

## weather report

55°  
at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:01 a.m.  
• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 34 degrees
- Humidity 27 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest 10 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.94 inches and steady
- Record High 79° (1980)
- Record Low -10° (1964)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 43°  
Low 23°  
Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low mid 20s, winds west 10-15 switching to the north late. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy and blustery, high 40s, low mid 10s, winds northwest 15-25 m.p.h.

### Extended Forecast

Wednesday and Thursday: mostly sunny, high mid 40s, low 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.56 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.47  
Corn — \$1.97 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.93  
Loan deficiency payment — 06¢  
Milo — \$1.72 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.77 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.74  
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.18  
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$8.85 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 52¢  
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 troops kill three more

JERUSALEM — Israeli troops shot and killed three Palestinians today, and Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat accused Israel of stepping up its military actions a day after he made a strong appeal for an end to the Mideast fighting.

Also today, Israeli police briefly detained Sari Nusseibeh — the Palestinians' chief envoy in the city they see as their capital and an advocate of peacemaking and non-violence — while he was holding a Muslim holiday reception in Jerusalem.

Nusseibeh said the event was to mark the Muslim holiday of Eid al-Fitr. Israeli authorities said it violated peace agreements that prohibit the Palestinians from holding "nationalist" events in the disputed city.

In a shooting in Hebron, the Israeli forces attempted to arrest a member of the Hamas movement.



Jessica Garcia and Lisa Rodriguez searched strings of red and green tickets Saturday afternoon at the Christmas on Us drawing, hoping to find a winner. The \$1,500 grand prize went to someone else, but they said it was fun anyway. Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

# Winners go home with \$2,000

## Hundreds crowd street for drawing

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Hundreds of people waving thousands of red and green tickets gathered on brick streets downtown Saturday, hoping to get their hands on part of the \$2,000 Goodland merchants gave away in the fourth annual Christmas on Us drawing.

Two winners, Carrie Peter and Connie Carson, floated away \$1,500 and \$500 richer.

The rest of the crowd, estimated at more than 500 people, left empty-handed, but seemed to have had a good time anyway. The Goodland High School Chamber Choir and Santa Claus showed up to entertain the audience.

The grand prize drawing took place at 1 p.m. in front of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce office, ending the month-long contest, which gave 12 Goodland shoppers a total of \$2,500 extra holiday dollars. All prize money was awarded in scrip, which can only be spent at participating Goodland businesses.

Peter, Goodland's school nurse, won the \$1,500 grand prize after two ticket numbers were drawn and the winning tickets weren't found within five minutes.

Carson, who works at Wal-Mart and Safari Steak House, took home the \$500 second prize. She said she hadn't expected to win and didn't know how she would spend the money.

Ten "instant winners" received \$50 each in weeks leading up to the drawing by finding their numbers in ads in the special Christmas on Us section.



Steve Haynes, president of The Goodland Daily News, read out the number of the ticket good for the \$1,500 grand prize. Santa Claus had just pulled the ticket out of a huge plastic bin.

While the Chamber Choir sang holiday tunes, Steve Haynes, president of The Goodland Daily News, stood on a stage in front of the crowd, calling out winning ticket numbers.

Eleventh Street was blocked off at Main and Center for the drawing, which lasted about 20 minutes.

Haynes called children out of the audience to pick the winning tickets out of a huge plastic bin. Rachel Smith, daughter of Sheila Smith, Daily News office manager, wrote the numbers on poster board, displaying the signs to the crowd.

The \$500 prize was given away first, and it didn't take long for Carson

to realize she was a winner. She had her tickets arranged neatly and efficiently on pieces of cardboard.

Carson said she received most of her tickets from Dan Brenner Ford and Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliance. Her winning ticket came from Garcia's, where she bought a new refrigerator. Sponsors handed out one ticket for every \$10 spent on products or services, with a maximum of 250 tickets per transaction.

"I am so excited," she said, noting that she attended the drawing last year, but only had one ticket.

This year, she said, she decided this was the perfect time to get some ex-



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pensive things out of the way.

"I had to have the pickup fixed," she said, "and we needed a new refrigerator."

Peter, whose winning ticket came from Miller's Electronics, said she has participated in the contest the past two years, but hadn't been a winner before.

"Not even \$50," she said, "I guess it was waiting for the big one."

She said the extra money will probably go towards Christmas.

"Everyone will have a good Christmas now," she said. "I mean, they are already having a good Christmas, but it will be better now."

Peter's winning number didn't come up easily.

Two tickets were pulled before her number was called, but no one collected the prize. The first was 8326188 from Brenner Ford and the second was 6696982 from Garcia's. Audience members scrambled through their long strings of red and green, but time ran out before the winning ticket was found.

