New York and northeastern Pennsylvania. Elsewhere, sleet and freezing rain coated sidewalks and highways.

People heeded the forecasts during the weekend and cleaned out hardware store supplies of snow shovels and supermarket stocks of bread and milk.

"I've had numerous customers take two carts of stuff, like they're going to get snowed in for the weekend, like we're back in 'Little House on the Prairie' times," said Joe Jancsarics, manager at Redner's Warehouse Market in Trexlertown, Pa.

Children were told to stay home from school today in districts scattered from West Virginia to Maine. New York's Education Department estimated about 80 percent of the state's public and private schools were closed, affecting 3.1 million students, including the 1.1 million students in New York City. In Boston, some 62,000 youngsters got the day off.

Nonessential government workers were told to stay home in Connecticut, New York City's suburban counties, Massachusetts and New Jersey.

"This is a matter of public safety," said New Jersey's acting Gov. Donald T. DiFrancesco. "This is about warning people, protecting people."

"The problem is not getting to work. It's getting home work," said DiFrancesco's spokesman, Tom Wilson.

Airlines, including international carriers, canceled hundreds of flights at the New York metropolitan area's LaGuardia, Kennedy and Newark airports.

Springtime gets county on weed job

Spring is certainly just around the corner, and the Sherman Commissioners will be thinking about that when they consider the annual roadside mowing contract at their meeting at 8 a.m. Tuesday at the Sherman County courthouse.

Curt Way, road and bridge supervisor, is to meet with the commissioners about the mowing contract and also about buying a service truck for the road and bridge department.

Dorendo Harrel, head of the county health department, and Bonnie Selby, county attorney, are to meet with the commissioners to discuss evaluations of their employees and review their budgets. The commissioners have been meeting with each department head in the process of evaluating employees and looking at the department budgets.

Jack Eklund and Jeanette Ruddell of Eklund Insurance will review the county insurance coverage and premiums.

Mike Niemburger of American Family Life Assurance, known as AFLAC, who met with the commissioners earlier about offering a special term insurance policy to county employees, will be back to provide a quote for the coverage.

The commissioners have scheduled a tour of the Good Samaritan Center to look at the proposed capital improvements. They are also to appoint fire board members.

Kids always enjoy Dr. Seuss



Eating green eggs and ham

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

Some kids at Central Elementary ate green eggs for breakfast Friday while others wore "Cat in the Hat" hats to celebrate the joys of reading with Dr. Seuss on the late author's 97th birthday, which was Read Across America Day.

The day, in its fourth year, is sponsored by the National Education Association and promotes reading for America's children.

This year, the association celebrated Dr. Seuss and children's reading with the theme "Oh, the Places You'll Go," for the Seuss book often read to graduates.

Because reading is such a basic skill, the teachers say they want to promote the message that reading is important and fun.

The event chairman this year was three-time Academy Award nominee Morgan Freeman. Joining him in showing children all the places books can take you were the National Football League Players Association. Players around the country issued reading challenges and read to children at local events.

In Goodland, Karen Colip, library technician at Central, had guest readers at the school's library on Friday. She also had cookies for the students and gave away Dr. Seuss book marks, recipes for green eggs and ham and craft ideas.

Linda McKee, a third grade teacher, read to third graders in the school library Friday morning.

Susan Jensen, another third grade teacher, gave away paperback books to third and fourth graders throughout the day.

At 8:30 a.m., Marcia Smith, librarian for the Goodland grade schools and junior high, read over the intercom to third and fourth grade students at Central. Later in the morning, she read to fourth graders in the library.

Central School Principal Sharon Gregory read to students in the library later in the morning. The cooks at the school got in on the activities by serving "green eggs" for breakfast.

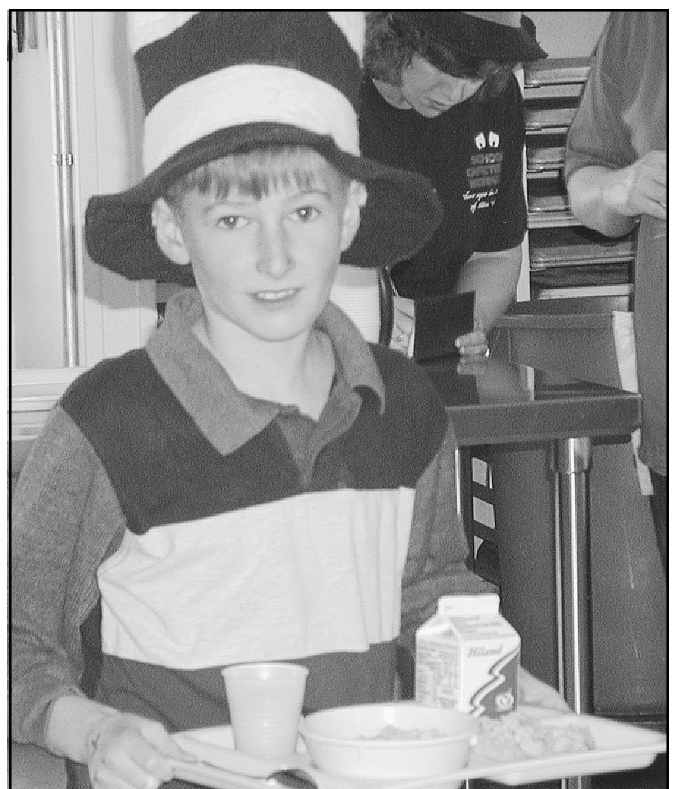
Savannah Schlink, a fourth grader, said the eggs still tasted the same.

