

## weather report

80°

at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 7:35 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:52 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:36 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 62 degrees

• Humidity 21 percent

• Sky clear

• Winds east 8 mph

• Barometer 30.09 inches

and falling

• Record High 90° (1953)

• Record Low 22° (1994)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 81°

Low 37°

Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear, low 50-55, south wind 15-25 mph and gusty. Tomorrow: Sunny, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 85, low 50-55, south wind 20-30 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: chance of thunderstorms, high 85-90. Monday: dry, high 80s, low 40s. Tuesday: dry, high 80s, low 45-55.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat/current — \$2.89 bushel

Wheat/new — \$2.91 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.83

Corn — \$1.80 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.71

Loan deficiency payment — 28¢

Milo — \$2.86 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.73 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.68

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.22

Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil new crop — \$6.80 cwt.

Oil current crop — \$6.50 cwt.

Loan deficiency prmt. — \$3.21

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$14 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, 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.

## Navy resumes bombing

VIEQUES, Puerto Rico — The U.S. Navy resumed military exercises at its prized range on Vieques island today, dropping 500-pound dummy bombs in defiance of protesters who cut through fences and breached the zone by boat.

Eight protesters forced a temporary halt to the exercises about a half hour after they began. Navy spokesman Jeff Gordon said they were spotted on a small island some 300 feet northwest of the target zone where the bombs were dropped shortly after 9 a.m., and just before a ship was to begin shelling.

“They’re risking the lives of our people by dropping bombs,” said Robert Rabin, one of the protest organizers.

The intruders were not in the direct line of fire but “close enough to the range to suspend the exercise,” Gordon said.

# History in blood

By Rachel Miscall

*The Goodland Daily News*

Genevieve Matthews said her grandfather and 20 of his friends left New York in the mid-1880s and headed to Kansas in search of free land and a new life.

When the men got off the train in Wallace County, the long-time Kanorado resident said, they started walking west, looking for the perfect piece of land. She said they found it when they came to an area south of where Kanorado is today.

Clayton Henry Briggs and his friends settled on the land, Matthews said, building homes, planting trees and crops, starting families and later establishing the city of Kanorado — a combination of Kansas and Colorado.

Matthews, who was primarily raised by her grandparents, said Clayton Briggs and his wife Minnie played a big part in the small town’s early history. She said the couple, who met after Minnie moved from Iowa to Kansas with her parents, built and ran a creamery, livery stable, hotel and two garages in Kanorado — which now has a population of 248.

Matthews said the Briggs — “Mom” and “Dad” to her — built four houses in the city, one of which she still calls home. Though the hotel later burned down, she said, the other buildings are still standing and still bring back memories of her grandparents and childhood.

Matthews said when her grandparents were first married, they spent half of each year in Sherman County and the other half living outside Denver — where it was easier to find work.

The homesteaders, she said, had to live on the land they were given for at least 6 months of each year, but had trouble making a living in Kansas so sought work in Denver. Clayton Briggs found a job as a trolley operator.

Matthews said a German aristocrat, who owned a castle outside Denver, allowed the young couple to house-sit while he traveled in the winter. She said the aristocrat, the uncle of a World War II pilot, built the castle and adjoining green house for his wife, but she refused to move in because it was not in the city.

Therefore, Matthews said, the German had to rely on her grandparents to keep up the castle, which is now near Quebec and Colfax streets in Denver, in the winter months.

“He kept the fire going in the green house,” she said, “and she kept the fire going inside the house.”

Eventually, Matthews said, her grandparents moved to where Kanorado is today and started to build a life and a family.

She said Whanita May came first and Carrie, Matthew’s mother, was born two years later. Matthews said Whanita became sick in her late teens and died at the age of 19.

Her mother, she said, was small and frail, but strong-willed. It wasn’t long after Carrie Briggs met Henry Zink, a man from Glade who was visiting friends outside Kanorado, that the two traveled to Stockton to get married.

Matthews said she was born on Oct. 5, 1916, shortly after Carrie Briggs and her new husband settled on a farm in Glade, near Phillipsburg. Unfortu-

## Pioneers tell 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 microwaves and televisions.

Over three weeks, the newspaper will run the stories each Friday, picking three women who have lived here for all or most of their lives. The second article runs today, recounting the life of Genevieve Matthews, who has lived in Kanorado since she was 9 months old.

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.



Genevieve Matthews



Genevieve Matthews with her mother, Carrie Briggs, shortly after her birth in 1916.



The Briggs family, including Clayton Briggs (top), his wife Minnie (right), their daughter Carrie (left) and her daughter Genevieve (bottom).

nately, she said, the marriage didn’t last, and her mother took her back to Kanorado at the age of 9 months.

Without a husband, she said, her mother was forced to leave her daughter behind in Kanorado to go search for

work. While she received birthday and Christmas cards, Matthews said, she never really knew either her mother or father.

She said her mother remarried and gave birth to another baby girl, but

then disappeared in 1934 with Naomi Cleo, Matthew’s half-sister. Matthews said her grandfather, who wore many hats, was Kanorado’s deputy sheriff at the time and investigated his daughter’s and granddaughter’s disappearance.

Her mother was last seen in Oklahoma, she said, but that’s the only fact law authorities knew for sure. Matthews said she still doesn’t know what happened to her mother.

