

## weather report

68°

at noon

### Today

• Sunset, 6:39 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:39 a.m.  
• Sunset, 6:38 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 64 degrees  
• Humidity 46 percent  
• Sky sunny  
• Winds southeast 8  
• Barometer 30.06 inches  
and steady  
• Record High 90° (1938)  
• Record Low 22° (1942)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 75°  
Low 41°  
Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low 50s, wind  
southeast 5-15. Tomorrow: sunny,  
high 75-80, low 50s, winds east 5-  
15.

### Extended Forecast

Friday and Saturday: sunny, high  
75-80, low 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.53 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.49  
Corn — \$1.91 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.82  
Loan deficiency payment — 17¢  
Milo — \$1.71 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.02 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.05  
Loan deficiency payment — 87¢  
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$7.35 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.29  
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.

## Measures may end fighting

GAZA INTERNATIONAL  
AIRPORT, Gaza Strip — In true  
talks held at the urging of the  
United States, Israel and the Pal-  
estinians agreed today on a series  
of confidence-building measures  
aimed at ending a year of fighting.

The two sides said they would  
resume security coordination and  
exert maximum efforts to enforce  
a cease-fire. In a first gesture, Is-  
rael was to ease security closures  
that have severely disrupted daily  
life in the Palestinian areas.

Violence continued even as the  
two leaders met, underscoring the  
fragility of a truce. Just three miles  
from the meeting site, a 16-year-  
old Palestinian boy was killed and  
11 youngsters were wounded  
when Israeli troops fired on a  
crowd of stone-throwers. Earlier,  
three Israeli soldiers were wound-  
ed when Palestinians set off an  
explosion at an army post.

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# District faces cuts as students leave

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland school administrators are cutting about \$42,000 from the budget this week as enrollment has dropped more than anyone expected, and face cuts of more than \$200,000 and a possible hike in local property taxes next year.

It's the same sad story this fall, and Superintendent Marvin Selby told the school board Monday that he isn't expecting a happy ending. Enrollment is on a downhill slide and the school board has to start making cuts.

Selby told the board that they can't ignore the

declines and hope it will get better. He said enrollment declines are likely to continue and it's time for changes.

"We need to spend time this winter figuring out where to make cuts," he said. "It would be really nice if we could stick our head in the sand and say we'll get more students, but that's not realistic. We need to be proactive."

He said that may include cutting staff and programs. The board has discussed closing Grant Junior High and moving the students to the high school.

Selby said administrators counted 1,101 stu-

dents on Sept. 20, the state's official count day, 75 fewer than on the same day last year. The Goodland district isn't alone; more than two-thirds of the school districts in Kansas reported declines last year, and budget pressure affects many of them since the state bases its support on enrollment numbers.

At the start of the year, Selby said that administrators were estimating a drop of 30 to 40 students, but at the meeting he told board members that many families have moved away in the past two weeks.

The state pays districts a certain amount for each

student enrolled, so fewer students means less money. Administrators say it costs the same to educate fewer students because the district still must pay the same number of teachers, maintain buildings and buy supplies.

The enrollment drop won't hurt the district too much this year, Selby said, because the state lets districts with declining enrollment use the previous year's numbers — or an average of the current year and past two — when figuring the budget. The bottom line, though, is that the state will

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## Bikers converge for show

Event will bring in  
over 100 motorcycles

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

Bikers from Kansas, Nebraska and Colorado are expected to bring in more than 100 motorcycles in 28 classes for the Seventh Annual Northwest Kansas Bike Show at the Buffalo Convention Center this Saturday and Sunday.

The show, which coincides with the annual Flatlander Fall Festival, will feature prizes for the top three bikes in each class, games, a poker run and a banquet and awards ceremony.

The classes will include 11 American, 11 Asian, five European and one Open, said Casey Quint, show organizer, including touring, sport bikes, cruisers, dirt bikes, sportster and custom.

The touring class bikes are big, he said, and have luggage racks and saddle bags. Sport bikes are smaller than touring bikes, he said, and in the Asian bikes the cruisers are similar to sport bikes. Sportsters in the American classes are smaller than the sport bikes, Quint said, and the custom bikes have fancy paint jobs, fancy chrome and extra money invested in them.

