


weather
report

98°
at noon



Today
• Sunset, 8:17 p.m.
Tomorrow
• Sunrise, 5:27 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil Temperature 76 degrees
• Humidity 19 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds southwest 15 mph
• Barometer 29.97 inches
and rising
• Record High 106° (1973)
• Record Low 48° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*
High 93°
Low 66°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast
Tonight: Mostly clear, low 70,
south wind 10-15 mph. Tomorrow:
Mostly sunny, high 102-107, low 65,
south wind 10-15 mph.

Extended Forecast
Sunday: dry, high 101-106. Mon-
day and Tuesday: chance of thun-
derstorms, high 95-105, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon
Wheat — \$2.67 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.48
Corn — \$1.92 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.74
Loan deficiency payment — 25¢
Milo — \$3.07 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.41 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.31
Loan deficiency payment — 61¢
Millet — \$5.25 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.95 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$6.65 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.96
Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$16 (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.
**Former agent
says he spied**

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Former FBI Agent Robert Hanssen pleaded guilty today to spying for Russia, striking a plea-bargain with the government that averts a trial in one of America's most serious espionage cases.

Appearing in green coveralls and a shirt with 'prisoner' stamped on the back, Hanssen, 57, told U.S. District Judge Claude Hilton that he spied for Moscow.

When asked how he pleaded, Hanssen replied: "Guilty." Asked whether he understood the charges against him in the agreement that he had entered into with the government, he replied, "Yes, I've gone over it in detail, sir."

Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson said it was difficult for the government to accept a plea deal. But he said officials decided such a deal was in the nation's interests.

Japanese to walk into city

Trans-America 2001 strolls into Goodland

Trans-America Walk 2001 is coming to Goodland this weekend, as 13 Japanese walkers plan to stroll into town Saturday night, staying here at night for nine days while they make their way to Denver.

The walkers, 18 to 29, began their six-month, 3,200-mile journey from Mount Vernon, Va., to San Francisco on March 30. The team walks about 20 miles a day, no matter the weather, and stays in hotels or people's homes.

Judy Siruta, Comfort Inn general manager, said the walkers are expected to arrive between 10:30 and 11 p.m. Saturday and stay here overnight until Sunday, July 15.

The annual program, designed to bridge the cultural gap between Japan and the U.S., started 37 years ago, when five students from Waseda University in Japan became the first Japanese citizens to walk across the U.S.

The purpose of the walk — sponsored by the Japan Walking Association and *Yomiuri Shimbun*, a Japanese Newspaper — is to help the walkers understand American culture and give Americans they meet the opportunity to understand Japanese culture.

Siruta said the public is welcome to talk to the walkers at the Comfort Inn. The team also allows people to walk with them.

Siruta said the hotel and the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce are planning a tour of Goodland for the walkers and hope to have them attend a Rotary meeting. Participants in the walk are divided into two or three groups that alternate between walking and doing community activities.

The team plans to end the walk in San Francisco on Sept. 8 for a ceremony for the 50th anniversary of the San Francisco Peace Treaty, marking Japan's official return to the international community following World War II.

Firms pay to lobby

TOPEKA (AP) — A large tobacco company and a horse racing group together spent more than \$17,000 on communications and media advertising in lobbying the Legislature in April, as members were trying to finish their business for the year.

The expenditures stood out because more than three-quarters of what lobbyists spent from Jan. 1 through April 30 covered the cost of meals, snacks and drinks provided to legislators, their staff and other state officials. Also, lob-

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Harvest life



Fred Hall got a view of his family's wheat field from inside the combine while harvesting southwest of Goodland.
Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Lifelong farmer watches harvest change

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Daily News

Bill Gannon, a lifelong farmer, and his family raise dryland wheat and irrigated corn on their farm southwest of Goodland.

His son-in-law, Fred Hall, said Gannon was raised on a farm in Spur, Texas, where he and his brother were custom cutters. In Kansas cutting wheat, he met his wife Geraldine. Hall said Gannon cut wheat for Geraldine's parents, and one year he decided not to go back to Texas.

