

weather report

46°

at noon

Today



• Sunset, 7:42 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:44 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:43 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil Temperature 51 degrees

• Humidity 100 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds northeast 17 mph

• Barometer 30.09 inches

and falling

• Record High 91° (1986)

• Record Low 27° (1967)

Last 24 Hours*

High 46°

Low 40°

Precipitation 0.40 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: 100 percent chance of rain, low 40s, east wind 15-25 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, 50 percent chance of thunderstorms, high mid 60s, low 40s, southeast wind 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: chance of thunderstorms, high 65-70, low 40s. Tuesday: dry, high 65-70, low 40s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Current wheat — \$2.83 bushel

New wheat — \$2.85 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.80

Corn — \$1.88 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.73

Loan deficiency pmt. — 22¢

Milo — \$3.00 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.86 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.71

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.16

Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.65 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$5.90 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.03

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.

U.S. loses a U.N. seat

UNITED NATIONS — In an embarrassing blow to American influence abroad, the United States has lost its seat on the U.N. commission that probes human rights abuses for the first time since it was created.

Instead, France, Sweden and Austria were chosen Thursday for three seats allocated to Western countries on the 53-member U.N. Human Rights Commission.

Diplomats and U.S. officials offered various explanations for the unprecedented slight, including the absence of a U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, retaliation against frequent American criticism of rights abuses in other countries, and a failure to pay U.N. dues.

The decision was expected to increase antagonism to the United Nations among conservatives.

Welcome home, Jeff!

Sister shares her view of 11-day ordeal

By Eric Yonkey

The Goodland Daily News

Jessica Vignery, youngest sister of Lt. (j.g.) Jeff Vignery, celebrated her 18th birthday Wednesday with a thankful heart, she told the Goodland Ambassadors, and she is most thankful Jeff is alive and back home this week.

Goodland will welcome the Naval pilot, regarded as a hero after being held in China with 23 other officers for 11 days, back to his hometown Saturday with a celebration that starts at 1:30 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Vignery, who arrived in Goodland almost a week ago, and Congressman Jerry Moran will speak, along with Travis Daise, a Salina doctor who grew up with Jeff; Mike Johnson, the pilot's high school football coach; and Jason Showalter, a high school senior, who will read his award-winning patriotic speech.

Vignery will receive a key to the city from Mayor Tom Rohr, an honorary membership from the American Le-



Jessica Vignery

gion and a letter and state flag from Gov. Bill Graves. The high school band, choir and individual high school and elementary school students will

perform patriotic songs and skits and coach Johnson will give Vignery a card signed by the community.

The committee which organized the event has asked everyone to wear yellow ribbons, as a ribbon-removing ceremony will end the event. There will be some yellow ribbons available.

Vignery will speak with reporters for 10 to 20 minutes after the ceremony.

Jessica and her parents, Ron and Judi, were special guests of the Ambassadors during their May luncheon meeting Thursday. Jessica — who became available at the last moment when her softball game was canceled — gave the group her perspective of her brother's ordeal.

She said she first learned his surveillance plane had been downed when she got home Saturday night, March 30, from "cruising Main" by her 11:30 p.m. curfew. Jeff was a pilot on the crew. Her parents told her that he had been in-

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A HERO'S WELCOME

Saturday, 1:30 p.m.

Max Jones Fieldhouse

Welcome, Vignery family introduction

"God Bless America"

Presentation of Colors

"Star-Spangled Banner"

Invocation and remarks

"What Price Freedom?"

Patriotic skit

Letter from governor, state flag

University of Kansas presentation

Remarks

Key to city and proclamation

American Legion presentation

Remarks, community card presentation

Class of 1992 presentation, remarks

School song

Remarks

Benediction

Removal of yellow ribbons

"Anchors Aweigh"

Dale Schields

high school choir

veterans, Boy Scouts

Andra Townsend

Rev. Loren Strait

Jason Showalter

first grade class

Jeff Mason

Perry Warren

Rep. Jerry Moran

Mayor Tom Rohr

Ken Baum

Coach Mike Johnson

Dr. Travis Daise

high school band

Jeff Vignery, family

Rev. Strait

Dale Schields

band, Curtis Duncan

Corn heated 'county liners'

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Edson resident Beulah May Cress remembers carrying corn cobs to the house as a girl to burn for cooking and heating.