Registration will be from 9 a.m. to noon on Saturday and the bikes will be judged between noon and 2:30 p.m.

The games will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Quint said, and will include a weenie bite, a ring toss, a slow race and a balloon toss. The games will be played from motorcycles, he said, with two people per bike, one to drive and one to play the game. The drivers cannot put their feet on the ground during the games, he said, or they will be disqualified. Prizes will be awarded for the top two places.

The slowest rider wins the slow race, he said, and in the weenie bite, a hot dog is hung from a string and while the driver steers the bike under the dog, the passenger has to bite it.

In the balloon toss, someone tosses balloons full of water over the moving bikes, and the passengers have to catch them, Quint said, and in another game, the passengers place tennis balls on top of traffic cones as the driver maneuvers past them.

After the games, he said, the banquet and awards ceremony at 6 p.m. will conclude Saturday's events.

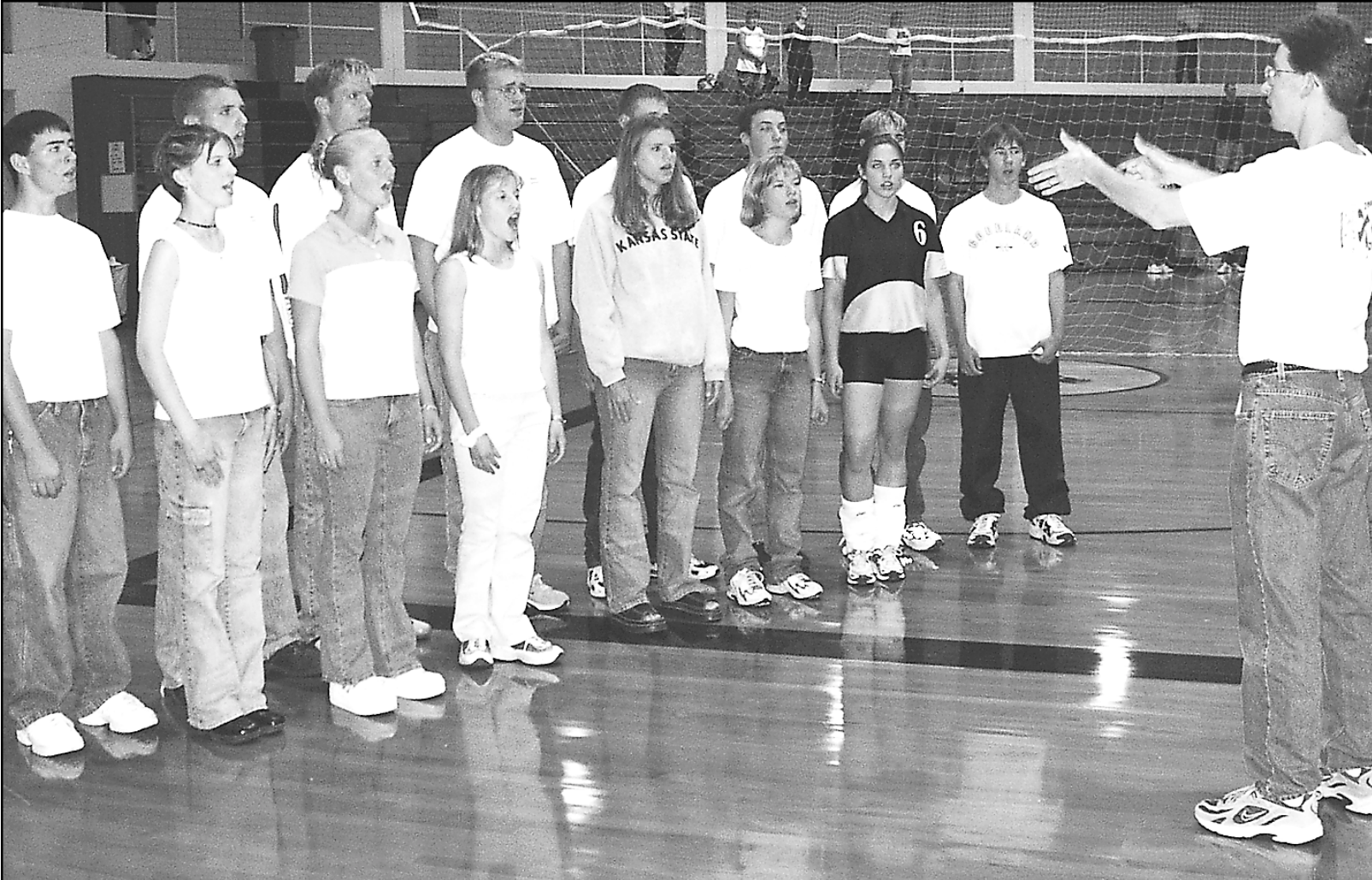
Breakfast will be served at 8 a.m. Sunday, he said, and will be followed by a religious service.

