


weather report

48°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Tomorrow

- Sunrise, 6:48 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 29 degrees
- Humidity 35 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds northwest 24-32 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.74 inches and rising
- Record High 73° (1970)
- Record Low -03° (1985)

Last 24 Hours*

High	45°
Low	10°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast


Tonight: mostly clear, low 10s, wind west 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high 50s, low 10s, wind west 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: mostly sunny, high 60s, low 20s.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.61 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.50
Corn — \$2.03 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.83
Loan deficiency payment — 16¢
Milo — \$1.78 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.88 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.76
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.16
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.85 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 66¢
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.

Talks stalled; battle goes on

KABUL, Afghanistan — Tribal fighters battled Taliban forces near the airport at Kandahar today, as they closed in on the Taliban's last stronghold in Afghanistan. U.S. warplanes bombed Taliban defenses near the airport.

In Germany, U.N.-sponsored talks on Afghanistan's future stalled after the northern alliance's political leader demanded elections to choose an interim government and objected to an international security force.

Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said in Washington that the situation around the southern city of Kandahar was "fluid," with U.S. aircraft giving air support to anti-Taliban fighters even as negotiations were being held.

"We do know for certain that this fight will continue until Kandahar is, in fact, a free city," Pace said.

Group to continue work on grocery

By Rachel Miscal
The Goodland Daily News

"Should we do this?" asked Steve West, Chamber of Commerce chairman and a member of the committee working to open a community-owned grocery store in Goodland.

The response was a huge round of applause from about 140 people who came to a meeting at the high school auditorium.

After three meetings this week to test whether 500 families will invest \$2,000 each in a cooperative grocery, West said committee members feel Sherman County wants them to move forward, and it's possible to raise \$1.2 million to open a store in downtown Goodland.

"It's catching fire, I hope," West, president of Western State Bank, said Friday morning. He said enough people and businesses have pledged their support to encourage the 17-member committee to keep working. But, he added, they still have a long way to go.

Committee members still have to gather enough money to open the store, find a location — they want the old Jubilee building on Broadway Avenue, but it may not be available — and work out other details.

West said the same thing to the audience on Thursday night in the Goodland High School auditorium.

"We don't have all of the answers yet," he said, standing on the stage in front of other farmers and business owners and operators on the steering committee.

He noted they first want to know how much money people are willing to invest and whether shoppers would support the store — the first grocery that would open in Goodland since Jubilee and Mosburg's IGA closed about two years ago. Wal-Mart Supercenter has since been the only food store.

West's comments didn't stop people from asking questions about how the cooperative would work and how it will find potential investors.

People wanted to know where the store will be, what it will be named, how much employees will be paid, whether the store will have a full-service bakery and deli, what research the committee has done, where the food will come from and what they will get if they invest.

They also had questions for Bruce Gouker, a Greeley, Colo., man with more than 20 years experience in the grocery business, who the committee has picked to run the store.

It was the only meeting Gouker attended, and people asked about his background, what type of benefits the store will offer employees, for his vision of the grocery and how committed he is to the project.

West said the third meeting attracted a larger crowd than the first two, which John Garcia, a committee member, said drew a total of about 200 people. He said many people who couldn't attend

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The Doll Maker



Mary Schippert stitched lace on Mrs. Claus' dress Wednesday as she described some of the Santa and Mrs. Claus dolls she made last year (above). Even though she has made several Santas with Mrs. Claus as a pair, no two of her dolls are exactly alike. A Santa and Mrs. Claus pair Schippert made this year is in the top photo.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Dollmaker's craft spreads joy

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Daily News

In an ordinary house on an ordinary street in Goodland lives a woman who is not so ordinary.

A woman who stayed in the hospital with her husband for weeks before he died, who never knew one of her brothers because he died when she was still a baby, who volunteers her time to help others.

A woman of extraordinary strength, Mary Schippert turns her gift for doll making into a source of joy for herself and others. From boys in overalls to girls in fur coats, Schippert makes a variety of dolls and a variety of garb to clothe them. In over 50 years of doll making, she says, she has never made two alike.

And Schippert would know — for she takes the care to stitch all the dolls and clothes by hand, and she keeps a scrapbook of pictures mounted on poster board of all of the dolls she has ever made.

When she buys manufactured dolls, Schippert said, she takes care to restore them as they were when they were new, even down to the same color and style of shoes and socks.

When making her own dolls, she first envisions how she wants them to look. The entire idea of each doll is formulated in her head, Schippert said, then she uses fabric, thread and scissors to bring the idea to life.

Not regular thread, for fishing line is stronger. It doesn't wear out in clothes, Schippert said, and the stitches don't show, not even in the hems.

