

weather report

24°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:44 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:25 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 41 degrees
• Humidity 68 percent
• Sky cloudy with snow flurries
• Winds north 30-45 m.p.h.
• Barometer 29.81 inches and steady
• Record High 72° (1998)
• Record Low -07° (1952)

Last 24 Hours*

High 46°
Low 24°
Precipitation .03

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low 10s, winds north 5-15. Tomorrow: partly sunny, high 20s, low 6, winds northwest 10-15.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday and Thursday: partly sunny, high 30s, low 10s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

‘Cloning morally wrong’

Bush calls it making life only to destroy it

BOSTON (AP) — A company’s claim it is first to clone a human embryo has drawn opposition from the White House, the Vatican and other abortion foes who see it as a step toward cloning human beings.

Researchers at Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester say they hope to develop genetically compatible replacement cells for patients with a range of illnesses.

“This work sets the stage for human therapeutic cloning as a potentially limitless source of immune-compatible cells for tissue engineering and transplantation medicine,” said Dr. Robert P. Lanza, one of the company’s researchers.

President Bush said today the breakthrough was “morally wrong, in my opinion.”

“We should not, as a society, grow life to destroy it,” Bush said.

Several states have banned human cloning, and Congress is considering a ban. Company officials insisted their work is the first step in providing hope for people with spinal injuries, heart disease and other ailments.

Lanza and the company’s top executive Michael West said they had no interest in transplanting such early embryos into a woman’s womb to give birth to a cloned human being, nor was it clear that their embryo would be capable of that.

Critics of cloning, including the National Right to Life Committee, wasted little time attacking the announcement.

“This corporation is creating human embryos for the sole purpose of killing them and harvesting their cells,” said its legislative director, Douglas Johnson. “Unless Congress acts quickly, this corporation and others will be opening human embryo farms.”

A top Vatican official, Monsignor Tarcisio Bertone, also condemned the cloning, saying that while the goal of curing disease is laudable, “the end doesn’t justify the means.” Vatican teaching holds that life begins at conception, so destroying an embryo would end a human life.

Speaking today on NBC’s “Today” show, West replied that the work does not involve human life, but rather “cellular life, a fundamental distinction.”

“I consider myself pro-life, by the way, and I do not see this as a pro-life issue at all,” West said.

Advanced Cell Technology announced its findings Sunday online in the journal e-biomed: The Journal of Regenerative Medicine. The research was also described online in Scientific American.

Glenn McGee, a critic of the company who once sat on its ethics board, said its announcement was premature and would serve only to encourage opposition to cloning. McGee, a University of Pennsylvania bioethicist, called the announcement “nothing but hype.”

He said the company’s report lacks any significant details, including what cells company scientists actually grew from the cloned embryo.

“They are doing science by press release,” he said. The U.S. House of Representatives has voted to ban human cloning, and the Senate is considering such a ban. On NBC’s “Meet the Press,” Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., said, “I believe it will be perhaps a big debate, but at the end of the day, I don’t believe that we’re going to let the cloning of human embryos go on.”

Bush is allowing federal funding of research on existing stem cell lines. White House spokesman Ari Fleischer said today that the president hopes “this first crossing of the line” will spur the Senate to act on House legislation.

Dr. Norman Fost, director of the bioethics program at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, said the work of the Massachusetts researchers is “a basic part of making stem-cell research useful for human beings.”

Carl Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, predicted Congress will ultimately allow human cloning for therapeutic purposes.



Virgil Baumfalk attached his newly painted Stars & Stripes windmill to a 60 feet tower on Wednesday morning, a calm, sunny day. Rhoads Construction and McB’s Corner equipment kept the windmill secure and in place.

Photo by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

Windmill is patriotic

With red, white, blue paint, couple creates new symbol

By Eric Yonkey

The Goodland Daily News

A Sherman County couple is showing their love of country by giving their historic Aero-Motor windmill a new coat of Stars and Stripes.