The Poker Run will begin at 9 a.m., he said, when the players will drive their bikes through four stops where they will each pick up a card. Prizes will be awarded for first through third places, Quint said, and for the worst hand.

The grand marshal of the bike show is Jim Knox, Quint said, a retired pharmacist from Burlington who has supported the show in past years from the background.

The grand marshal usually is someone who has ridden and loves motorcycles, Quint said, but isn't able to ride

## Expressing national pride



Music teacher Randy Berls led the Goodland High School X-Pressos as they sang the National Anthem during a volleyball match at the Max

Jones Fieldhouse on Tuesday night.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

## A senior thanks



Lacey Brenner, the only senior on this year's Cowgirls volleyball team, gave her parents, Dan and Dawn Ann Brenner, a rose and a hug on Tuesday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The team traditionally honors the seniors' parents at the last home match of the regular season, right before the team's last home match. The Cowgirls won their last match, along with the other two they played that night.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

# Thousands storm embassy in protest

By Amir Shah

Associated Press Writer

KABUL, Afghanistan — Thousands of demonstrators stormed the long-abandoned U.S. Embassy in Afghanistan today, pelting it with stones, torching cars and a guardhouse, and ripping down the heavy metal U.S. seal over the entry.

Heavy new fighting was reported in northern Afghanistan as an opposition alliance pressed its bid to seize territory from the Taliban, the hard-line Islamic movement that governs most of the country.

The United States suspects Saudi exile Osama bin Laden of orchestrating the Sept. 11 terror attacks on the World Trade Center and the Pentagon,

and has demanded that the Taliban turn him over or face punishment.

Shouting "Long Live Osama!" and "Death to America!" the protesters burned U.S. flags and an effigy of President Bush before storming the old embassy compound, abandoned since 1988 and guarded by a few Afghan security guards.

"We are the people of Kabul," the protesters shouted. "We are ready for a jihad (holy war) against the United States."

Smoke billowed into the sky after vehicles were set afire in the embassy compound, and several men used hammers to remove the large circular U.S.

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# Commissioners to set new landfill tipping fee

The Sherman County commissioners plan to set a landfill tipping fee on Thursday to raise money for running the new landfill and encourage people to throw away less trash.

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. at the county courthouse, Eighth and Broadway, for an end-of-the-month session. The session is usually held on the last business day of the month, but two of the commissioners will be out of town Friday.

County officials have talked about charging \$30 per ton for trash that people bring to the landfill. Everyone would have to pay the new fee, but it would most affect the city and Kevin Butts, who runs a trash business in town, because the two bring in the most trash.

At an earlier meeting, Curt Way, county public works manager, said a \$30 fee would raise about \$125,000 a

year, if the county receives its annual average of 4,000 tons of garbage. He said the county currently pays to haul the trash to Garden City, where there is a \$28 tipping fee.

The idea is to raise money and also to shift landfill charges from a per-home basis to tie them to the amount of trash brought in.

The city will likely pass the extra cost on to residents on their monthly city bill. However, the commissioners said they would probably reduce the \$150 solid waste fee home owners in Sherman County pay on their tax bill. The fee businesses pay is based on size and the amount of trash produced.

In other business, the officials will:

• Discuss buying a laser printer for the appraiser's office.  
• Sign the 2002 library contract with the city which allows county residents to use the city library.