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at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:29 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 6:36 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:29 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 47 degrees
- Humidity 41 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds west 9 mph
- Barometer 30.44 inches and falling
- Record High 80° (1996)
- Record Low 4° (1937)

Last 24 Hours*

High 52°
Low 32°
Precipitation —

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, low in mid 20s, winds becoming calm. Tomorrow: partly sunny, high in the lower 60s, light west winds.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday partly sunny, high in the 60s, low in the upper 20s. Thursday partly cloudy, high near 50. Friday, partly cloudy, lows in the mid 20s and highs in the upper 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.64 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.60
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.01 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.84
Loan deficiency payment — 15¢
Milo — \$1.71 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.79 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.88
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.04
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.30 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.41
Confection current — Ask
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.

Loyalists stop
Taliban route

KABUL, Afghanistan — The Northern Alliance today tightened its siege on the last Taliban bastion in the north, Kunduz, where foreign fighters loyal to Osama bin Laden reportedly were preventing a Taliban surrender.

Meanwhile, four international journalists were feared dead after gunmen ambushed their convoy in eastern Afghanistan.

The alliance asked the United Nations to find representatives from Afghanistan's majority Pashtun ethnic group with whom its leaders can negotiate over a new government. A conference between all Afghan factions was set to begin Nov. 24 in Germany, most likely Berlin, a Pakistani diplomatic source, speaking on condition of anonymity, said.

There was no immediate confirmation of the date and venue of the conference.

Lawmakers plan day for farm talk

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

A group of lawmakers who united in 1999 to help struggling Kansas farmers are holding a roundtable discussion on Tuesday in Topeka to talk about agriculture and economic development problems in the state and look for solutions.

Sen. Stan Clark, an Oakley Republican who helped form the Family Farm Coalition, said farmers, rural businessmen and all Kansans are invited to share opinions and hear experts on farm law and policy and rural economies speak. He said the discussion will start at 10 a.m. in the Old Supreme Court room of the Kansas Capitol and

will feature Dr. Neil Harl, a professor of agriculture and economics from Iowa State University.

Clark said Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer, who also is secretary of commerce and housing, had planned to talk about the state's drooping rural economy and how to give it a boost, but has said he can't make it. He said the coalition is hoping Ned Webb, the director of the state Community Development Division, will take Sherrer's place.

The senator said Larry Steckline, a northwest Kansas native who farms in south central Kansas



Stan Clark

and is director of the Mid-America Ag Network, will be the discussion moderator. Until he cut back his operation, Steckline owned radio stations in this area.

The senator said Dr. Harl, the director of the Center for International Agricultural Finance and one of the nation's leading experts on agriculture law and policy, will share his ideas on the new farm bill Congress is working to finish and on forming a global food and farm

policy. He will discuss problems with contract farming, Clark said, and solutions to help family

farmers compete with large farm corporations. Besides educating farmers and other Kansans, Clark said, the discussion's purpose is to bring rural and agriculture problems into the spotlight because the weak farm economy is killing small towns.

"It's time for rural issues to rise to the forefront," he said, noting that the discussion will help legislators form ideas for new laws, which the coalition will present to the state Legislature on Wednesday, Dec. 12.

Donn Teske, the president of the Kansas Farm-

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Fairs attract vendors, shoppers

Rebeca Hageman (above), owner of Rebeca's Recipe Remedies, wrote a receipt for a customer at the We Did It craft fair on Saturday while her daughter Rachel, 6, watched. The annual fair was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall on Main Avenue. Across town, Jessie Owens (left), Goodland, browsed at the annual Nu Phi Mu craft fair on Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. The fairs give area vendors a chance to show off their wares and shoppers a jump on Christmas gifts.

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City to pass on new tipping fee

The Goodland City Commission will vote on an ordinance establishing a monthly charge for the county's waste tipping fee at its regular meeting at 5 p.m. today.

The Sherman County Commission set the tipping fee at \$32 per ton for the city. Now the city commission has to decide how much to charge customers in the city to recover the expense.

The ordinance calls for a \$3.25 per month charge — \$39 per year — for residential customers, City Manager

Ron Pickman said, and \$2.10 per collection per container for commercial customers.