Virgil and Jackie Baumfalk erected the red-white-and-blue antique at their home about 3 1/2 miles west of Goodland along old U.S. 24. The Model 702 Aero-Motor stands in the wind just west of their house. The 12-foot wheel was made in Chicago in the early 1930s, and Virgil estimates the tower to measure 60 feet from ground to wheel.

Jackie Baumfalk said she believes the Knudsen brothers in Thomas County were the original owners. They bought it from Thomas County

Sheriff Tom Jones.

A few years ago, she said, a tornado ripped two fins off the wheel. When the Baumfalks purchased the windmill in 1999, they had Junior Reitcheck replace the fins. The new owners repaired the tail, which was shot. Rex Smith of B’s Pump & Well erected the tower and installed the windmill pump to provide water for horses.

“When 9-11 came, we first wanted to show our support for our country by painting our wrecker red, white and blue,” Virgil said. The Baumfalks own McB’s Corner, which provides a 24-hour wrecker service. After figuring the cost of repainting the wrecker, and deciding it was way too expensive, the couple

instead got the idea to paint the windmill.

They hired Randy Gallentine of Custom Paintworks to place the Stars and Stripes on the windmill. He’s a stickler for detail, and each side of the tail contains 50 white stars on a blue field. The blades are painted in red and white stripes.

Last Wednesday morning, Virgil installed the completed wheel with the help of the Rhoads Construction crane and a McB’s wrecker.

With Curt Baldwin and John Corcoran on the ground, Virgil climbed the tower to install the windmill as the ground crew guided and Jackie watched.

The concrete base reads “War Time 2001.”

Pharmacist named best in the state

By Sharon Corcoran

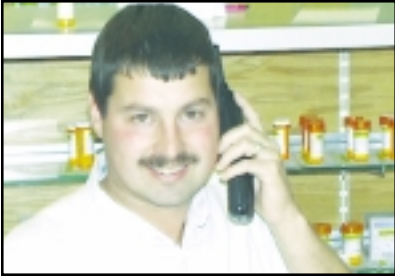
The Goodland Daily News

Goodland’s Cesar Miller has been named the 2001 Distinguished Young Pharmacist of the Year in Kansas.

The award was presented to Miller, owner of the Medical Arts Pharmacy, at the annual convention of the Kansas Pharmacists Association on Oct. 20 in Topeka. Miller has operated the Medical Arts for nine years.

As the president elect of the employee council, a subsidiary board of the association, he gave a speech at the banquet explaining his ideas for the upcoming year.

One of the challenges of his job, Miller said, is that there are 300-400 new medications every year. A pharmacist has to know all of them to counsel his patients.



Cesar Miller

Miller said he enjoys helping people to get well and working with people. Goodland is a good community to do that, he said.

His wife Starla is involved in community activities. The couple has two daughters, Shayley and Sianna, 6 and 2, and a son Gerrell, 4.

Miller serves on the board of the Goodland Area Chamber of Com-

merce, calls Bingo for the Knights of Columbus and is the president of the parish council at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church.

He graduated from Skyline High School in Pratt in 1985 and then went to the University of Kansas, where he graduated in 1991 with a Bachelor of Science degree in pharmacy.

He said he feels very honored to receive the award, which is sponsored by Pharmacists Mutual Companies, a leading firm in professional liability insurance and claims management for pharmacists and pharmacies.

It is presented annually to a pharmacist in each state for individual excellence and outstanding contributions in state pharmacy association activities, community affairs and in professional practice.

Building on the Kansas State Fairgrounds over the weekend.

About 1,500 people packed the building Saturday and Sunday to look at the wares of about 50 gun and knife dealers. There was no panic buying, Hollis said.

He said “a little bit of fad buying” occurred after planes smashed into the

Pentagon and World Trade Center more than two months ago, and ammunition sales were slightly up. But reports of sales that had spiked 50 or 100 percent were extreme exaggerations, he said. There were larger increases in gun and ammo sales in 1999 as people frantically prepared for Y2K.

