

weather report

81°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:47 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:38 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:48 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 58 degrees
- Humidity 40 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest 12 mph
- Barometer 29.94 inches and falling
- Record High 92° (1928)
- Record Low 29° (1997)

Last 24 Hours*

High 78°
Low 50°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 50-55, northwest wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high mid 80s, low 50-55, light wind.

Extended Forecast

Friday: chance of thunderstorms, high 70-75. Saturday and Sunday: chance of thunderstorms, high 75-90, low mid 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Current wheat — \$2.76 bushel
 - New wheat — \$2.78 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.74
 - Corn — \$1.83 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.71
 - Loan deficiency payment — 28¢
 - Milo — \$2.91 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$3.85 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.82
 - Loan deficiency payment — \$1.08
 - Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$6.65 cwt.
 - Oil new crop — \$5.90 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.02
 - Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$14 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo 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.

Bush warns Yugoslavia

WASHINGTON — President Bush warned Yugoslavia's president today that U.S. aid to the new democracy depends on Belgrade's cooperation with the war crimes tribunal investigating Slobodan Milosevic and other suspects.

"The president stated clearly that Milosevic must face justice for his international crimes," Bush spokeswoman Mary Ellen Countryman said after Yugoslavia President Vojislav Kostunica left the White House.

Milosevic, Kostunica's predecessor, is accused of committing atrocities against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

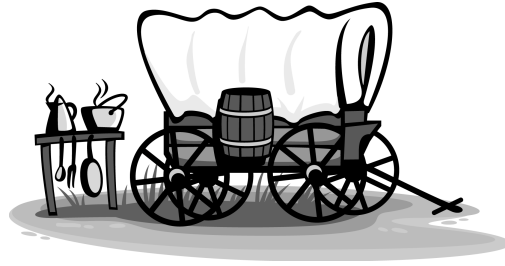
Businesses to celebrate settling

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

After seven months of battles in and out of the courtroom — some involving guns — Goodland was officially named the county seat on May 10, 1888, beating out the other Sherman County cities of Eustis and Voltaire.

Five months earlier, a group of armed men from Goodland had marched over to the Eustis courthouse and taken all county records held there. And before the legal decision in May, armed guards surrounded the Goodland courthouse for 24 hours a day to make sure no one took the records back. "The county seat conflict was a very emotional issue," said Evelyn Ward, president of the Sherman County Historical Society.



It is also an important part of Sherman County history, and that's why the historical society, the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce and the Business Promotions Committee picked the week of May 10th to celebrate the early days on the High Plains.

During Settlement Days — running Thursday through Saturday — Goodland businesses and historical society members will take people back to a time before cars, microwaves and washing machines. And organizers will recognize the strength and resourcefulness of Sherman County pioneer women and mothers with displays and presentations.

Looking for a way to share Sherman County's unique history, Ward said, the historical society and the Chamber of Commerce started Settlement Days last year. She said she sees it growing into an annual event.

"It's just growing and I'm confident it will continue to grow," she said. "Most of the merchants have gotten involved."

Donna Swager, president of the promotions committee, said many merchants will dress up in pioneer clothing, provided by Colby Community College, and antique items and vehicles will be displayed in storefronts and on downtown sidewalks.

People can participate in the "name that antique" and the "identify the pioneer" contests, she said, by studying old photos and antiques in store windows and on sidewalks and putting their an-

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Spring work



Sixth grader Matt Miller mowed grass Tuesday afternoon at the apartments in the 500 block of W. Eighth. The apartments are owned by his parents, Mike and Jodi Miller. His brother Andrew, a fifth grader, was trimming grass at the same time. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Bush picking judges

President nominates 11 conservatives

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush is nominating 11 conservatives to federal appeals courts, after scaling back the size of his first slate of judicial picks in response to Democratic objections.

The nominees themselves are little known outside judicial circles, but their selection offers a first glimpse of Bush's resolve to add conservatives to the federal judiciary and the eagerness of Democrats to stop him.

The White House portrayed the picks as conservative and well-qualified. Bush will welcome them to the White House today for a formal nomination ceremony.

"We believe this is the strongest and most diverse slate of judges ever sent up by a president," said White House counsel Al Gonzales.

A senior White House official provided The Associated Press with a list of the nominees.

Though a review of their legal records suggests Bush's first judicial nominees are solidly conservative, he took pains to mollify Democrats by appointing three women, two blacks, one Hispanic and two individuals who originally had been tapped for judgeships by President Clinton.

Seven of the 11 candidates are sitting judges.

Many owe previous judicial selections to Republican presidents.

None is known as an ideologue or as especially partisan, although it is hard to gauge the prospects for confirmation when the Senate is split 50-50.

Democrats have threatened to hold up the president's nominees, partly in revenge for the delays that met some of Clinton's judicial picks.

One of the more conservative selections, Washington lawyer Miguel Estrada, has a long list of admirers who call him one of the smartest and ethically rigorous lawyers they know. He is a partner at Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher, the firm that represented Bush at the Supreme Court during the postelection legal fight.

Estrada came to the United States from Honduras as a teen-ager and took the Scholastic Aptitude Test in English two years later. He got into Harvard and graduated near the top of his class.

Estrada favors gun control, but believes in the conservative judicial model of reading the "plain language" of a law or of the Constitution. The best-known proponent of this philosophy is probably Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia.

The White House informally advised lawmakers last week that Bush intended to nominate 15 judges, pending final reviews. Candidates drawing objections from Democrats were pulled from the list, including a GOP congressman from California, as Bush sought a controversy-free first slate.