Santa, who arrived at the event on a fire truck with sirens blazing, finally drew the winning ticket.

"We were off by one number," said Jessica Garcia, who was getting help shuffling through her tickets from Lisa Rodriguez. "If it would have been 6-8 instead of 6-9...."

Rodriguez said this was her first year participating in the contest, and though she didn't win she might do it again next year.

"It's a lot of money," she said.

# Soldiers chasing guerrillas

## Al-Qaida surrender to tribal fighters

By Geoff Spencer

Associated Press Writer

TORA BORA, Afghanistan — Tribal fighters and U.S. special forces chased al-Qaida guerrillas through the mountains today after conquering their complex of caves and tunnels.

Some tearful al-Qaida fighters surrendered, pleading with their captors not to turn them over to the Americans.

More than 200 foreigners from al-Qaida, Osama bin Laden's terrorist network, were killed in battles culminating nine weeks of attacks by American warplanes in the air and eastern alliance forces on the ground.

Hundreds more were believed to be on the run here in eastern Afghanistan, and there was no word on the whereabouts of bin Laden.

"Until we catch him — which we will — we won't know precisely where he's been," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told reporters while flying to Brussels.

Al-Qaida fighters taken prisoner Sunday said they had seen bin Laden in the area a month ago — further confirmation of reports that he had fled to the Tora Bora complex during the two-month U.S. bombing campaign.

But the prisoners weren't sure where he was now, and with thousands of caves in the area, it could be a long time before anyone knows with certainty that fighters, including bin Laden, are not there.

At the Pentagon, Rear Adm. John Stufflebeem told a news conference there is sporadic firing from caves where remnants of the al-Qaida force apparently are holding out.

"There are still isolated pockets of al-Qaida fighting in this area, so we're not done yet," Stufflebeem said.

There was information on Taliban supreme leader Mullah Mohammed Omar. Haji Gulalai, intelligence chief for Kandahar's governor, said reports indicated the one-eyed cleric was holed in the town of Baghran.

# County may stop sales tax

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County commissioners will discuss sending a letter to the state Tuesday to end collection of the one-half cent sales tax passed by voters to repair Old U.S. 24.

Sherman County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the county's financial consultant has determined the collections should end on March 30, and that the county will call the bonds on the project to pay them off.

The commissioners will authorize the letters to the director of taxation to stop the collection at the end of March, and notices calling the bonds.

County insurance is on the agenda again, as the commissioners must decide on which of the two proposals to accept for workers compensation and general liability and vehicle coverage. The two are from Eklund Insurance of Goodland and a statewide county insurance pool.

Curt Way, public works director, will discuss the proposed fee increase for taking tires at the county transfer station.

Marla McDonough, of Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, is to talk to the commissioners about participating in the regional federal housing Section 8 voucher program and the tenant-based rental assistance program. The county is one of 18 in the region, but has not participated in the programs in past years.

The commissioners meet at 8 a.m. in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, Eighth and Broadway.

# Chicken manure fuels professor's gas research

By Vicki Smith

Associated Press Writer

MORGANTOWN, W. Va. — Al Stiller admits his discovery is at the outer limits of what some already consider a fringe science. He can't even fully explain why it works.

But chicken manure, he insists, makes good fuel.

Liquefied, cooked and sterilized by heat and intense pressure, it can be blended with diesel to power an engine with no significant difference in performance.

And that, says the West Virginia University chemical engineering professor, has global implications: If it were to catch on, a blend that's 65 percent diesel and 35 percent liquid waste would reduce the nation's dependence on foreign oil and solve a nagging environmental problem for the poultry industry.

"I don't know how it does it," Stiller says. "It just does."

Chicken farmers in West Virginia, Maryland, Virginia and other states have been blamed for fouling streams

and rivers with runoff that is high in nitrogen from manure plowed into the ground as fertilizer.

Many believe the runoff damages fish and plant life, leading to outbreaks of such toxic microbes as Pfiesteria piscicida. Yet, as food and meat production increase, so too will the need for disposal.

Stiller and two other WVU scientists say their work has the potential for widespread use.

The field of biofuels has not received its due, they say, and the little work that

is being done focuses mostly on corn and soybeans, both of which have established lobbies to seek money for research.

The poultry waste-to-fuel idea was born in 1996, while Stiller was working on a coal liquefaction project. He needed sources of hydrogen to break the coal down, and he began using old tires. He quickly discovered that the supply of 250 million tires per year was insufficient. Stiller switched to animal manure, which showed such potential that he cut coal out of the project.