

weather report

62°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 8:01 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:26 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:01 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 59 degrees
- Humidity 45 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds light and variable
- Barometer 30.12 inches and falling
- Record High 95° (1953)
- Record Low 37° (1995)

Last 24 Hours*

- High 69°
- Low 36°
- Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 40-45, south winds 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Dry, mostly sunny, high near 80, low 40-45, south winds 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Dry, high 70s, low 45-55. Monday and Tuesday: Chance of thunderstorms, high 65-75, low 45-55.

(National Weather Service)

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local markets

Noon

- Current wheat — \$2.70 bushel
 - New wheat — \$2.72 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.72
 - Corn — \$1.71 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.67
 - Loan deficiency payment — 32¢
 - Milo — \$2.79 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$3.93 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.90
 - Loan deficiency payment — \$1
 - Millet — \$6 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$6.85 cwt.
 - Oil new crop — \$5.90 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.96
 - 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.

Slowdown may continue

WASHINGTON — Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan, in a sober assessment of economic prospects, says the worst of the slowdown that has plagued the country for nearly a year may not be over.

He signaled that the central bank, which has already cut interest rates five times since January, stands ready to do more in an effort to prevent a recession.

"The period of sub-par economic growth is not yet over, and we are not free of the risk that economic weakness will be greater than currently anticipated, requiring further policy responses," Greenspan said in a dinner speech Thursday night in New York City.

Private analysts viewed the remarks as a clear signal that further rate relief from the Fed was on the way. The central bank has already cut rates by 2.5 percentage points.

Professors tour Wheat State

Faculty hears water lesson

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The Wheat State Whirlwind Tour for University of Kansas faculty arrived in Colby on Wednesday afternoon on the third day of the week-long trip.

The 33 faculty, seven university staff and four coordinators and several area alumni ended the day with a steak dinner at City Limits in Colby.

The tour, first developed five years ago, began Monday in Lawrence and headed south.

Tuesday, the group breezed through Wichita, Yoder, Hutchinson and ended the day in Dodge City. Wednesday, they traveled to Garden City, where they visited several sites before heading north to Scott Lake



to visit the El Cuartelejo pueblo ruins, and then to the Keystone Gallery and by truck across the prairie to visit the Duff Ranch buffalo herd. They then visited the chalk pyramids and a couple of the faculty members came away with fossil samples.

Alumni from Goodland, including John Golden and Perry and Janet Warren, joined the tour group for the dinner in Colby, sponsored by Colby Community College.

Following the meal, Freddie Lamm, an engineer at the Kansas State University Northwest Research center, gave a presentation on water issues, beginning by saying "there is no such thing as a free dinner."

He talked about the daily impact everyone has on water resources, and estimated that each of those present had used, directly or indirectly, 2,933 gallons of water to produce all the items from the food eaten that evening.

The top item for water use, Lamm said, was the steak, which took about 2,600 gallons per pound to produce. The potatoes were much lower at 57

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Moving up



Goodland Cub Scouts put on skits and received awards at the annual Blue and Gold Banquet Thursday at the fellowship hall of the United Methodist Church. Laura McClung, den leader, tied a scarf around eight-year-old LeRoy Prine's neck as he was promoted from a Wolf Cub to a Bear Cub.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Race attracts from afar

Two foreign athletes register for marathon

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The sixth annual High Plains Marathon will bring runners from across the state, country and world to Goodland next weekend to compete in a race that will qualify some for the Boston Marathon.

Jo Simmons, Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office director, said so far 37 runners have signed up for the 26-mile run, which will start and end at the Goodland Activities Center, 808 Main Ave, on Saturday, June 2.

She said no one from Goodland has signed up yet, but participants are coming from as close as St. Francis and Colby and as far away as Florida, California and Morocco.

Simmons said at least 10 states will be represented and two men from Meknes, Morocco, have registered. Runners can register up to 8:30 p.m. next Friday, paying \$30 to participate. The entry fee buys runners a T-shirt, use of facilities in Goodland, a pre- and post-race meal, certificate and medal.

Volunteers will serve the pre-race pasta meal from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Friday at the Goodland High School, 1209 Cherry Ave. Participants can also pickup race packets and register then.

Simmons said the marathon is one of only two races in Kansas that is U.S.A. Track and Field certified, which means participants that complete the race qualify for the Boston Marathon. A race in Wichita also offers runners the chance to qualify. The certification, she added, makes runners eligible to break state and national records and to win money for setting records.

Mike Skipper and his wife Traci are organizing the event, which is sponsored by the Chamber. Simmons said the Chamber is coordinating the aid stations, which will provide water, sports drinks and fruit about every other mile, and the Kiwanis, Girl Scouts and Convention and Visitors Bureau will man the booths.

