

weather
report

58°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:35 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:28 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:34 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 49 degrees

• Humidity 69 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds variable 5 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.11 inches

and falling

• Record High 78° (1989)

• Record Low 2° (1940)

Last 24 Hours*

High 68°

Low 27°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low 40s, wind north-
west 5-10. Tomorrow: partly sunny,
breezy, wind west 5, high 60s, low
40s, 30 percent chance of rain.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday and Thursday: partly
cloudy, 30 percent chance of scat-
tered rain and thunderstorms, high
60s, low 40s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.61 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.59

Corn — \$1.98 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.80

Loan deficiency payment — 19¢

Milo — \$1.68 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.76 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.70

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.22

Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.20 cwt.

Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.54

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.

Taliban retreat
to capital city

KABUL, Afghanistan — Talib-
an fighters were fleeing positions
north of the capital today as truck-
loads of opposition troops ad-
vanced, shouting “God is great.”

Opposition fighters also seized
western Afghanistan’s biggest
city, the opposition said.

Northern alliance fighters waved
their green-and-white flags and
plastered pictures of slain military
leader Ahmed Shah Massood on
their trucks, as they shored up
gains in the first significant ad-
vance on the front north of Kabul.

The Taliban deployed tanks at
major roads leading into the capi-
tal in anticipation of an all-out as-
sault. Security was dramatically
increased, with nervous, heavily
armed Taliban fighters searching
vehicles at key intersections.

A senior opposition spokesman,
Bismillah Khan, said anti-Taliban
forces were “at the gate of Kabul.”

Plane crash in Queens kills 255

NEW YORK (AP) — An American Airlines jetliner en route to the Dominican Republic with 255 people aboard broke apart and crashed moments after takeoff today from Kennedy Airport, setting homes ablaze. There were no known survivors aboard the plane.

Bush administration officials said the FBI believed an explosion occurred aboard the jet, and witnesses reported hearing one and seeing an engine fall off. But investigators suggested the noise was caused by a catastrophic mechanical failure, and a senior administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said: “It’s looking like it’s not a terrorist attack.”

Still, the city — on edge after the

Sept. 11 attack in which hijacked air-
liners brought down the World Trade
Center — was put on high alert in the
minutes and hours after the crash.

Fighter jets flew over the scene in the
Rockaway Beach section of Queens.
All metropolitan-area airports —
Kennedy, LaGuardia and Newark, N.J.
— were closed, and international
flights were diverted to other cities.
Bridges and tunnels were closed to in-
coming traffic. The United Nations was
partially locked down, and the Empire
State Building was evacuated.

Flight 587, an Airbus A300 with 246
passengers and nine crew members
aboard, went down at 7:17 a.m. in clear,
sunny weather in the waterfront neigh-

borhood 15 miles from Manhattan. The
densely populated section is home to
many firefighters who were among the
dead and rescuers at the Trade Center.

“I heard the explosion and I looked
out the window and saw the flames and
the smoke,” said Milena Owens, who
lives two blocks from the crash site and
was putting Thanksgiving decorations
on her window. “And I just thought,
‘Oh no, not again.’”

Witnesses reported hearing an explo-
sion and seeing an engine and other
debris falling off the flaming twin-en-
gine jet as it came down. An engine was
found intact in a parking lot at a Texaco
station, missing the gas tanks by no
more than 6 feet. Part of a wing ap-

peared to be in Jamaica Bay, just off-
shore, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said.

A plume of thick, black smoke could
be seen miles away; flames billowed
high above the treetops.

“I don’t believe there are any survi-
vors at this point,” Giuliani said.

Roberto Valentin, a Dominican am-
bassador, said he believed 90 percent of
the passengers were Dominican.

Four houses were destroyed, four
were seriously damaged, and as many
as a dozen others sustained lesser dam-
age, the mayor said.

Jennifer Rivara said she was looking
out a window from her home about five
blocks from the scene. “I saw pieces
falling out of the sky,” she said. “And

then I looked over to my left and I saw
this huge fireball, and the next thing I
know, I hear this big rumbling sound. I
ran to the door and all I saw was big
black smoke.”

In Washington, White House spokes-
man Ari Fleischer said there were no
“unusual communications” from the
cockpit. And a senior administration
official said that no threats against air-
planes had been received.

The National Transportation Safety
Board was designated the lead agency
in the investigation, signaling authori-
ties have no information other than that
a mechanical malfunction — and not a
terrorist attack — brought down the
plane.



The color guard marched in with the flag (left) and set it up for display at the Veteran’s Day service Saturday. Art Nelson (left) and Jerry VanDonge (above) looked at the war-time memorabilia during the open house at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Audience urged to honor veterans as heroes

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

Speakers at the Veteran’s Day Service
at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on
Saturday encouraged the audience to
honor veterans, respect the U.S. flag and
make a difference in others’ lives.

“We are in a pocket of patriotism,”
Veteran’s Day Speaker Billy Smith told
the audience, “and the general public
does not recognize it.”

People recognize football players,
Smith said, and view them as heroes.
But the real heroes are veterans, and
many people do not realize that. Part of
the problem, he said, is that veterans
have not talked to their own children
and grandchildren.

Children today do not even know
what war is, he said, and don’t learn
about patriotism in school. That has
changed since the Sept. 11 terrorist at-
tacks, he said, but veterans should have
been talking patriotism for years.