Jim Magee, from Midwest Cutlery in

Big snow misses this city

High winds blow, but snow is light

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

A storm blew high winds and a light snow across Goodland early this morning, but the weather here was relatively mild compared to parts of eastern Colorado, which were buried in 10 inches of snow.

Bob Boyle, a specialist at the National Weather Service in Goodland, said the office issued a wind advisory for much of northwest Kansas and eastern Colorado this morning.

He said the strongest wind gust recorded in Goodland was 53 mph early this morning, but the average gust was ranging between 40 and 50 mph. Boyle said the office hadn’t received any reports of damage.

The wind blew a light snow around, making walking and driving a little harder, but it was nothing compared to what people in Yuma County, Colo., northwest of Goodland, were experiencing.

Boyle said up to 10 inches of snow fell on the western part of Yuma County, with strong winds forming 4- to 6-foot drifts and closing U.S. 34 between Akron and Yuma. He said roads were slick between Burlington and Wray, which received 1 inch of snow.

Palisade, Neb., also received an inch, he said. There was only a light snow in Goodland, which probably won’t stick.

Boyle said a strong low pressure system moving east over south-central and southeastern Nebraska caused the cold, windy weather. He said the low moved north of Goodland, sparing the city stronger winds or more snow.

“We missed the worst part of it,” he said.

A high pressure system moving over Goodland today, Boyle said, will stop more snow from falling, but won’t warm up the weather. He said temperatures should stay 10 to 20 degrees below the normal high of 46 until Wednesday. The weather should start warming up on Thursday and Friday.

Rain and snow brought .73 inches of precipitation to Goodland this weekend, Boyle said, totaling .88 inches of moisture for the month.

He said that is above the normal precipitation for November, but the area is still 1.24 inches below normal for the year, with a total of 16.45 inches.

Whatever the weather, suppliers of natural and propane gas say they have plentiful supplies this year and consumers should not suffer the high prices they faced last winter.

Temperatures through much of November have been from 10 to 15 degrees above normal, the weather service in Topeka said, and that has helped the nation’s supply of propane and natural gas remain well-stocked.

“We don’t expect the big price spikes of last year,” said Justin Holstin, executive vice president of the Propane Marketers Association of Kansas.

Conroy, the nation’s second largest propane gas storage facility, currently stores 27 million barrels, Holstin said. Nationally, the total is 70.6 million barrels in storage, which is higher than last year. Currently, the price of propane is from 85 to 95 cents per gallon, he said.

The National Energy Information Center expects Midwest propane prices to average \$1.13 per gallon for the winter. The average expenditure per household is predicted to be \$1,013.

The average price of natural gas for 2001-2002 in the Midwest is expected to be \$6.69 per thousand cubic feet, according to the information center. It says the actual average price last winter was \$9.49 per thousand cubic feet.

Salina, said he saw a drop in his profits.

Magee blames the weak economy for the lower sales of his knives. The knife dealer typically looks to make about \$1,500 at a show, but said he’d probably clear \$400 after the weekend sale.

“The guys that buy these things are holding onto their money right now.”

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.55 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.62
Corn — \$1.96 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.85
Loan deficiency payment — 14¢
Milo — \$1.66 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.81 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.87
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.05
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.90 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.19
Confection current — inquire
Pinto beans — \$19 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo Co. 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.

U.S. men hurt by our bombs

KABUL, Afghanistan — Quickening the hunt for Osama bin Laden and top Taliban leaders, U.S. Marines landed today outside the southern city of Kandahar. The Taliban reportedly vowed anew to fight to the death to defend their last stronghold.

At the scene of a bloody prison uprising in Mazar-e-Sharif by captured fighters loyal to bin Laden, heavy explosions and gunfire rang out for a second day today. Holdouts barricaded themselves inside a tower of the mud-walled fortress and fired mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, witnesses said.

Five U.S. military men near the northern city were seriously hurt today by friendly fire when a U.S. airstrike went awry, the Pentagon said.

The men had called in for air support and the resulting fire struck near their position.