

## weather report

70°  
at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 7:28 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:01 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:29 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 53 degrees

• Humidity 40 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds variable at 6 mph

• Barometer 29.65 inches  
and steady

• Record High 86° (1962)

• Record Low 20° (1953)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 87°

Low 46°

Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 40, west wind 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, rain likely late possibly mixed with snow, high 65-70, low 35-40, northwest wind 10-20 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: thunderstorms likely, high 40s. Monday: chance of rain, high 50s, low 35-40. Tuesday: dry, high 55-60, low 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.86 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.72

Loan deficiency payment — 00¢

Corn — \$1.88 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.78

Loan deficiency pmt. — 21¢

Milo — \$3.00 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.75 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.67

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.23

Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.45 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.14

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$14

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## afternoon wire

Late news  
from the  
Associated  
Press

1 p.m.

## Lottery could help budget

TOPEKA—The state's budget crunch has some lobbyists hoping state-operated video lottery machines are a revenue source whose time has come — even if the devices do resemble slot machines.

No legislation has been introduced yet to let the Kansas Lottery operate video terminals offering blackjack or poker at locations where lottery tickets are sold. But that could change when the House and Senate reconvene next week to wrap up the year's business, including passage of a budget bill.

Thomas Palace, a lobbyist for the Convenience Store Association of Kansas, estimates the machines could raise \$100 million a year for the state. Senate Majority Leader Lana Oleen said video lottery machines may not sound bad given the \$206 million gap between expected revenues.



## Spring Fling lands students in the mud

Despite great effort, the team from Office Computer Technology slipped and slid toward the muddy pit during the tug-of-war contest at the Northwest Kansas Technical College's annual Spring Fling Wednesday. Students included (front to back) Traci Heinrich, Penny Pullins, Mary Bear, Susanne Allaman, Ruby Fuentes, Jennifer Schamberger, Justin Colby and Jason Bates. The lead member of the Communication Technology Block 1 (right) slid into a hole filled with muddy water as his team lost the tug-of-war contest.

Photo by Tom Betz  
The Goodland Daily News



## Paper tells pioneers' stories

The Goodland Daily News is promoting the annual Settlement Day Celebration, to be held May 10-12 in downtown Goodland, by telling the stories of those women who remember Sherman County in the early days, before cars and televisions.

Over the next three weeks, the newspaper will run the stories each Friday, picking three women who have lived here for most of their lives. The first article runs today, recounting the life of Doris Bateman, who was born and raised in Sherman County.

The celebration, sponsored by the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, will recognize Sherman County pioneer women and mothers with exhibits at the Goodland Public Library, the High Plains Museum and the Carnegie Arts Center.



By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Doris Bateman remembers watching a big Indian man laying bricks on Goodland's Main Street on a hot, sunny day in the early 1930s.

She said the brown skin on his arms was glistening because he was sweating and his shirt sleeves were cut off. Others would bring the bricks to him, she said, and he would lay them in place.

Bateman, 86, has lived in Sherman County all of her life. She was born May 11, 1914, in Goodland. Her parents, Villia (Gebhart) and Oliver Elliott, met in Sherman County after moving here separately in 1907.

Bateman was the oldest of six children, which included four girls and two boys.

She said when she was 3, the family moved to a farm north of Goodland.

They later moved northeast of Edson, Bateman said, and then south of Goodland, before she married Henry Bateman on Jan. 2, 1933.

Bateman said she remembers more people living on farms years ago.

"So many of the farmsteads are empty now," she said.

Bateman said the couple's first home was a brand new chicken house on a farm on the Beaver Creek.

"Henry was batching in it when we got married," she said.

They lived there for about nine years, she said, before they bought a farm five miles southeast of Edson.

Bateman said the farm wives would stack wooden orange crates to use as furniture and put material over them to cover the wood. Then, she said, they would store towels, canned goods or

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# World leaders hold summit

## Countries may link economies

By Niko Price

Associated Press Writer

QUEBEC — They come from nations of pristine beach resorts and guerrilla-infested jungles, poor Andean mountaintops and gleaming suburban strip malls. Some come on government planes with satellite-encryption gear; some fly commercially from countries where cellular telephones remain novelties.

There are 34 of them — from George W. Bush, who oversees the \$9.2 trillion economy of the United States, to Denzil Douglas, who governs the 39,000 citizens of St. Kitts and Nevis. All were converging today on Quebec to discuss linking their economies in the world's largest open market.

Bush, departing the White House with his wife, Laura, said a 1994 trade agreement with Canada and Mexico has demonstrated the benefits of open markets.

"This third Summit of the Americas will take the next step toward creating an entire hemisphere that is prosperous and free," Bush said, adding in Spanish: "It's a great task and an extraordinary opportunity to make the Americas the land of opportunity."

Upon his arrival, Bush met with Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien. The two leaders shook hands and shared a laugh, but deflected questions about trade negotiations.

"There is no press conference at this

time," Chretien told reporters. Bush chimed in jokingly, "Neither in French nor in English nor in Mexican."

The stakes are high at this Summit of the Americas; so are the risks. The Free-Trade Area of the Americas, which would take effect in four years, would abolish most tariffs within the Western Hemisphere and bring hopes of export wealth with fears of crippling competition.

Such a pact would allow, say, a Brazilian steel maker to sell girders in Los Angeles without paying a penny to U.S. customs.

It also would let a New York warehouse chain ship containers full of duty-free televisions and dog-food to a Colombian franchise in Bucaramanga.

Running parallel to the negotiations for free trade is an effort to strengthen democracy in Latin America. Many of the leaders believe that an export boom could stave off the advances of strongmen gaining support in several countries and sparking fears of a return to the dictatorships that dominated Latin America only two decades ago.

"People who operate in open economies eventually demand more open societies," Bush said.

Cesar Gaviria, secretary general of the Organization of American States since 1994, said free trade won't be enough in itself to ensure a democratic

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# Newspaper hires new sports reporter

The Goodland Daily News recently hired Lester Bolen, a Colby Community College student, as a part-time sports reporter, replacing Dana Sulsberger, who took a position in California in January.

Bolen, who moved to Wallace County with his family in 1996, comes to the Daily News after three years of reporting high school sports at the Western Times in Sharon Springs.

The 18-year-old, who graduated from Wallace County High School in May of 2000, is currently living in Colby and attending school at Colby Community College. He is majoring in journalism and writing for The Trojan, the college paper.



Lester Bolen

Bolen's parents, Bruce and Emily Bolen, live in Sharon Springs, where Bruce Bolen has been the high school principal for five years. Emily Bolen is a librarian at Greeley County High School in Tribune and Lester's sister, Tamela, is a high school freshman in Sharon Springs.

"I'm very excited about the opportunity to work here," Bolen said. "The staff here is great and are eager to help me start my journalism career."

Bolen plans to attend Kansas State University in Manhattan next year, majoring in journalism with a minor in creative writing.



The wedding picture of Doris and Henry Bateman in 1933. The couple met in Sherman County.