

**weather report**

65°  
at noon



**Today**

• Sunset, 4:45 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 6:17 a.m.  
• Sunset, 4:44 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 57 degrees
- Humidity 25 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds variable 5 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.23 inches and steady
- Record High 81° (1931)
- Record Low -04° (1951)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High 68°  
Low 32°  
Precipitation none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: cloudy, low 30, wind south 10. Tomorrow: cloudy, high 70s, low 40s, wind south 5-10.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday and Monday: sunny, high 60s, low 35-40.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.65 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.62
  - Corn — \$1.95 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.76
  - Loan deficiency payment — 23¢
  - Milo — \$1.65 hundredweight
  - Soybeans — \$3.69 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.69
  - Loan deficiency payment — \$1.23
  - Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$8 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.90
  - Confection current — inquire
  - Pinto beans — \$19 (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.

**Microsoft**

**proposes deal**

WASHINGTON — Offering an end to their epic legal battle, the Justice Department and Microsoft Corp. asked a judge today to approve a settlement of antitrust charges that would set new rules for the nation's hard-hit technology industry.

The deal would require Microsoft to give independent monitors full access to its books and plans for five years to ensure compliance and to provide information to help rivals make products compatible with its Windows operating software.

Attorney General John Ashcroft and Microsoft founder Bill Gates hailed the settlement, saying it would help the sagging economy.

The attorney general said the new restrictions would help independent software makers be competitive with Microsoft.

## High school preparing for disasters

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

Officials of Sherman County Emergency Management and the Goodland Police Department met this week with administrators at Goodland High School to help the school develop an all-hazard plan.

The Crisis Prevention Team at the school met with Mary Messamore, director of emergency communications and emergency management for the county, and Police Chief Ray Smee on Friday to look at the school's crisis plan to see if it needs improvement.

Although the team had reviewed the plan and

felt it was in good shape, Messamore said, there is actually much work to be done.

There are five types of exercises needed, she said, to develop and test an all-hazard plan:

- An orientation in which the team learns about an all-hazard plan.
- A drill, or a run-through of the plan. That can be a fire drill or tornado drill or some other drill.
- A "table top," in which the team talks about some "what ifs?" and how to respond as it runs through a simulation of the plan.
- A "functional," which is a table top with a time limit to put more pressure on the discussion.
- A full-scale drill in which all emergency personnel respond.

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The meeting Friday was the orientation, Messamore said, and she plans to schedule a fire drill with the school before January. She will go into the school and pull the alarm, she said, and the students would not know when to expect the drill.

The emergency director said she is planning a table top exercise for next spring and a functional for fall.

