

weather report

66°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:05 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:05 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 62 degrees
• Humidity 81 percent
• Sky cloudy
• Winds south 17-24 mph
• Barometer 29.87 inches and steady

• Record High 103° (2000)
• Record Low 30° (1947)

Last 24 Hours*

High 78°
Low 47°
Precipitation 0.04 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, 70 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 50, east wind 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 65-70, low 45-50, north 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: dry, high 80, low 50. Saturday: dry, high 80s, low 50-55.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Current wheat — \$2.79 bushel
New wheat — \$2.79 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.69
Corn — \$1.69 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.64
Loan deficiency payment — 35¢
Milo — \$2.74 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.86 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.87
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.03
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$6.05 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$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.

Four guilty of bombings

NEW YORK — Four followers of Osama bin Laden were convicted today of charges in the nearly simultaneous 1998 bombings of two U.S. embassies in Africa that killed 224 people and buried thousands of others under piles of tangled metal and concrete.

Two defendants were convicted of counts that could carry the death penalty.

Rashed Daoud Al-Owhali, 24, of Saudi Arabia, Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, 27, of Tanzania, Wadiah El-Hage, 40, of Arlington, Texas, and Mohamed Sadeek Odeh, 36, of Jordan, were convicted of conspiring to kill Americans in the bombings. The death penalty counts pertained to Al-Owhali and Mohamed.

The verdict from an anonymous federal jury in a tightly guarded Manhattan federal courtroom set the stage for more trials.

Fire kills mother and children

Oldest son survives blaze

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

An early morning fire on Memorial Day engulfed a trailer home in southwest Goodland, killing a mother and two of her three children.

Police said the victims were Jenny McCurry, 29; her daughter, Amanda, 5, a Head Start student; and son James, 6, a first grader West Elementary. Another son, Thomas, 8, a second grader at West, escaped the fire and was uninjured. He was found outside, crying.

The mother worked at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

The father, Dan McCurry of Goodland, works at the Good Samaritan Center and is a motor carrier for The Goodland Daily News on the Kanorado route. He and the mother were divorced and he was not living at the home.

Fire Chief Dean Jensen said the call came in about 7:45 a.m. and the trailer was fully engulfed in flames when the firemen arrived. The address, 2810 Commerce Road, Lot 19, is in the Mid-America Trailer Park south of I-70 and west of K-27.

Firemen knocked the blaze down in a short time, but the interior had been swept by the flames. When firemen went inside, they found three bodies.

Neighbors reported the fire after their houses filled with smoke, and the oldest boy was found uninjured outside the trailer. He is now staying with his grandmother in Goodland.

Police Chief Ray Smee said a state fire marshal from Hays was called and the bodies were removed after he arrived and had inspected the scene.

The bodies were taken to Hays today for autopsies and for positive identification through dental records.

"The fire started in the living room," Smee said, noting the cause remains unknown and the investigation will continue with assistance from the Sherman County sheriff and the KBI.

He said Dr. Sue Jennings was called to the scene as the coroner, and she assisted with the investigation.

Firemen were called back to the scene about 11:30 p.m. Monday when the fire rekindled. Services are pending at Bateman Funeral Home.



A fireman sprayed water into the living room of the trailer where a mother and two of her three children were killed when fire engulfed their home early Monday morning in southwest Goodland.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

City remembers fallen

Pastor says don't forget real purpose

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Memorial Day signals the start of summer for many who spend it outdoors with family and friends, but the holiday's purpose of honoring those who died for freedom shouldn't be overlooked, the Rev. Carol Moore Ramey said Monday.

Ramey, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, spoke at Memorial Day services at Goodland Cemetery. The Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion and Disabled American Veterans organized the annual event, also holding services in Brewster and Kanorado that morning.

Surrounded by gray and black headstones decorated with flowers, war veterans in uniform and family members occasionally dabbing at their eyes, Ramey said it's a time to remember the soldiers who gave their life for their friends — not just their war buddies, but the nameless and faceless multitudes who are alive to celebrate Memorial Day.

The pastor said her father fought in World War II, her high school friends volunteered or were drafted for the Vietnam War and her fellow parishioners were shipped off to the Gulf War, but only now is she beginning to realize the impact veterans have had on her life.

"It may be my age," she said. "I'm beginning to understand the debt owed to them."

Ramey said she had doubts about whether she was the best choice for speaker.

"I thought a veteran could give a speech that would be more meaningful," she said, adding that she came to realize that as a person who has benefited from war, she is perfect for the job.

"It's important for me to speak," Pastor Ramey said, "because I have been blessed with living in a free country."

Those who have never been called to fight, she said, need to remember the soldiers who died for their freedom and work to keep the U.S. free for future generations.

Jason Showalter, a 2001 Goodland High School graduate, expressed the same sentiment as he read his award-winning speech, "What Price Freedom?"

Showalter wrote the speech for a contest sponsored by the Veterans of



Stephanie Darby (above), who grew up in Goodland but lives in Hays, helped family decorate her grandparents' grave site Monday before the annual Memorial Day service at Goodland Cemetery. Chet Ross (right), who was in the U.S. Air Force for 27 years and an enlisted chaplain in World War II, and Dennis Musil, junior vice commander for the Disabled American Veterans, saluted during the service while Isabelle Hellerud played "Taps" in the background.

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Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary, winning eighth place in the nation and a \$4,000 scholarship.

The speech tells the story of a mother whose son was killed in war and, as she stands over his casket in the rain, wonders why he and the entire family had to pay the ultimate price. The mother realizes in the end, however, that her son's death was necessary and will not be forgotten.

"He has become one of many true heroes," she says to herself. Showalter ended his speech by saying Americans shouldn't take their freedom for granted.

"Remember," he said, "you must love to be free before you truly can be free."

Mark Heckman, American Legion commander, said after the ceremony

that although the younger generation of Americans has lived in mostly peaceful times, they're not oblivious to past wars.

"We hope they never have to see a war," he said.

Jacque Cooper, owner of Jacque's Hallmark, and Linda Koons, owner of Koons Funeral Chapel, punctuated the event by releasing hundreds of red, white and blue balloons into the sky.

Cooper, whose father, Bud Fogo, was a disabled veteran, said Memorial Day is a time for her sons, Jesse, 6, and Tristan, 3, to hear stories about their departed grandfather.

She said as the balloons lifted into the air, her sons asked, "Where are they going?"

"They're going up to heaven to grandpa," she told them.

Holiday time to honor all who've died

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Stephanie Darby makes the trip from Hays to Goodland every Memorial Day weekend to visit her grandparents, Ervin and Beatrice Elfman, at the Goodland Cemetery.

Darby, who was born and raised here, said her family spends the weekend remembering her grandparents and sharing stories about their lives with the youngsters who never met them.

Before the annual Memorial Day service at the cemetery, she said, the family decorates her grandparents' graves with a set of plastic flowers that will last until the next year.

Darby, her parents John and Phyllis, who live in Goodland, and other family members were decorating the site Monday, before the service began. Wrapping a plastic flower with a special ribbon, Darby said it's become a tradition that will most likely be passed on to the next generation.

Katlyn, Darby's 3-year-old niece, has come to the cemetery every Memorial Day since she was born. Darby said Katlyn is beginning to understand the holiday's meaning. The little girl salutes when veterans march by or "Taps" is played.

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