

weather
report

40°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:57 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 37 degrees

• Humidity 48 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds northeast 12 m.p.h.

• Barometer 29.81 inches
and falling

• Record High 71° (1975)

• Record Low -18° (1961)

Last 24 Hours*

High 61°

Low 21°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low 20s,
winds south 15-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow:
mostly sunny and windy, high 50s,
low 10s, winds southwest 20-40
m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday and Thursday:
cloudy, high 30s, low 10s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.56 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.48

Corn — \$2.02 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.90

Loan deficiency payment — 09¢

Milo — \$1.77 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.83 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.86

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.06

Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.10 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$9.10

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.

Israeli attack
kills two boys

HEBRON, West Bank — Israeli
helicopters fired missiles at a Pal-
estinian car in this West Bank town
today, killing two boys 3 and 13,
hospital officials said. Seven pas-
sengers and bystanders were
wounded, including the apparent
target of the strike, a suspected Is-
lamic militant.

The Israeli military declined
comment. In the past 15 months of
fighting, Israel has killed dozens of
militants, often by firing rockets at
their cars.

Today's helicopter strike came
a day after the Israeli security cabi-
net reportedly approved more
military strikes against Palestinian
targets, including air attacks, in-
cursions into Palestinian territory
and targeted killings of suspected
militants. Arafat, who was to have
left for Doha on Sunday evening,
feared Israel would not allow him
to return, said Palestinian officials.



Jovita Gutierrez, a Sherman County Historical Society volunteer, helped decorate the old Victorian house the society owns for the holidays.
Photos by Skilar Boland/The Goodland Daily News

Victorian style

Society decorates house for holidays

By Skilar Boland

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County Historical Society has filled the old Victorian house on the corner of 13th and Cen-
ter with Christmas cheer.

The house, built in 1907, has been a family's home, a boarding house and a funeral home. Now it has been restored by the society as a living museum of the Victorian era. It is called the "Handy House" after the previous owner. The society bought the house earlier this year.

Dave Branda, a member of the historical society board, says that this is the first Christmas at the house since they have owned it. Every room has a story to tell and is decorated with some tinge of Christmas. The chandelier in the living room is covered with greens and lights, and Mr. and Mrs. Claus make themselves warm by the fire.

There is a tree in almost every

room, each decorated differently.

"Each tree in the house has a different personality," says Branda.

He said all of the Christmas decorations were donated or given to them, as was the furniture.

The society welcomes groups or school classes interested in learning the history of Sherman County and seeing the beautiful scenery of Christmas that fills the house.

"We think that it turned out well for the first year," Branda said.

Normal hours, 1-5 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday, will be extended to 7 p.m. on Sunday. Cider and cookies will be served Sunday for anyone who would like to come and enjoy the Christmas spirit and heritage of the old house.

"We hope that people will come," Branda said.

The house will be decorated for Christmas until Jan. 6, so come and enjoy the stories that this wonderful house has to tell.



Some of the Victorian-era decorations the historical society used to decorate the "Handy House" are humorous.

Library shows children they're 'Born to Read'

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

Children poke holes in plastic cups, put pieces of a dishtowel over the tops wet with soap, secure the towels with rubber bands and put straws through the holes.

With the improvised bubble machines ready, still under the watchful eyes of grownups, the children blow through the straws and long cup-shaped bubbles billow out into the room.

Kids can enjoy activities like this as part of the Born to Read program at the Goodland Public Library, held at 5:30 p.m. on the first and third Tuesdays this month and every Friday morning at 10 a.m.

(Starting in January, the program will shift to the second and fourth Tuesdays.)

Khrista Claassen, parent educator for the Parents as Teachers program, reads a couple of stories to the children on Tuesdays and then directs them in finger plays, singing songs and making crafts.

On Friday mornings, the mothers take turns directing the group.

Children's Librarian Karen Gillihan said she likes to have the children make crafts that have something to do with a story that is read.

