

weather report

88°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:34 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:12 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 71 degrees
- Humidity 37 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 10 mph
- Barometer 29.92 inches and falling
- Record High 107° (1934)
- Record Low 55° (1972)

Last 24 Hours*

High 87°
Low 63°
Precipitation 0.06 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Becoming clear, low mid 60s, light south wind. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms later, high mid 90, low mid 60s, south wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: high mid 90s. Thursday and Friday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90-95, low 60.

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

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.72 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.59
 - Corn — \$2.00 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.96
 - Loan deficiency payment — 3¢
 - Milo — \$3.21 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.72 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.68
 - Loan deficiency payment — 24¢
 - Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$8.60 cwt.
 - Oil new crop — \$7.30 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.56
 - Confection current — no bid
 - 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. Officials start Levy search

WASHINGTON — Authorities resumed their search for Chandra Levy today, using police cadets to help officers looking in a large park that the former federal intern liked to visit. Searchers were concentrating on the area around Klinge Mansion in Rock Creek Park. Police say Levy, 24, looked up a map site for Klinge Mansion on May 1, the last time she is believed to have used her laptop and a day after she was last seen in public. The mansion is about two miles from her apartment building, and police have combed the area before in their hunt for Levy, Executive Assistant Police Chief Terrance Gainer said. Gainer said police have searched 243 abandoned buildings looking for Levy. "The good news is we didn't find what we didn't want to find," he said.

Spreading Peace

Japanese walkers work to build understanding

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The goal of Trans-America Walk 2001 is to promote peace by bridging the gap between Japanese and American culture, but young Japanese adults say it's a big job.

Natsuki Morishima, one of the 13 walkers who stayed in Goodland for nine days this month, said when the team does have time to talk with Americans, they are usually tired from walking 20 miles a day.

"We aren't doing as well as we expected," she said. "We do not meet a lot of people when we have the energy to talk. But we're going to be trying harder now."

Japanese walkers participating in Trans-America Walk 2001 walked west through Goodland on Business U.S. 24 Wednesday morning, and crossed the Colorado-Kansas border on Thursday.

The walkers had been staying at the Comfort Inn from Saturday, July 7, until Sunday.

Each morning a bus took the walkers to where they left off walking the day before. They walked 20 miles each day, and then the bus took them back to the motel. They came through Kansas, stopping in Topeka, Salina and Hays, as part of their six-month walk from Mount Vernon, Va. to San Francisco, Calif.

About walking across the U.S., Morishima said, "It's amazing that the landscape doesn't change for so long, especially in Kansas."

At 18 years of age, Morishima is just beginning her adult life. She said her personal goal for the walk is to do something she can be proud of for the rest of her life.

She said one of the highlights of the walk was being hosted by a couple in



Walkers participating in Trans-America Walk 2001 continued their walk five miles west of Ruleton Thursday morning. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Bedford, Ind. She said she and another female walker stayed with the couple, and it was the first day of ordinary life she experienced in the U.S.

Morishima said she was grateful that her host mother, Kay Gordon, spent so much time preparing for them.

"I enjoyed the Wild West Festival in Hays," she added about another high-

light of the walk. "Especially the fireworks — it was really amazing."

Takuro Nakayama, another walker and a senior at a Japanese college, said he is majoring in Japanese history and will graduate in March and then enroll in graduate school in April.

He said he has been trying to find out how much Americans know about Japanese history. He said he is disap-

pointed many people in Kansas know about Sony, a popular Japanese company that sells products in America, but some don't even know where Japan is.

Nakayama said the most interesting person he has met so far on the walk is Henry Schwaller IV, the mayor of

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Killer's parole denied

Board said inmate will go free in 2003

By Rachel Miscalc
The Goodland Daily News

Unless he is convicted of another crime or found insane, Gregorio Gomez Jr., a man sentenced to 15 to 40 years in prison for the 1982 beating death of a 89-year-old Goodland man, will go free on March 28, 2003.

A spokesperson for the Kansas Parole Board said the panel, which held a parole hearing with Gomez, who is being held in the segregation unit at the state's maximum security prison, to be told the news.

The board made its decision in June, but didn't release the results until Friday, waiting for Gomez, who is being held in the segregation unit at the state's maximum security prison, to be told the news.

Gomez, 18 at the time, and two other young men were convicted of repeatedly hitting Jesus Saavedra on the head with a 2x4 board at the man's home at 1618 Sherman Ave. Saavedra died at the Goodland hospital on June 14, 1982, four days after the beating.