Schippert said she began her doll making in the early 1940s, when she made dolls for her daughters. She wanted them to have soft cuddly dolls, Schippert said, that they could love and take to bed with them — dolls that were not stiff.

And she told her daughters to wash their hands and face before playing

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Cancer kills 'quiet Beatle'

George Harrison dead at 58

LOS ANGELES (AP) — George Harrison, the "quiet Beatle" who added rock 'n' roll flash and a touch of the mystic to the band's timeless magic, has died. He was 58.

Harrison died Thursday at a friend's Los Angeles home following a battle with cancer, longtime friend Gavin De Becker told the Associated Press. Harrison's wife, Olivia Harrison, and son, Dhani, 23, were with him.

"He left this world as he lived in it, conscious of God, fearless of death, and at peace, surrounded by family and friends," the family said in a statement.

The death of Harrison, the band's lead guitarist, leaves two surviving Beatles, Paul McCartney and Ringo Starr. John Lennon was shot to death by a deranged fan in 1980.

"I am devastated and very, very sad," McCartney told reporters outside his London home today. "He was a lovely guy and a very brave man and had a wonderful sense of humor. He is really just my baby brother."

In a statement, Starr said: "George was a best friend of mine. I loved him very much and I will miss him greatly."

It wasn't immediately known whether there will be a public funeral. A private ceremony had already taken place, De Becker said.

Harrison, once a heavy smoker, disclosed in 1998 he had been treated for throat cancer. "It reminds you that anything can happen," he said. The following year, Harrison survived an attack by an intruder who stabbed him several times. In July 2001, he released a statement asking fans not to worry about reports that he was still battling cancer.

The Beatles were four distinct personalities joined as a singular force in the rebellious 1960s, influencing everything from hair styles to music. Whether dropping acid, exploring Eastern mysticism, proclaiming "All You Need is Love," or sending up the squares in the film "A Hard Day's Night," the Beatles inspired millions.

Harrison's guitar work, modeled on Chuck Berry and Carl Perkins among others, was essential.

He often blended with the band's joyous sound, but also rocked out wildly on "Long Tall Sally" and turned slow and dreamy on "Something." His jangly 12-string Rickenbacker was featured in "A Hard Day's Night" and influenced many other guitarists.

The Beatles had their first No. 1 single in England, "Please Please Me," in 1963 and conquered the United States the following year through their appearances on "The Ed Sullivan Show."

Although his songwriting was overshadowed by the Lennon-McCartney team, Harrison contributed such classics as "Here Comes the Sun" and "Something." Harrison also taught the young Lennon how to play the guitar.

His image as the "quiet Beatle" was summed up in his first Beatles song, "Don't Bother Me," which appeared on their second album.

But Harrison also had a wry sense of humor that helped shape the Fab Four's irreverent charm, memorably fitting in alongside Lennon's cutting wit and Starr's cartoonish appeal.

He always preferred being a musician to being a star, and he soon soured on Beatlemania — the screaming girls, the wild chases from limos to gigs and back to limos. Like Lennon, his memories of the Beatles were often tempered by what he felt was lost in all the madness.

"There was never anything, in any of the Beatle experiences really, that good: even the best thrill soon got tiring," Harrison wrote in his 1979 book, "I, Me, Mine." "Your own space, man, it's so important. That's why we were doomed, because we didn't have any. We were like monkeys in a zoo."

Still, in a 1992 interview with The Daily Telegraph, Harrison confided: "We had the time of our lives: We laughed for years."

After the Beatles broke up in 1970, Harrison had sporadic success. He organized the concert for Bangladesh in New York and produced films.

Commission to define Goodland boundaries

The Goodland City Commission on Monday plans to adopt a revised zoning code and subdivision regulations, set forth the criteria for membership and appointment to the City Planning Commission and define the boundaries of the city.

The commission will meet at 5 p.m. in the city administration building.

Commissioners will vacate the right-of-way for remaining portions of the old wye on Cherry Street and appoint a member of the commission to the Grant Writer Committee that will supervise a grant writing program adopted by the city and county commissions and the school board.

In other business:

- The commission will formalize an agreement with the county for the city/county recycling program the commission approved at the Nov. 19 meeting.
- The commission will approve beer licenses.
- Grant application requests will be presented from the Sherman County Historical Society for money to pay for a Downtown Walking Tour brochure and the utilities for the Handy House at 202 W. 13th.
- The bid for window coverings for the Federal Aviation Administration office at the airport will be awarded.
- An airport consultant will be selected.
- City Manager Ron Pickman will update the commission concerning employee Christmas bonuses and a cable television rate increase from Eagle Communications.
- The manager will talk about a letter from the City of Lindsborg in opposition to the Topeka Capitol Tunnel Project.