Rebecca Musil's fourth grade class made oobleck, a play slime. The idea came from the book by Dr. Seuss called "Bartholomew and the Oobleck."

At North School, kindergartners made green eggs and fifth grade students read to the kindergartners.

Then at West Elementary, throughout the month of March students will get a Dr. Seuss sticker when they do quiet reading in the library.

"The kids get excited," Smith said about Friday's events.



In celebration of Read Across America Day, Marcia Smith, librarian for the Goodland elementary schools and junior high, read "My Many Colored Days" by Dr. Seuss to students in Phyllis Zielke's fourth grade class Friday at Central School. The cooks at Central made green eggs for breakfast. Fourth grader Jonathan Barnes, wearing a hat like the cat in "The Cat in the Hat," carried his tray of green eggs and other foods to the eating area. He is the son of Leonard and Angie Barnes of Goodland.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Burlington couple expand feed store operation

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

A Burlington business has expanded into Goodland, hoping to fill a niche in the economy here.

Bill Korbek, co-owner of the Feed Bunk here and in Burlington, said Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce representatives had called him in October to ask if he would open a store in Goodland.

"The Chamber felt Goodland needed a feed store," he said.

The firm already had some customers who were Sherman County farmers, Korbek said, so he and his wife and partner Tonya decided to go for it. Of course, it wasn't that easy or simple.

Korbek said they did some research and decided expanding the business could prove profitable.

"We decided we could service the needs here," he said, adding that the Chamber was a big help every step of the way.

"They helped us out tremendously," Korbek said.

From finding a place to put the business — which opened today at 1405 Main in the building that used to house Cole Real Estate and Auction — to organizing the store's grand opening, Korbek said the Chamber was there. The Goodland Ambassadors — the Chamber's welcome wagon — held a



Bill Korbek



Tonya Korbek



Tony O'Neal

ribbon cutting at The Feed Bunk's new site this morning.

The business is offering discounts on products, door prizes and refreshments

uled to open here last Monday, but the store was still nearly empty.

"The products weren't coming in," he said, adding that he and his wife were

during its grand opening, which lasts through Wednesday.

Even with the Chamber's support, Korbek said, it has been a stressful few months. He said the Feed Bunk here was sched-

uled to open here last Monday, but the store was still nearly empty.

"The products weren't coming in," he said, adding that he and his wife were

still emptying trucks this weekend.

The store sells feed for cattle, sheep, dogs and other animals, minerals, vaccines, fencing equipment, equine ropes and other animal-related products, and is run by the Korbeks and manager Tony O'Neal. Korbek said the Feed Bunk's main goal is customer service.

"It's a neat little farming store," he said. "You name it, we've got it."

Store hours are 8 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday. Korbek said they would appreciate comments on the hours.

Navy opens inquiry into collision

HONOLULU (AP) — Families of victims sat in the front row today as the Navy convened a court of inquiry into the fatal collision of a U.S. submarine and a Japanese fishing boat.

The formal investigative hearing seeks to explain why the USS Greenville rammed the Ehime Maru on Feb. 9, killing nine men and boys aboard the ship.

The Ehime Maru, carrying 35 people, was on an expedition to teach teen-agers how to become commercial fishermen when the Greenville

plowed through its hull. Four high school students, two teachers and three crewmen never were found.

At the time of the accident, the Greenville was demonstrating an emergency surfacing drill for 16 civilian guests.

Greenville Cmdr. Scott Waddle and his wife walked hand-in-hand into the courtroom today.

"The tragic consequences of the collision have impacted the lives of both Japanese and American families," Vice Adm. John B. Nathman said in open-

ing remarks.

"While this inquiry cannot change what has happened, a more thorough understanding of what occurred can serve to prevent a recurrence," said Nathman, commander of the Naval Air Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet, and former commander of the seven-ship Nimitz Battle Group.

Waddle is prepared to accept responsibility for the accident, his civilian attorney, Charles Gittins, said in an e-mail to The Associated Press.