The county is charging the fee to recover the cost of putting in a new landfill and to discourage excessive use of the facility, making it last longer. The county commission has said it will reduce the \$150 trash fee homeowners pay each year on their property taxes in return for establishing the tipping fee. That won't happen until next year, however.

President working to make flying safe

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush signed a bill today to put the nation's airport baggage screeners on the federal payroll, part of an effort to enhance airline safety and reassure passengers the skies are safe 10 weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

"For our airways, there is one supreme priority — security," Bush said in a ceremony at Reagan National Airport that coincided with the beginning of the busy holiday travel season. "For the first time, airport security will become a direct federal responsibility."

The legislation — the subject of political wrangling — was the latest in a series of steps the government has taken to tighten safety in the skies. Additional air marshals have been assigned to flights in greater numbers; airline companies have strengthened cockpit doors and members of the National Guard now patrol many of the nation's airports.

The measure requires airports to ex-

pand inspections of checked baggage, and explosive detection systems are to be in place by the end of next year. The Transportation Department may authorize pilots to have weapons in the cockpit of their planes.

To finance the security improvements, passengers will be charged a \$2.50 fee each time they board a plane for a flight, up to \$5 per trip. Congress began work on the measure not long after the Sept. 11 suicide hijackings that killed thousands in New York, Washington and Pennsylvania.

Final passage was delayed for weeks, though, in a partisan struggle over the status of baggage screeners. The Senate voted 100-0 for legislation putting them on the federal payrolls, but House Republicans opposed to an expansion of the government work force dug in their heels and won passage of a bill that would have left them in private compa-

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School board meets to hear staff problem

The Goodland School Board was to hold a special meeting at noon today to discuss a personnel problem and Superintendent Marvin Selby said he didn't expect members to take any action.

Selby said most of the meeting would be held behind closed doors because the

board is allowed to discuss teachers or other employees in private. The superintendent said he would be giving the board information on the problem during the closed session and they wouldn't have much to talk about in the open.

Plane does belly flop at airport; pilot, passenger not injured

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

A 1953 Beechcraft twin engine plane had to be lifted off the ground with air cushions after the landing gear collapsed Saturday after a landing here.

About 2:30 p.m. Saturday, the plane landed at Renner Field and was rounding a curve in the runway when the landing gear collapsed, causing the plane to do a belly flop onto the grass between runways.

Only two people were on the plane, the pilot and co-pilot, and they were not injured. They said they were on their way to Boise, Idaho, and stopped in Goodland for fuel.

The men wouldn't say much else about the flight as they off loaded suitcases and containers from the plane. They did ask how they might get to Denver.

Several people gathered to watch as Don Kleine, owner of Kleine Motor Co., and his crew began the recovery process.

"This is a specialty job that doesn't come along often," Kleine said, "but when it does, the customer is always glad the proper equipment is available."

A wrecker was stationed at each end of the plane and straps were attached to the wreckers, Kleine said, and secured around the tip and the tail of the plane to stabilize it.

Bright orange air cushions were placed under each of the wings and pumped full of air to lift the plane off the ground. This is done to lift the plane gently, Kleine said, to minimize the damage.

After the plane was off the ground, he said, the plan was to put the landing

gear down and roll the plane to the hangar to be fixed. But the landing gear would not work, requiring "Plan B" to be implemented.

A trailer was backed under the plane and the plane was secured on it to be carried to the hangar.

The process was not complete until after 7 p.m.

Kleine is based in Burlington, but has a shop next to the Corner Garage on Business U.S. 24 in Goodland.

He is trained for recovery work, Kleine said, and has worked for 12 years with Chris Lang.

They have used the air cushions to right a semi-trailer that had cargo on board that had to be moved carefully, he said.

Kleine said he also is trained for hazardous materials removal, and has done recoveries involving hazardous spills.



Recovery specialists strapped a 1953 Beechcraft plane into place and used air cushions under the wings to lift the plane off the ground and onto a trailer. The small twin-engine plane ended up on its belly after the landing gear failed Saturday at Renner Field.

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