Gannon said Geraldine's grandparents homesteaded the land in 1883. She grew up on the farm, where the couple have lived since they married 54 years ago, with the exception of the three years they lived in town.

Gannon said the couple moved into town after their children had gone to college and began building a house in Goodland in 1979. They decided the city wasn't for them, though, and



Bill Gannon drove the semi-truck, Fred Hall the combine, and Matt Hall the grain cart as they harvested wheat Tuesday afternoon on their family's farm.

moved the new house to the farm when it was completed in 1980.

Hall said he's a city boy but fell in love with the farm the first time he saw

it while visiting. He said he's lived on the farm since he married Gannon's daughter Sharon 27 years ago.

Gannon has seen many changes over the years. He said he had one of the first four water rights in Sherman County in 1954, allowing him to irrigate. The amount of land he farms has been reduced, said Gannon, and he gave up his cattle herd in 1989 because of his health. Gannon now has feeder cattle, which he pastures until they reach about 700 pounds, and then they go to a feedyard to be finished.

Hall said Gannon remembers harvesting wheat by hand using horses. The combine the family now uses has a Green Star Yield Monitor with a Global Positioning System.

Hall said the computer maps the field and can tell them where they are to within 10 inches. It marks weeds, he said, so they can transfer the infor-

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Truck stop closing latest change in fuel business in town



The gas pumps at the closed Coastal Mart at 8th and Caldwell are wrapped in trash sacks to ensure that no one tries to use them.
Photo by Lester Bolen/The Goodland Daily News

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It's getting harder to buy gas in Goodland, with the closing over the last few months of four outlets and now this week, the closing of the New Trail Truck Stop south of I-70.

There is no shortage of outlets, but the business has changed quickly over the last few months.

New Trail was owned by New Wave Corp. out of California and was last managed by Carl Winston. It closed down at the beginning of the week.

"The most important thing that happens when businesses close is the loss of jobs in Goodland," Ron Harding from the Chamber of Commerce said.

With New Trail, he said, 38 jobs were lost. Most of its business, however, has simply shifted to other nearby stores and restaurants.

Harding said that the New Trail filed for bankruptcy and the courts are starting the process of selling the truck stop and the adjacent Apple Trail restaurant.

The closing of the Apple Trail leaves Goodland with one less restaurant, too, and Apple Trail was also one of the few

that served breakfast.

The Buffalo Inn Restaurant, one of the establishments that does serve breakfast, has experienced somewhat of an increase in business, said Qwen Kraushaar, an employee at the inn.

The biggest beneficiary of the New Trail closing, though, apparently has been the Total Truck Stop, located across K-27 to the west.

"We've been very busy with a definite increase in tourists and truckers," said Marie Enfield, manager at Total. "We have sold a lot more food, gas and everything else."

"The toughest part in the New Trail situation is that there is a lot of things that need to be updated and improved before it is ready to be operable again," Harding said. "Purchasing the property is going to require considerable capital investment to not only buy the truck stop, but also to upgrade it."

"New Trail brings in a lot of trucks, though, and we are hoping the matter can be resolved."

Other fuel outlets have closed for a variety of reasons, leaving few in or near downtown.

The Conoco at Business U.S. 24 and I-70, owned by Craig Austin, closed in May.

McB's Corner at 17th and Cherry went out of the gasoline business in May, but is open for other business.

Earlier in the year, the Coastal Mart at 17th and Caldwell closed when it was hit by a car. The operator, Vista Corp., never reopened it, and the firm's store at Eighth and Caldwell has had no gas since the same week.

Harding said Vista didn't want to invest the money needed to upgrade tanks and pumps at its stores. He said that the Coastal fuel customers have had to go elsewhere and that it is not as convenient for consumers, but he thinks that the store's fuel business is staying in Goodland. Cowboy Loop is about the only gasoline outlet left in town, other than those along K-27, where there are at least five.

"I don't think that Goodland will lose much business because of the closings," he said. "The people ... will go to another place to get there gas. We are most concerned about the loss of jobs. Every job in Goodland is important."