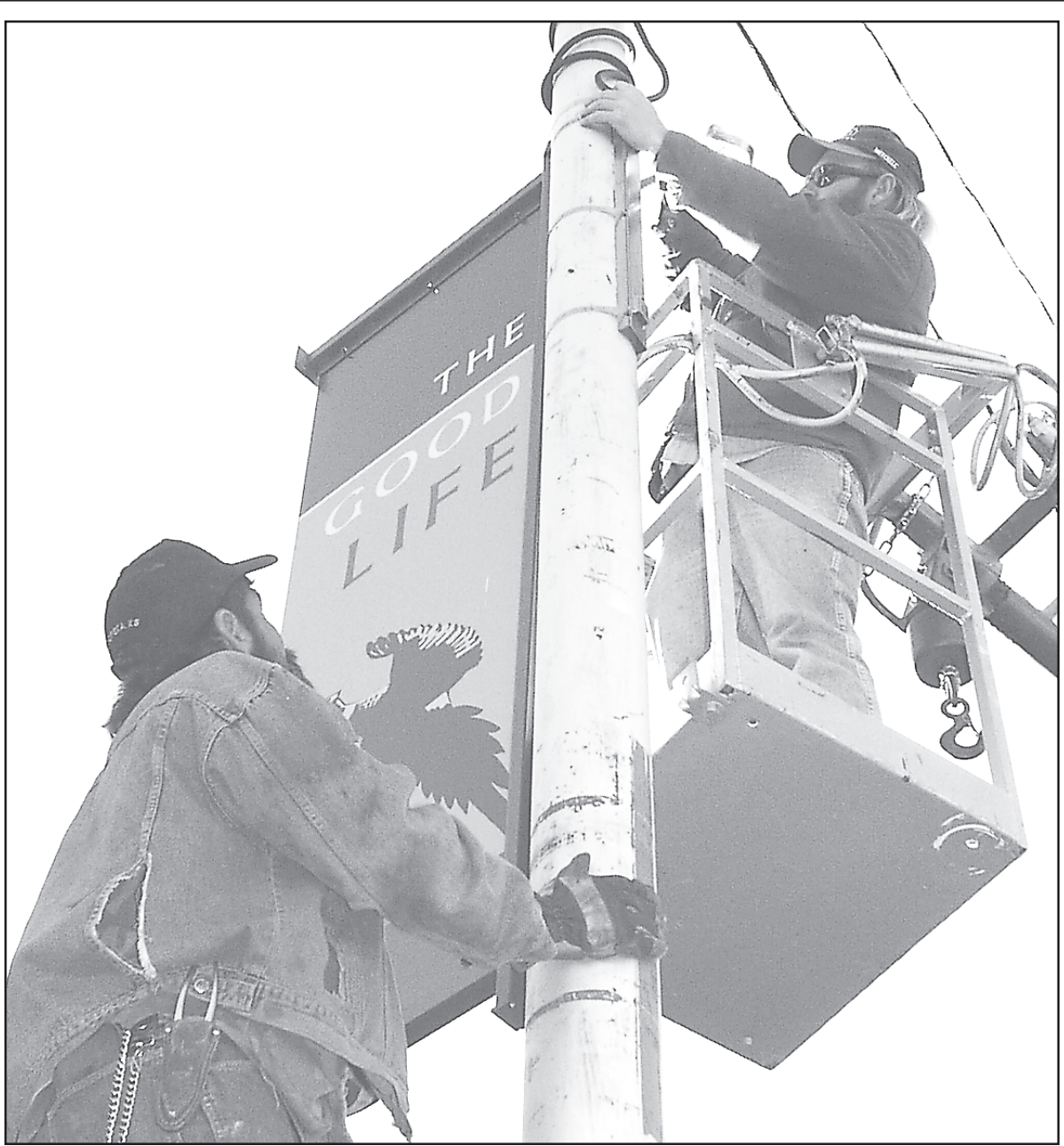
Messamore said she wants to have a full scale drill in the spring of 2003, in which the police, the fire department, the ambulance and emergency medical technicians and the hospital respond to a

"crisis" at the school.

She said she had wanted to do a simulation of the events that took place at Columbine High School, when students brought guns to school and shot several people. The objective would have been to make sure Goodland High School is prepared for a similar situation.

Messamore had talked with the team about the drill, she said, but decided the school wasn't ready. She said didn't want to set the school up to fail on the drill, and after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, she didn't want to add more trauma to the

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## New signs of progress

Jeff Griffin (top, right) and Gary Salisbury with Commercial Sign Co. in Colby were adjusting the new aluminum banners hanging on light poles along Main Avenue on Friday morning. The Chamber of Commerce Business Promotion Committee is collecting money to pay for the banners, which are being hung downtown and along K-27, Cherry Avenue, Business U.S. 24 and 17th Street. The idea is to decorate the city and lead visitors downtown with a "shopping loop" of banners. Griffin and Salisbury said the company is making more banners and the project should be finished by the end of the year.

Photos by Rachel Miscall  
The Goodland Daily News



## Chase almost killed officers

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson told the commissioners Tuesday he feels the county nearly lost two deputies during the chase and scuffle that ended in the shooting death of a Carmel, Ind., man Friday afternoon.

The sheriff was at the commission's month-end meeting, asking permission to purchase three sets of "stop sticks" at \$360 each, which are like what was used to take out the tire of the second stolen pickup in the chase. The stop sticks are thrown across the path of an oncoming vehicle and the spikes are designed to cause the tires of the fleeing vehicle to blow out. The sheriff was also asking for two digital cameras for about \$1,000 each. Whitson said the cameras would help in crime scene investigations.

The sheriff said he wanted three sets of stop sticks to put one in each vehicle. Whitson used a set he had to blow out the left front tire of the fleeing pickup. He said one of the new sets will replace the set he used. New cameras will speed major investigations, like the one surrounding the shooting last week, he said.

"We had to wait because we ran out of film," he said. "The digital cameras can move the images to a compact disk for instant access, and these are similar to what the state troopers are using."

Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked about the condition of the two deputies hurt in the chase, and if the sheriff was getting cooperation from the other law enforcement agencies involved.

Whitson said Undersheriff Kevin Butts, who hit his head on the pavement, was recovering well, and should be able to return to duty by the end of the week. He said Robert Lamb, who had been hit by the door of the trooper's car the suspect was trying to steal, still is having some problems with double vision. He said they are hoping the vision problem will clear up in a few days, but the medical people are keeping an eye on Lamb to make sure there is nothing more serious.

Whitson said everybody was being cooperative, including the Kansas Highway Patrol, the Colorado State Patrol and the Kit Carson County sheriff. He said the Kansas Highway Patrol had provided a plane on Monday to fly investigators to Fort Collins to look into

## Anthrax case moved to the back

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Officers plan to investigate where white powder a hospital employee found on her clothes and chair after opening mail last week came from, but say they are still busy writing reports on a shooting later in the week.

Sheriff Doug Whitson said officers will open the sealed mail, find out which envelope contained the powder, look at the contents and try to figure out who sent the letter.

An employee at Goodland Regional Medical Center noticed the powder on Monday, Oct. 22, after she had opened a stack of mail. The office was cleared and law enforcement called, as the powder could have contained the deadly disease anthrax.

The disease has been sent by mail to East Coast media and government offices, killing four people, making dozens sick and scaring millions. Those who got

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the suspect's background.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked what Whitson thought the cost to the county would be, and the sheriff said he felt it would be about \$4,000 total.

The commissioners approved the requests and commended the sheriff on the performance of his deputies during the chase and shooting.

Whitson said the investigation is not complete, but that everything is moving ahead. He said one of the interesting things is that the state troopers have parts of the chase on video and these are being put together on a single tape.

"I am proud of how our deputies handled themselves during this," Whitson said.

## U.S. Navy jazz band will perform free concert Monday

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The U.S. Navy Commodores jazz ensemble will present a free concert at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, co-sponsored by The Goodland Daily News and the Goodland School District.

Tickets are available at The Daily News office, 1205 Main, and some may be available at the door Monday evening. People who do not have tickets will be seated on a space-available basis 10 minutes before the concert is to begin.

As the U.S. Navy's premier jazz ensemble, the Commodores offer the finest in America's true classical music, Jazz. A specialty unit of The Navy Band in Washington, the group features 19 of the Navy's top jazz and "big band" musicians.

Under the direction of Master Chief Musician Leland V. Gause, the Com-



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modores combine the best of jazz and popular music. Many of the members compose and arrange music for the group in styles ranging from the authentic sounds of the swing era to contemporary music.

The Commodores performed at Hunter College in New York and Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn in conjunction with the International Naval Review

2000. The group celebrated the Fourth of July 1998 in Dublin, performing for thousands of Irish fans at two public concerts, and a special performance for Ambassador Jean Kennedy Smith's final official function. They have also performed at the Detroit Montreux Jazz Festival and the famed Newport Jazz Festival, and toured Central and South America, Europe and the United States.

James Moody, Eugene "Snooky" Young, Clark Terry, Louie Bellson and Ray Charles are a few of the artists who have appeared with the band. In 1998, jazz vibraphonist Terry Gibbs performed with the group at the Percussive Arts Society International Convention in Anaheim, Calif. The group also performed with Arturo Sandoval at the 1997 Walt Disney World Jazz Festival in Orlando, Fla.

Musician First Class Yolanda C. Pelzer, the Commodore's vocalist, is featured on a variety of jazz and popu-

lar standards.

Master Chief Musician Leland V. Gause is director and bass trombone instrumentalist for the group.

The son of Lowell and Dorothy Gause of Newton, Iowa, he began his musical studies at age 10 on cello, and later added trombone, voice, bassoon, euphonium and tuba to his repertoire. After graduating from Newton High School, he attended the University of Northern Iowa at Cedar Falls where he earned a bachelor's degree in music.

His teachers include Dean Farnham, Jon Hansen and B.B. McCulloch. Gause enlisted in the Navy and reported to the band in 1973. The following year, he spent five months touring South America, Scotland, Iceland and Newfoundland with the Commodores. In 1976, he performed with the Commodores at the famed Newport Jazz

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