Though there were tough times, Matthews said, she has fond memories of growing up in Kanorado. She said her grandparents were the only parents she ever needed.

Salesmen would come into town, Matthews said, looking for transportation to tiny towns that didn’t have access to store-bought products.

She said they would pay her grandfather to drive them around. In the winter, she said, her grandfather would hitch horses to a sleigh to transport the salesmen.

The dirt storms started in the 1930s, Matthews said, forcing people to move away and interfering with everyday life.

“You just couldn’t see,” she said.

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# Using money for records, computers on agenda

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Daily News*

Monday will be the final monthly meeting for the Sherman County Commissioners, and the agenda is filled with requests to spend money for preserving records, new computers and replacing road and bridge pickups.

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on the main floor of the Sherman County Courthouse. They will first review minutes and pay bills.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel will talk with the commissioners about setting up budget sessions with the department heads.

The commissioners have been asking each department head, when they reviewed the employee evaluations, about the budget process, and several said they thought sessions on the budget could be helpful.

The commissioners will also consider appointing three to the Smoky Gardens Board, as Mark Bantam’s term ended, wildlife officer Jim Robinson moved to another city and Kenny Sanderson resigned.

Preserving the old Sherman County records was the subject of a presentation by Linda Roberts of Lockwood several months ago.

She is to present the commissioners with a bid on handling the county records. The records include those of the clerk, treasurer and registrar of deeds.

Kermit George and Wayne Lofton, officials of the High Plains Mental Health clinic, will present their annual report and their request for money for next year.

Representatives from Goodland Regional Medical Center, including new

Administrator Jay Jolly, Director of Patient Relations and Volunteer Services Brenda McCants and Director of Human Resources Dale Schields will be asking the commissioners to endorse an application to allow the hospital to issue tax credits as part of the capital campaign.

“A Commitment to Excellence” is a fundraising campaign the hospital has been planning, and the credits would allow contributors to have deductions on their income taxes.

McCants and Shields say there is no cost to the county, but the tax credit program requires local government approval.

Paul Rainbolt, director of the Good Samaritan Center, will ask the commissioners to sign the contract for the new elevator to be added to the center’s southeast wing.

Mary Messamore, central dispatch director and emergency management coordinator, will request replacement of a computer and updating the 911 emergency system.

She has said the computer in her office is not operating properly and needs to be replaced.

On the upgrade of the 911 system, she says there is a need to be able to handle the new 20-digit phone numbers.

Curt Way, superintendent of the road and bridge department, will talk to the commissioners about the condition of the pickup fleet, and the need to replace some of the vehicles.

With the meeting on Monday, the commissioners will not be meeting on Tuesday, May 1, as they usually do, because all appointments are on Monday’s agenda.

# Tours may fill buildings

## Authority looking for tower tenants

By Janet Craft

*The Goodland Daily News*

Hoping to fill 11 empty apartments, the Goodland Housing Authority will give tours of the Sparks and Handy Towers, two three-story high rise apartment buildings, on Sunday, May 6.

The public is invited from 2 to 4 p.m. to look at both buildings on Fifth and Sixth Streets in Goodland. Officials of the housing authority, a non-profit group, say they hope the open house will attract tenants, as many apartments are empty.

Executive Director Marcia Way said it is also an opportunity for people to see how the public housing facilities have been maintained over the years.

She said the first tenant moved into Sparks Towers in 1971, while Handy Towers had its first tenant in 1981.

Way said there are now vacancies in both buildings, for a total of 11 empty one-bedroom apartments.

Together, the towers have 72 apartments.

She said staff will be available at the open house to give tours and answer questions. The Goodland Ambassadors are to serve refreshments in the Sparks Towers recreation room.

Staff include Kathy Rohr, executive assistant director; Karen Peck, head of the maintenance department; and Jody Verlinden, janitor.

Way said the apartments are designed for people who are elderly, aged 62 and up; near elderly, aged 50 to 61; or disabled. Tenants must meet financial requirements before moving in to the low-income housing.

Way said the rent for the apartments is based on income.

All utilities are paid, except for telephone and cable television. The buildings have laundry facilities on each of the three floors. Also, Goodland’s senior van is available to transport residents.

The housing authority, Way said, also has 12 houses available for low-income families on Kansas Street.

At this time, she said, there are no openings for these, but any interested families can fill out an application and, if approved, will be added to the waiting list.

Way said every year the housing au-

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# Big rig rolls over onto side

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Daily News*

A food service company semi truck rolled on its side on I-70 nine miles west of Goodland Thursday afternoon. The driver and his driving partner were uninjured.

A highway patrol report said the driver John F. Brewer, 37, of Davenport, Okla. and his driving partner Todd I. Morris of Stroud, Okla., were west-bound on I-70 when the 1999 Volvo went off the north shoulder and rolled on its side after Brewer over corrected. The rig slid along the highway until it stopped with the cab blocking a portion of one lane.

Sherman County Ambulance personnel checked out the two men, but both refused medical treatment. Sherman County Fire and Rescue were also called to the scene for hazardous waste cleanup because of spilled diesel fuel.

“I didn’t think it was ever going to stop sliding,” Morris said. “I was in the sleeper when the noise woke me up.”

The truck is owned by Syama of Oklahoma, a food distributor with headquarters in Lakewood, Colo.

“I don’t know if I did something wrong or if it was a mechanical failure,” Brewer said.