

**weather report**

**69°**

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:55 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:30 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:56 p.m.

**Middy Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 66 degrees
- Humidity 43 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southeast 12 mph
- Barometer 30.01 inches and falling
- Record High 98° (1996)
- Record Low 29° (1930)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High	72°
Low	56°
Precipitation	0.01 inch

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: Becoming cloudy, 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 50-55, southeast wind 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy, 50 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 70, low 50, southeast wind 10-20 mph.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: chance of thunderstorms, high 70-75. Monday: dry, high 60s, low 40. Tuesday: dry, high 65-70, low 35-45.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Current wheat — \$2.87 bushel
- New wheat — \$2.88 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.92
- Corn — \$1.80 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.71
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 28¢
- Milo — \$2.95 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$3.96 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.95
- Loan deficiency payment — 95¢
- Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$6.80 cwt.
- Oil new crop — \$5.90 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.96
- Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$15

(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

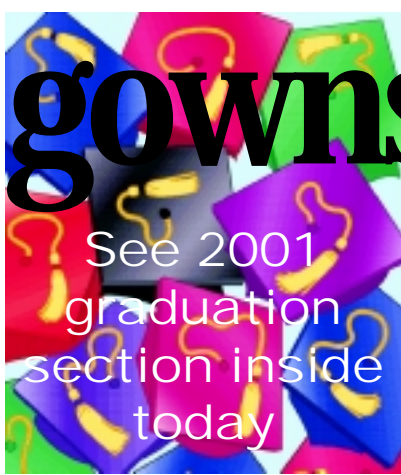
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**Bush pushes energy plans**

CONESTOGA, Pa. — As Congress and the public began to choose sides in the energy debate, President Bush marched forward today with some plans that don't need congressional approval. Bush ordered federal agencies, before they issue any kind of regulations, to consider their impact on energy supplies, and to expedite permits so that energy projects don't get "snarled in bureaucratic tangles as local governments or entrepreneurs seek permit after permit from agency after agency." Bush signed the executive orders after checking out a fish elevator designed to minimize the habitat disruption at a hydroelectric project along the Susquehanna River. "This dam is a symbol of the new age of environmental possibilities," Bush said.

# Caps, gowns out this weekend

## 86 to march at the Max



See 2001 graduation section inside today

Eighty-six Goodland High School seniors will put on black or gold caps and gowns to march into graduation ceremonies at 2 p.m. Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The speaker will be Larry Todd, a graduate of Goodland High School and the son of Robert and Ione Todd of Goodland, who now lives in Washington and is the director of operations for the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation. His position is second to two appointed commissioners and the Secretary of the Interior. Todd graduated from Fort Hays State University with a bachelor's degree in ecology and a master's in biology. He

and his wife, the former Connie Havice, have two grown children. Superintendent Marvin Selby will introduce Todd. School board members will present diplomas to the graduates as Dick Liess, high school athletic director, reads off their names. Principal Harvey Swager will hand out scholarship packets and move the graduate's tassels from one side of their caps to the other as they exit the stage. An annual presentation which will be made at the graduation is the Educator of the Year award. This year's three nominees from Goodland High School are Jackie Elliott, math and computer teacher; Dennis Friedrichs, technology,

math and yearbook teacher; and Sharon Hall, an English teacher. The seniors vote on their choice and the teacher with the highest number of votes wins. The winning teacher's name will be announced by the Sherman County Alumni Association. The teacher's name will be added to a plaque and the winner receives a \$250 check from the association. The Goodland High band and X-Pressos will perform. The south doors by the new gym will be open, as well as the front doors, for people to enter for the exercises. Baccalaureate, a sermon delivered to the graduates, will be at noon in the high school auditorium. The speaker will be Matt Delp, pastor of the Goodland Church of the Nazarene. The event is sponsored by the Goodland Ministerial Alliance and all graduates and the public are invited for the 50 minute service.