The course will wind through Goodland to Old U.S. 24, where participants run to Edson and turn around. Simmons said runners will come back into Goodland on Cherry and the last leg will be on Eighth Street.

She said the Chamber is urging residents to come out and welcome the runners back into town. People can stand along Eighth Street west of Cherry, she said, and on the corner of Eighth and Main, where the marathon will end.

The Chamber is also asking that motorists keep vehicles off Eighth on Saturday morning. The race, Simmons said, will start at 5 a.m. and finish around 10 a.m.

Those who want an early start, she said, will leave the activities center at 4:20 a.m., but will not be eligible for the age-group awards, which volunteers will start giving out at 10 a.m. at the high school track east of the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Veteran groups to hold three joint services

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans will hold three joint Memorial Day services to honor veterans Monday at the Brewster, Goodland and Kanorado cemeteries.

The first will take place at 8:30 a.m. in the Brewster Cemetery, followed by a 10 a.m. service in the Goodland Cemetery and ending with an 11:30 a.m. service in the Kanorado Cemetery. All times are Mountain Time.

"Hallowed Field of Memories" is the title of the talk to be given at the Kanorado Cemetery by Pastor Leonard Cox of the Kanorado United Methodist Church.

Cox said he will talk about the memory of everyone who has passed on, not just those who were killed in war.

"Those who have died are alive in our own minds," he said.

The Bible says that to be absent from this flesh is to be present with the Lord, he added.

"So we can take comfort that those who have preceded us are present with the Lord," he said. "We remember them as they were and we honor that memory by visiting their graves."

Other Memorial Day speakers will be Mike Baughn, Thomas County undersheriff and Brewster mayor, who will speak at the Brewster service; and

Some stores will stay open

While the city and county offices, post office, banks and most businesses will be closed Monday for Memorial Day, many restaurants, gas stations and Goodland's only grocery will be open regular hours.

The city offices will be closed all day, though emergency services will be available. City crews won't do special pick-ups of furniture, appliances or tree limbs next week.

All county offices will close, including road and bridge, the landfill and health departments. There will be no mail delivered Monday.

State law requires all liquor stores to shut their doors, but most gas stations, convenience stores and restaurants will be open.

Alco Discount Store, 1121 Main, will be open regular hours from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Wal-Mart SuperCenter, the only grocery in

town, at 2160 Commerce Rd., will keep its regular hours from 6 a.m. to midnight.

Apple Trail Restaurant, on K-27 near I-70, will be open its regular 24 hours, along with Presto gas station and convenience store, 2417 Commerce Rd. The Goodland Sinclair station, 2320 Commerce Rd.; Cowboy Loop, 1631 Main; and most other gas stations will be open regular hours.

The Buffalo Inn Restaurant, 830 W. Business U.S. 24; the Butterfly Cafe, at Renner Field; and most of the fast-food restaurants will be open regular hours, though the Butterfly will close an hour early at 2 p.m.

Ray's Cafe, 118 E. 17th, and China Gardens, 1108 Main, will be closed. The Goodland Daily News office will be closed on Monday, and there will be no paper.

Pastor Carol Moore Ramey of the Goodland United Methodist Church, who will speak at the Goodland service.

Dennis Musil, junior vice commander for the Disabled American Veterans, will present the orders of the day, which are read at the decorating of the graves for all comrades who died in the

defense of their country. This reading was established by Gen. John A. Logan, commander in chief of the Grand Army of the Republic, on May 5, 1868.

American Legion Commander Mark Heckman will give the opening prayer. Bill Selby, commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, will say the Memorial

Poor wheat crop has minimal national impact

WICHITA (AP) — In Kansas farm country, townsfolk only have to look at the wheat fields to know tough times are just going to get worse.

Recent government estimates confirmed what the old-timers have long suspected: Kansas farmers have abandoned 1 million acres of their hard red

winter wheat crop. The remaining fields comprise the state's fewest harvested acres since 1957.

Drought conditions during fall planting, followed by a cold winter, took a heavy toll on the nation's winter wheat crop, particularly in Kansas.

The harvest now is estimated at 1.34 billion bushels, down 14 percent from last year and the smallest crop in 23 years, the U.S. Department of Agriculture said.

For consumers — who pay slightly under a nickel for the wheat in a loaf of bread — the impact will be negligible, if any. The price of wheat in bread is

roughly the same today as it was in 1950 — even though a loaf's average price increased from 20 cents to \$1.20 during that time. The bleak outlook has farmers talking of another government bailout. American taxpayers pay an average 22 cents per day for government subsidies.