"I didn't do much outside work as a kid," she said, "but I carried lots of corn cobs."

Her mother cooked year round with corn cobs for fuel, she said. Her parents would occasionally buy coal, but they didn't burn much wood.

But she recalled when so many trees had died on her grandparent's place one year that they had wood to burn that year.

Cress, 79, was born May 7, 1921, on her parent's farm 12 miles north and a mile east of Goodland.

She grew up on the farm and lived there until she was married, except when she was in high school and when teaching. She was the youngest of five kids with her sister being the oldest and her three brothers in between.

Her parents were Artie May (Melstom) and Garfield Franklin. Her mother was born in Sherman County in 1883. Her father was born in 1880 in Champaign County, Illinois. He moved to Kansas in 1887. The couple was married at the Melstom farm in Sherman County in 1903.

Cress said she was born three miles south of the Cheyenne/Sherman county line and her future husband was born three miles north of it.

"We were known as county liners," she said.



Beulah Cress

Pioneers share stories of their life

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 women who remember Sherman County in the early days, before micro-waves and televisions, telephones and power lines.

Over three weeks, the newspaper has run the stories each Friday, picking three women who have lived here for all or most of their lives. The third and last article runs today, recounting the life of Beulah Cress, who has lived in Sherman County for over 50 years.

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.

Her parents associated with the "county line" people north of them, not those who lived south, and that's how she got to know the Cress family.

Her parents raised turkeys, ducks, geese and chickens. As a girl, she

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This picture of Beulah May (Franklin) Cress was taken when the 79-year-old was a year old.

Budget solution is close

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Negotiators worked past midnight on a plan that would rely on small tax increases, modest spending cuts and a lot of financial maneuvering to solve the state's budget problems.

Three senators and three House members were close to agreeing early today on the final version of a bill to close the \$206 million gap between expected revenues and spending already approved for the state's 2002 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

With smaller issues out of the way, they began bargaining over the toughest ones. They were how to spend the state's share of a national settlement of tobacco litigation and whether to increase insurance and motor fuels taxes.

Thursday was the ninth day of work since legislators returned from their annual spring break and the 94th calendar day of the 2001 session. Only the "wrap-up" sessions in 1990, 1991 and 1992 have lasted longer, with 1991's lasting 12 days and the other two, 10.

Early today, the budget negotiators were optimistic.

The group expected the final budget plan to increase taxes modestly, trim some spending already approved for fiscal 2002, step up the collection of delinquent taxes, tap funds that aren't normally used to pay for general government and make accounting changes.

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Photo by Tom Betz

The Daily News



Colorado recyclers cross the border

Trash committee considers extending program across Sherman County

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

A Colorado program recycles trash from 43 towns, even coming across the state line into Kanorado, and the director says it could help keep materials out of Sherman County's new landfill.

The Sherman County Solid Waste/Recycling Committee asked how long it would take to bring the service here, and members wondered if the agency would handle all the items they want to recycle.

The committee is also looking at a Kansas regional program as an alternative.

At a meeting Monday, Ray Lariviere, director of Southeast Colorado and Eastern Colorado Recycling, talked about their operation, which covers 13

counties and 42 communities in Colorado as well as Kanorado.

Southeast Colorado Recycling began in 1991 with a pilot project involving the cities of Lamar, Las Animas, Holly, La Junta and Rocky Ford, Lariviere said. With the help of a \$109,000 grant from the state, they began picking up newspaper, aluminum cans and glass in six counties and 20 towns.

That grew to 11 counties several years later when the five counties of Eastern Colorado joined the group. Two counties from south of Pueblo were added as well.

"We went to each county and community and invited them to join," he said. "In most cases, they agreed and we signed intergovernmental agreements

with each one and set up an annual per capita payment to help fund the program."

Over the years, he said, the recycling group tried using a contractor to do the actual pickup, but as the cost continued to rise, the board decided to handle the program. The annual per capita cost started at \$1 in 1991, but has gone to \$2 in the past three years.

Each full county has a representative on the board, which meets quarterly. When the board decided to drop the contractor, he said, they got a loan from the Colorado Housing Authority, which they are now repaying.

"We are in good shape and are putting some money away for future

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