People do not know the proper way
to say the “Pledge of Allegiance,”
Smith said, or the proper way to respect

Servicemen display collections from different wars

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

Among the veterans who displayed
war-time memorabilia at the Veterans
of Foreign Wars post Saturday was a
collector who served in the Gulf War.

John McDermott has a collection of
telephones used in the field, a food
warmer, a dentist’s chair and other
devices used during earlier wars, which he
displayed. What he did not bring is the
gear from his own time, Desert Storm.

He said he wants to bring it the next
time he displays his collection, and
hopes young people will come to see it.
His collection is a hands-on display, he

said. Visitors could try on the gas
masks, chemical suits and boots and
bulletproof vests.

The chemical boots each have two
laces, he said, each about three feet
long, making it difficult and time con-
suming to put them on. The same is true
of the chemical suit, he said, and mak-
ing it secure against chemicals is work.

He has given a presentation showing
how the chemical suit goes on 42 times,
McDermott said. When he gave it at the
school in McDonald, a student asked
him what happens if he needs to go to
the bathroom while wearing the suit.

It takes two people, he said, and 30

hail, she said, and have risked their lives.

We have not seen our own houses
bombed, she said, or had bullets whiz
by our heads because veterans have
served as peacekeepers.

She wanted to be a famous singer and

minutes to get in and out of the suit. And
since men and women served together
in Desert Storm, he said, there was a
chance that a man and woman would
have to help each other go to the bath-
room.

“If that happens,” McDermott said,
“you put all modesty aside and help
each other.”

As a member of the 170th Mainte-
nance Company, McDermott said, he
was stationed in Dhahran, Saudi
Arabia, where he lived for four months
and 29 days in a new hospital.

One night a SCUD missile landed
two miles from the hospital, he said,

and the wounded were brought in.
Eight people died in the hospital that
night, McDermott said.

When the company first arrived, he
said, there was no job for them, so they
were assigned to wash tanks. The com-
pany washed 1300 tanks in four
months, he said, which was no easy task
since the Saudi Arabian sand has the
texture of powder.

The desert sand has been wind-
blown to the point of being fine enough
to use as face powder, he said. It is too
fine to make cement, he said, so the
Saudis have to import sand to build
roads and buildings.

a step-by-step process, she said, and
everyone can be involved. Anyone can
be a mentor, she said, or a role model.

Hoffman also sang patriotic songs at
the service and invited the audience to
sing along with “God Bless America.”

County to review tax sale properties, regional grant program

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

With a county tax sale scheduled for
December, the Sherman County com-
missioners will review the delinquent
list with County Attorney Bonnie Selby
during a meeting at 8 a.m. on Tuesday.

Selby said the county is sending no-
tices out to the owners, and it will be
some time before a date can be set.

She said she will be giving the com-
missioners an update on the tax sale and
hopefully have maps created to show
where the parcels are soon.

At this point, owners who receive the
tax sale notices can still pay the taxes
up until the night before the sale. Be-
yond that time, neither the owner nor
anyone from the owner’s family may

bid at the sale.

“This has been a long process,”
Selby, “but since this has not been done
for several years, it should be easier in
the future years. We hope to be able to
have it set up for each September to
handle these and keep it from becom-
ing so complicated.”

Part of the process will be personal
notification to be served on each owner
detailing that the property is being
listed for sale by the county, and Selby
says this is about the last thing before
the actual sale takes place.

“Once the personal service happens,
the owner will also be responsible for
additional costs based on the costs of
doing the sale, such as the abstracts, the
notices and cost of the service, which

will be apportioned against the property
being sold in the tax sale,” she said.

The commissioners will meet with
Schyler Goodwin of the Goodland
Development Corp. to discuss the grant
writer position. In the proposal, the city,
county and school district would hire a
full-time grant writer to seek grants,
and the cost would be split.

Goodwin says the position should
more than pay for itself. He plans to
visit the city commission for an update
in the next two weeks.

Darin Miller, a Southwest Bell Tele-
phone representative, will be at the
meeting to introduce himself and up-
date the commissioners on what the
company is doing in Sherman County.
Commissioner will discuss appoint-

ing a member to the city/county recre-
ation committee, and appointments to
the county Solid Waste Committee.

Commission Chairman Chuck Fran-
kenfeld will report on an economic de-
velopment meeting he attended in Leoti
on Wednesday, covering a new regional
program to encourage small business
development and success in rural areas.

The meeting was to discuss creating
a regional group to apply for a grant
from the Kansas Department of Com-
merce and Housing Community Devel-
opment Division.

Representatives from Greeley, Ham-
ilton, Kearny, Logan, Scott and Wichita
county were at the meeting. They had
invited Wallace County to participate,
but there had been no response. The

group was happy to see Frankenfeld,
and suggested the county consider be-
ing part of the regional group.

Ned Webb, head of the state commu-
nity development division, explained
the basics of the program, which is de-
signed to encourage people with busi-
ness ideas and give them a support net-
work to become successful.

“The basic premise of this program
is that within a community there is a
group of intelligence that can be used
to help the entrepreneur get into busi-
ness and be successful.”

The state is seeking applications
from regions to set up these programs,
and will help pay for the first three years,
with about \$200,000, about 66 percent
of the estimated total cost.