That way, she said, they remember the book longer. She also tries to have

them make something they can take home.

But the program is not just fun for children.

The librarian enjoys it as well.

"Someday I'll grow up," Gillihan said, "but for now, I have a job where I can play."

The program targets children up to age 3, Gillihan said, hoping to get kids and their parents into the library and to encourage them to read.

Many people are not aware of what the library has available, Gillihan said, and that they can borrow these resources.

This program is designed to make parents aware of what is available, she said, and to make reading fun for children.

"My goal in life," she said, "is to make everyone love to read."

The program has had sparse attendance, with five to nine kids on Fridays and fewer on Tuesdays.

She would like to see more children, Gillihan said, and would welcome older children, who could have the opportunity to help direct the group.

The Story Hour program for children ages 3-5 has more support, she said, with 60-65 children divided into four groups.

It is held at 10 a.m. and 11 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays.



Sara Rice read to her son at the Goodland Public Library on Friday, during the "Born to Read" program.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Osama capture big goal

Fighters move into suspected havens

By Chris Tomlinson

Associated Press Writer

TORA BORA, Afghanistan — Tribal fighters backed by tanks and U.S. warplanes launched a fierce attack today against al-Qaida forces and seized most of a valley leading to a suspected hide-out of Osama bin Laden.

In the south, U.S. Marine "hunter-killer" teams with armed vehicles moved closer to Kandahar.

American and Afghan officials regard both areas as likely hiding places for bin Laden, whose capture is now the main focus of the U.S.-led war on terror. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said at the Pentagon that while the Taliban have been defeated, "large numbers of al-Qaida terrorists are still at large. It's going to be a very long and difficult job."

Marines also secured the abandoned grounds of the U.S. Embassy in the heart of Kabul.

Fighting was intense today in the eastern region of Tora Bora, a vast network of caverns and tunnels carved deep into the White Mountains where a thousand pro-bin Laden fighters were holed up. Pentagon spokesman Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem said U.S. special forces were operating in the area.

Hundreds of tribal fighters launched a three-pronged assault, firing machine guns and exploding 40mm anti-aircraft shells, in the Milawa valley, which leads to the main Tora Bora complex.

B-52s and other U.S. warplanes and the fighters' Soviet-era T-55 tanks pounded al-Qaida mortar positions overlooking the valley. As night fell, bright red tracer rounds lit up the valley and exploded in white flashes. The al-Qaida bunkers returned fire with heavy machine guns and 120mm mortars.

One of the commanders, Haji Zahir,

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McCook takes title at Tipoff

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The McCook, Neb., Bison defeated Wray, 83-71, Saturday to win their fourth straight Topside Tipoff championship on the boys side, and the Lady Cyclones of Ottawa defeated the Goodland Cowgirls, 56-46, to win the girls prize.

McCook led by as many as 20 points during the championship game against Wray, leading 40-36 at the half. The Bison went on a run in the third quarter, outscoring the Eagles 27-15 to lead, 67-51 heading to the final period.

In the fourth quarter, the Eagles outscored the Bison, 20-16, but it was not enough to overcome the deficit.

There were more 3-point shots attempted between the Bison and Eagles than any game of the tournament, with a total of 50 attempts, 26 by McCook and 24 by Wray. The Eagles hit 33 percent of these for 24 points, but the Bison hit 46 percent for 36 points.

McCook's Justin Randolph hit six of nine 3-point shots for his 18 points, and he was the winner of the 3-point shooting contest, hitting 16 of 25. Clayton Gaunt hit five of his 103-point attempts for the Bison for 15 of his team-leading 21 points. Krae Dutoit hit one of five 3-point shots for 3 of his 8 points.

For the Eagles, Jake Ellerd hit three of 13 3-point shots for 9 of his 12 points; Luke Orr hit three of seven 3-point shots for 9 of his team-leading 19 points; Corwin Lenz and Brandon Bard each hit one of two 3-point shots. Lenz had two free throws for his 5 points.

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