Bush hopes to nominate the withheld candidates at a later date — but not for at least a couple of weeks — after further consultation with Congress, the White House official said.

Republican Rep. Chris Cox was the most prominent candidate tabled, along with Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge Carolyn Kuhl.

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City needs money for pool; skaters chip surface

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

City Manager Ron Pickman told commissioners Monday that the city is about \$55,000 short on money to pay for the new Steever Water Park, which is expected to open on Wednesday, May 30.

He said skateboarders have been coming into the unfenced area and skating on the freshly-painted pool surface, causing it to be scuffed. The city has had to repaint the surface, he said, and is asking people to stay away from the pool and water slides until work is finished.

The money the city is short is a small amount, Pickman said at the regular

city commission meeting, when you think about the total cost of the pool — about \$2 million. He said part of the shortage is due to a \$25,000 donation pledged to the city which has not been received. The donor has asked to remain anonymous.

Pickman said the individual told him he can't raise the \$25,000, but is looking at giving \$10,000 or less instead.

To save some expense, Pickman said, city employees will put in the sprinkler system and lay sod, instead of the city hiring a contractor to do the work.

The sod was to be delivered Tuesday, he said, but both the installation of the

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Commission wants to clean up city

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City Commission talked about the city's appearance on Monday, saying there is junk laying around yards and problems with wrong items being put in the city's trash dumpsters.

At the regular meeting, Commissioner Curtis Hurd said he would like to have the town looking good for the all-school reunion in August, suggesting the streets be swept prior to the reunion.

Commissioner Rick Billinger said he received a call about an old washer and dryer sitting in someone's yard and wondered who is responsible for bringing it to the city's attention. He said the city will pick up old junk for people, if they ask, and wondered why people hadn't taken advantage of the service.

"Some people are using it," commissioner Chuck Lutters said.

Hurd said it's up to the city com-

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Former Bronco speaks to Goodland athletes

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

A video clip of some of his best returns gave the audience a peek at the career of retired Denver Bronco Rick Upchurch, who spoke Tuesday evening at the annual G-Club banquet at Kickers Restaurant and Lounge.

Nearly all of the Goodland high school athletes present were just babies when Upchurch was running his way to fame with the Broncos.

He played from 1975-1984 and went to four Pro Bowls as a premiere kick returner. He holds four National Football League records, was named to the All 25-year Team and has been listed as one of the top 300 football players of all time.

Following his football career, Upchurch said he was head coach at Tabor College in Hillsboro for five years, and is now president of Rare Breed Sports Camps.

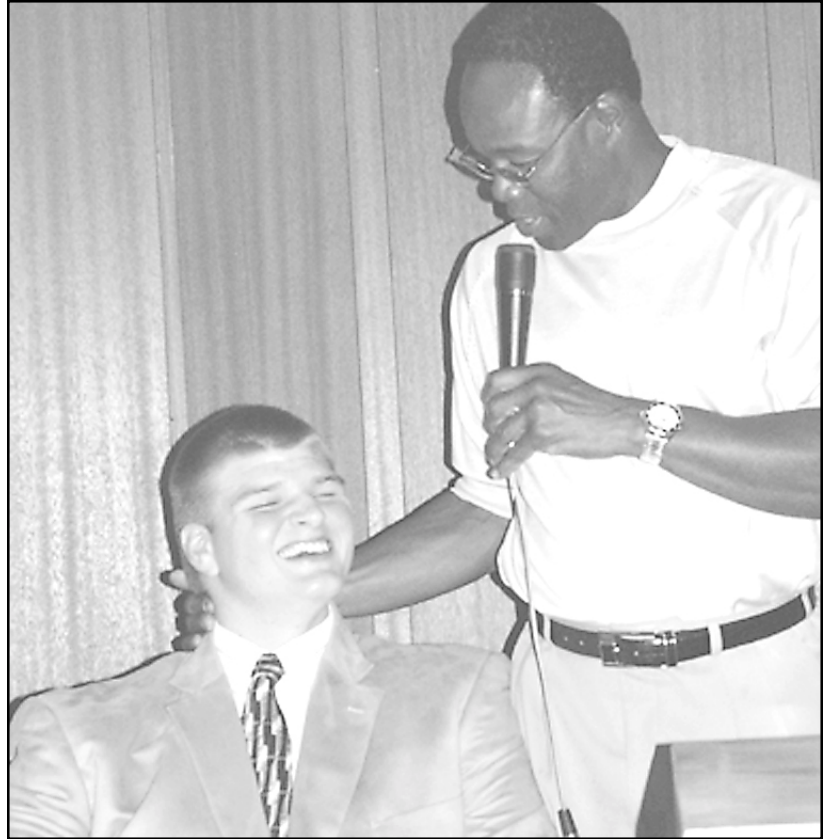
Upchurch, who also made a presentation Tuesday to students at Grant Junior High, said he was glad to be in Goodland and that he was impressed with the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Upchurch said he understands the importance of health because it was a neck injury that cut his football career short after nine years.

"After getting hit repeatedly," he said, "doctors told me that it was doubtful I could take another such hit."

The football player said athletes must accept that they influence young people. He told the g-club members, who represent the boys high school athletic program, that they are role models for those younger than them.

"We are role models," Upchurch said. "We take on a responsibility to stand up and make people proud. You



Former Denver Bronco kick returner Rick Upchurch congratulated G-Club President Curtis Swager on his accomplishments during the annual banquet Tuesday. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Daily News