

## weather report

61°  
at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 6:52 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:31 a.m.  
• Sunset, 6:51 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 67 degrees
- Humidity 93 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds east 20-25
- Barometer 30.00 inches and steady
- Record High 98° (1943)
- Record Low 34° (1971)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High	69°
Low	56°
Precipitation	1.69

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms, low 50-55, wind east 5-15. Tomorrow: partly cloudy, high 80-85, low 50-55, wind south 5-15.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms, high 80-85, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets



### Noon

Wheat — \$2.50 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.48  
Corn — \$1.94 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.88  
Loan deficiency payment — 11¢  
Milo — \$2.92 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.00 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.23  
Loan deficiency payment — 69¢  
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$7.30 cwt.  
Oil new crop — 6.95  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.13  
Confection current — \$13/\$6 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$20 (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.

## Europeans shrug off fall

LONDON — Surprised by deep interest rate cuts on both sides of the Atlantic, European stock markets shrugged off Monday's initial plunge in U.S. share prices after Wall Street reopened for the first time since last week's terror attacks.

Regional markets surged when the Federal Reserve slashed interest rates by half a percentage point. A parallel rate cut by the European Central Bank came too late to have much of an effect on most regional markets, but helped lift Germany's Deutsche Boerse in late trading.

"We're seeing what looks to be coordinated action," said David Page, an economist at the London investment bank Investec. "We fully expect the Bank of England to cut by 50 basis points tomorrow morning."

The U.S. rate cut was its eighth this year.

# Coroner resigns; officials start search

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Dr. Sue Jennings has resigned as deputy coroner in Sherman County, saying the job was too time-consuming, county officials second-guessed her decisions and anyway, she's leaving in January to take a job in another state.

The resignation — which County Attorney Bonnie Selby presented to the county commissioners last week — has left county officials searching for a doctor to sign death certificates

and investigate unusual deaths. In the meantime, Dr. Victor Hildyard, the new district coroner in Colby, is signing certificates.

Dr. Jennings has been a deputy coroner since the fall of 1996, and Tom Hellerud, a nurse practitioner here, has assisted her since then. Hellerud says he has signed most of the death certificates until recently.

Jennings said the job requires the coroner to be on call 24 hours a day and pays only \$50 a case. Because the position is time-consuming and

stressful, she said, it's hard to find people to fill it.

Hellerud, who has taken two week-long death investigation classes in St. Louis, said he wants to keep the job because he finds the work interesting, but he's been told state law does not allow that.

"Nobody really knows what I can and can't do," he added.

Selby said Hellerud can't be the deputy coroner because state law says the job must be filled by someone who is licensed by the state Board of

Healing Arts to practice medicine and surgery.

She said she has asked a few doctors about taking over and is waiting for answers. She said she and the county commissioners planned to discuss filling the job at a commission meeting today.

Hellerud, Selby said, would still be allowed to assist the doctor appointed to the position. She said legally it's the Thomas County commissioners' job to appoint the district coroner and depu-

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## Aquarium teaches kids about ocean

Nona Mason (center), an early childhood development teacher at West Elementary School, talked with students Connor Baker (left) and Shelby Johnson about sea life at Lucy's Aquarium on Friday. She said she took her class on Main because the students are studying the ocean. Carlee Cooper (below) traced the outline of a fish in a tank. Students also looked at birds and an octopus at the shop.

Photos by Rachel Miscall  
The Goodland Daily News

## Parade to boost spirits

Homecoming event set for Thursday

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County High School Alumni Association wants the whole town to turn out for the homecoming parade downtown Thursday evening.

Goodland High School students are involved in activities all week promoting school spirit to get ready for the big homecoming game at 6:30 p.m. Friday against the Atwood Buffaloes.

The alumni association has selected "2001 — A Homecoming Odyssey" as the theme for this year's activities and will promote this theme throughout the parade, pep rally and events in the school.

The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. Thursday and travel down Main from Eighth to 13th, then turn east on 13th and proceed to Cowboy Stadium for the pep rally and bonfire at 7 p.m. The pep rally will include skits and routines performed by the cheerleaders, dance team, senior football players, senior parents and others.

The parade will include the traditional appearance of Goodland's fall sports teams on flatbed trailers, the cheerleaders and drill team, the "Jumpin' Juniors," senior parents and Black and Gold Booster Club members and the 2001 homecoming king and queen candidates.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars will march at the beginning of the parade with the U.S. flag and will perform a flag-raising ceremony as part of pre-game activities.

Members of the Class of 1951 will be in the parade and will be honored at the pep rally and the game. Former homecoming queens and attendants will also take part in the parade.

Automobile enthusiasts will see a variety of classic cars in the parade, many of which will haul parade dignitaries.

"We have quite a number of people

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## Bush asks Americans to give

Federal grand jury starts investigating four airplane hijackings

By David Espo

AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON — President Bush led the nation in a moment of silence today to mark the terrorist attacks a week earlier and said Americans should take heart in their spirited rush to give aid and comfort.

In New York, meanwhile, a federal grand jury opened an investigation into the suicide hijackings.

"Out of our tears and sadness, we saw the best of America," Bush told a Rose

Garden ceremony honoring rescue workers and announcing a Web site to coordinate donations. "We saw a great country rise up to help."

Earlier, on a calm and sunny morning much like the one swallowed in death and chaos a week before, he joined 300 White House employees on the South Lawn to observe a moment of silence.

Across the country, radio stations marked the time the first hijacked plane slammed into New York's World Trade

Center — 8:48 a.m. EDT — with patriotic songs.

A federal grand jury has been convened to investigate the terrorist attack in New York, law enforcement officials told The Associated Press. The jury, convened in White Plains, a New York City suburb, will review evidence and issue subpoenas.

Hundreds of Islamic clerics gathered in Afghanistan's capital of Kabul to

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## Wall Street climbs out of big hole

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street staged a modest rally this afternoon as the Dow climbed back above 9,000 a day after its biggest one-day point drop in history.

In early afternoon trading, the Dow was up 94.86 at 9,015.56. The Nasdaq was up 14.11 to 1,593.66, and the Standard & Poor's 500 index inched up 6.98 to 1,045.75.

Trading was lighter than the day before, in part because it was Rosh Hashana, the Jewish new year.

On Monday, the first day of trading since the terrorist attacks, the Dow Jones industrial average lost a record 684.81 points and slipped below 9,000 for the first time in more than 2 1/2 years.

Insurance and financial companies

and travel services were among the losers in trading this morning. But airlines, which suffered heavy losses Monday, were up. Investors had looked to today's session with apprehension, fearing further damage to the market.

"To buy stocks you need some kind of clarity and confidence, and right now you've got neither," said Bill Barker, investment consultant in Dallas.

## Find flag in paper today

Inside today's Goodland Daily News you will find an American flag to hang in your window or door to show support for our country in light of the recent terrorist attacks in New York, Washington and Philadelphia.

On the back of the flag are the words to "America the Beautiful" and a list of places where you can leave donations for the American Red Cross for the work in New York and Washington.



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