## Brewster has 14 grads

Wearing maroon caps and gowns, 14 Brewster High School seniors will have their commencement at 4 p.m. Central Time Sunday at the school. Principal Matt Pounds will present the graduating class. Diplomas will be handed out by Board of Education members Joan Jamison and Rod Arnberger. Scholarship recognition will be announced by Ward Cassidy, high school counselor. The closing will be given by Superintendent James Garner. This year's valedictorian is Bobby Tubbs and salutatorian is Justin Jamison. The class motto is "Enjoy life today, for yesterday is gone and tomorrow

may never come." The class leaders are J.R. Baird and Tara Fulwider. There is no speaker scheduled, but a slide presentation of the graduates from the time they were young until now, put together by Seresa Parton, computer teacher and yearbook advisor, will be shown during the ceremony. The Brewster band will provide music for the entrance and exit of the graduates. A baccalaureate will be held at 2 p.m. Central Time at the Brewster Community Church. Pastor Jerry Vincent from the Levant Community Church will give the address.

## X-Pressions



The X-Pressos held their final concert of the year Thursday at the Goodland High School auditorium, packed with parents and fans. The two hour concert featured many of the songs the group has done through the year as well as solos by the graduating seniors. The evening featured the appearance of two members from 1996, Jessica Kashka and Krystal (Redlin) Meyer. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

## Crew honored for valor

ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, Md. (AP) — Capping weeks of celebratory appearances since returning home, the 24-member crew of a Navy surveillance plane that made a harrowing landing on a Chinese island was honored today with medals for extraordinary performance and courage. Under gray skies, Gen. Henry H. Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, saluted and pinned the medals on each of the 24, including Lt. j.g. Jeff Vignery of Goodland, who was a co-pilot. Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld looked on and spoke briefly with each crew member. "You come from a distinguished squadron," Rumsfeld said later in remarks applauding the crew for their service. "We honor you today and celebrate the fact that you returned home safely to your families and to your country." The pilot, Lt. Shane Osborn, is credited. See VIGNERY, Page 7



Jeff Vignery

## Accident sends four to hospital

A Colorado woman and three children were taken to the Goodland hospital Thursday night after the woman got distracted while driving and lost control of the car, which went off the road and rolled once, landing on its roof in a ravine. The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that at 5:24 p.m. Regina Turner, 31, Aurora, was driving a 1998 Ford on I-70 about eight miles west of Goodland when she was distracted by something inside the vehicle. The report says Koman Turner, 2, Kyrson Turner, 9, and Jaxson Turner, 5, were passengers. The children are also from Aurora. The vehicle reportedly went into the median, jumped a ravine, rolled and came to rest on its roof in the ravine. The driver and passengers were taken to the Goodland Regional Medical Center, with Regina and Kyrson listed as having "disabling" injuries. The report said the driver and passengers were wearing seatbelts and the vehicle was towed away.



Randy Most, engineering technician for Kansas Department of Transportation, tested the compaction and moisture of the K-27 roadbed to make sure it meets specifications. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

## Work on closed K-27 moving at steady pace

By Tom Betz  
The Goodland Daily News  
The K-27 project north of Goodland is moving forward, and about three miles of the new base has been completed including the area around the former "pretzel" interchange north of the airport. Smooth curves have been constructed to replace the old interchange. North Caldwell now curves to the west to join County Road 67 at a right-angle intersection with K-27. There is another intersection where County Road 67 curves east from Caldwell. The plans call for stop signs at the intersection with K-27 and on Caldwell where it meets County Road 67 east. As the base is being completed, crews from Midwest Energy are installing new power lines. Work continues on the culvert across K-27 north of Eighth Street, and crews from Ritchie Paving are preparing the base on the section of K-27 north of the airport interchange. Randy Most, engineering technician for the Kansas Department of Transportation from Atwood, was on site Wednesday checking the compaction and moisture of the roadbed about three

miles north of the airport interchange. He said the work is doing well, and they have been moving north at a good pace. The spot he was testing for compaction was on one of the hills which Most said are being cut down by 10-12 feet to flatten the road and improve visibility. He said the base has been completed through the interchange area, but that some additional leveling and preparation will be needed before the paving is done. The crews are rebuilding 16.4 miles of K-27 north to the Cheyenne County line for \$11.2 million. The project, which has closed the highway, is expected to be finished in November. When the project is done K-27 will be widened to the current standard 30-foot pavement (with three-foot paved shoulders on each side) all the way to U.S. 36. Ritchie Paving will start repaving the highway from I-70 south to the county line this summer, covering 15 miles of road with a 1 1/2 inch asphalt overlay. Then, in 2006 and 2007, the state plans to completely rebuild K-27 south of town in two projects, including replacement of the bridge over the North Fork of the Smoky Hill River.