While one of the youths, apparently wanting to rob the elderly man, was tried as a juvenile, Gomez and Kernal were considered adults when sentencing was handed down on Sept. 9, 1983. Pleading guilty and testifying against Gomez, Kernal only received 7 to 20 years in prison, while his companion got 15 to 40.

Kernal was released conditionally in June 1992, but was sent back on Oct. 3, 1993 after breaking the rules of his release. He is being held in the maximum security section at Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility, a prison for mentally unstable inmates, and will be released on June 28, 2002 — his maximum sentence date.

Bill Miskell, spokesman for the Kansas Department of Corrections, said a prisoner's maximum sentence date is

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Board approves bid for mechanical work at school

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board held a special meeting at noon Friday, approving a bid for \$164,900 for the mechanical work on the remodeling underway at the high school.

Superintendent Marvin Selby told the board that he and Architect Glenn Strait had been working to get acceptable bids for the plumbing, restrooms, lab piping, heating and possibly air conditioning.

Strait handed out sheets which showed the

three bids the district had received, with the highest two well over the project's allowed budget. He said he had finally received a telephone bid of \$164,900 from Peterson Mechanical, which was within the budget.

Selby said the timing was critical and they needed to move forward as soon as possible if the bid is accepted. He said the project, which includes building three new science classrooms on the second floor, may not be completed before school opens, but it is important to have the lunchroom done.

Strait said Peterson had said he could put crews on it right away. It might be necessary to wait on the big units, but all the piping and other structures can be done.

The board approved the Peterson bid, subject to a confirmed written bid. Included in the motion was allowance for acceptance of a reasonable alternative to add air conditioning. The board suggested that Selby and Strait could judge the reasonableness of the alternative as long as it was within budget.

Selby also asked the board to approve an addi-

tion of \$10,700 to Mike Miller's bid to insulate the ceilings of the remodeled rooms. Miller is the project manager and owner of Miller Construction. The board approved unanimously.

Selby said the district had received the bids for the insurance on the district's fleet of vehicles.

Bob Harkins, fleet maintenance manager, said the bid from Ecklund Insurance was \$21,805 and from State Farm \$25,130.

He said the bid committee recommended the

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Scout unveils memorial to all unborn children

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

About 70 people assembled at the Goodland Cemetery Saturday morning for the dedication and unveiling of the memorial for unborn children.

The memorial has been the Eagle Scout project of David Russell, a life scout who has been working on it for several months.

The memorial is located to the west of the All Faith Chapel in the cemetery, and includes a bench to allow people to pause and seek solace or enjoy the beauty of the monument and the quiet.

The monument has a picture of a child being held in a pair of hands, and the inscription reads: "They number as the stars. Let not one be forgotten. In memory of all unborn children."

The clouds kept the sun away and kept it cooler as Ron Harding, executive director of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, acted as master of ceremony.

The members of Boy Scout Troop 142, which Russell belongs to, presented the flags, and Tony Kafka, pas-

tor the Sunrise Christian Church, gave the opening and closing prayers.

Dedication and blessing of the monument was handled by Father Daryl Olmstead, of the Our Lady of Perpetual Hope Catholic Church, and he was assisted by members of the Goodland Knights of Columbus.

Kevin Zimmerman, who works at the cemetery, spoke about his part in helping on the project and said he was lucky because since he works at the cemetery he can help maintain the area.

Russell thanked the people who had contributed to the project, and those who worked on the project to get it done. He said it took longer than he anticipated, adding that he was happy they had persevered to complete the project.

A special wreath was laid by Russell and Tammy Morrison on behalf of all the children who died before they were born.

During a closing solo by Tim Kafka, a high school student, members of the audience let white balloons float up into the sky.



Eagle Scout candidate David Russell and his Father Cliff lifted the cover off the special monument to the unborn children at the dedication ceremony Saturday morning at Goodland Cemetery. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

Astronauts put air lock at station

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Astronauts early today worked to hook up a new \$164 million air lock aboard the international space station in preparation for putting it to work later this week.

"It's a big milestone in the whole station assembly program because when we complete the air lock task we will have completed the first phase, the initial phase of space station construction," space shuttle Atlantis Commander Steven Lindsey said of the U.S.-built air lock, which was attached to the space station Alpha early Sunday.

"When we leave we'll have a fully operational space station," he said.

The 6 1/2-ton, U.S.-built air lock will enable astronauts to conduct spacewalks from the station in American spacesuits. They have been able to step out into space from a Russian segment of the space station wearing Russian suits, but U.S. suits are incompatible with the Russian systems.