

weather
report

43°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:01 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:02 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 34 degrees
• Humidity 51 percent
• Sky partly cloudy
• Winds north 27 m.p.h.
• Barometer 29.97 inches
and steady
• Record High 76° (1979)
• Record Low -15° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High 61°
Low 25°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low 15-20,
winds north 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow:
mostly sunny, high 50-55, low 20s,
wind west 10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: partly sunny,
high mid 50s, low 20s, chance of rain
and snow.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.56 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.46
Corn — \$1.96 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.92
Loan deficiency payment — 07¢
Milo — \$1.71 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.74 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.76
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.16
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.90 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.

Anti-terror
deal nearing

WASHINGTON — A House-Senate compromise on a \$20 billion anti-terrorism package is near, leaving congressional leaders hoping that this is the week the measure can finally be pushed through Congress.

Bargainers from the two chambers neared agreement on the plan on Monday. It would heed Bush's demand that it not exceed \$20 billion, but provide less than he sought for defense and more than he proposed for domestic security and helping New York and other communities rebuild from the Sept. 11 attacks.

Top lawmakers from the two chambers were tentatively planning to complete the agreement on Tuesday. That would clear the major remaining hurdle to Congress finishing its must-pass spending legislation and adjourning for the year.

No firms bid on hauling city's trash

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City Commission had no proposals from firms wanting to haul the town's trash at the last meeting of the year on Monday.

Three firms had expressed interest in a contract, City Manager Ron Pickman said, but none submitted a proposal. Two of the firms contacted him, he said, and said they had put pen to paper and decided they couldn't do it for a price close to what the city now pays.

Faced with a \$32 per ton tipping fee

from the county to take trash to the landfill and the cost of operating the joint recycling program, the city was seeking a way to save money on the cost of hauling trash from the city.

This would not affect the county's landfill, County Commissioner Mitch Tiede said, because a contractor would have to pay the tipping fee if they take the trash to the county facility. And if a company chose to take the trash somewhere else, he said, the county landfill would get less trash and last longer.

Asked about the immediate impact

on the county's cost of operating the landfill if the city or a contractor chose to truck the trash elsewhere, Tiede said he couldn't say what effect it would have.

The county apparently won't have to worry about it now, as the city has no takers for trash removal.

In other business, the commission:

• Appointed John Baker and Tom Stewart to three-year terms on the Planning Commission, Terry Imel and Steve Riebel to two-year terms and

Kim Duell to a one-year term. The terms will normally be three years, but have been staggered to avoid having to replace the entire commission at once in the future.

• Renewed the terms of Trent Blythe and Marty Johnson on the Electric Board for three years.

• Renewed terms of J.B. McClure and Clark Jordan on the Plumbing Board for three years.

• Vacated the right of way on the old wye on Cherry Avenue.

• Approved a home occupational use

permit for Jill Beringer for a daycare at 921 W. 13th.

• Heard Pickman report that the containers for the recycling project have been ordered, costing the city \$12,411. They will be delivered in January.

• Approved the final payment to Rhoads Construction of \$20,000 for construction of Steever Water Park.

• Approved payment No. 5 for the Brick Intersection Project for \$51,987 and requested reimbursement for \$35,421 from the Kansas Department of Transportation for that payment.

Graded caroling?



Fifth graders from North School sang carols at businesses on Main Street last week.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Board to postpone classes for ceremony

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily news

The Goodland School Board will postpone the start of classes for an hour on Wednesday to honor students who did an outstanding job on the state assessment tests given each spring.

Classes will start at 9 a.m., but students, parents, teachers, administrators and board members will meet at 7:30 a.m. at the Goodland High School gymnasium.

During a breakfast, the board will

present Certificates of Outstanding Academic Achievement to 56 students.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said a total of 68 certificates will be handed out, as some students will receive two or more for different subjects. He said the district received the awards last month.

The certificates, Selby said, are given to students who had advanced scores on the annual state assessments, the highest level. He said the tests are scored on five levels.

This is the second year the board has chosen to award the certificates to students at a breakfast before school. Members had misgivings about doing it again, saying it was a reward for those students who didn't win an award, since they got to sleep for an extra hour. However, they finally decided it was the best time to get teachers, students and parents together.

Selby said many teachers and parents couldn't attend a ceremony in the afternoon, athletes have practice after

school and rural students would have to drive back to Goodland if it was scheduled at night.

"We want to find some way to recognize the students," he said, "and we'd like to make it something special."

Postponing school for an hour, he said, ensures that every student knows why their peers are being honored.

That might make students more aware of the state assessments, he said, and encourage them to try harder on the tests.

Drug won't cure cold but may speed recovery

CHICAGO (AP) — In a medical first, researchers have developed a drug that speeds recovery from the common cold — a significant breakthrough for scientists who have pursued a cure for decades.

Since the medicine doesn't make the sniffles disappear immediately, it is still debatable whether the scientists have discovered the long-sought cure. But experts have little doubt about its importance.

The drug — which is still months

away from stores — eases cold symptoms within a day and makes a runny nose completely clear up a day sooner than usual.

Experts say that is a substantial development — considering a one-day reduction in a viral disease that lasts only a few days is probably the best that can be hoped for.

The findings were presented Monday by Dr. Frederick Hayden of the

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One teen killed in accident

ATWOOD — Two St. Francis teenagers lost control of their vehicle early Sunday about five miles west of Atwood on U.S. 36, and both were thrown from the car as it rolled, killing the driver.

The other youth was flown to Denver with critical injuries. The accident happened about 6 a.m. Sunday.

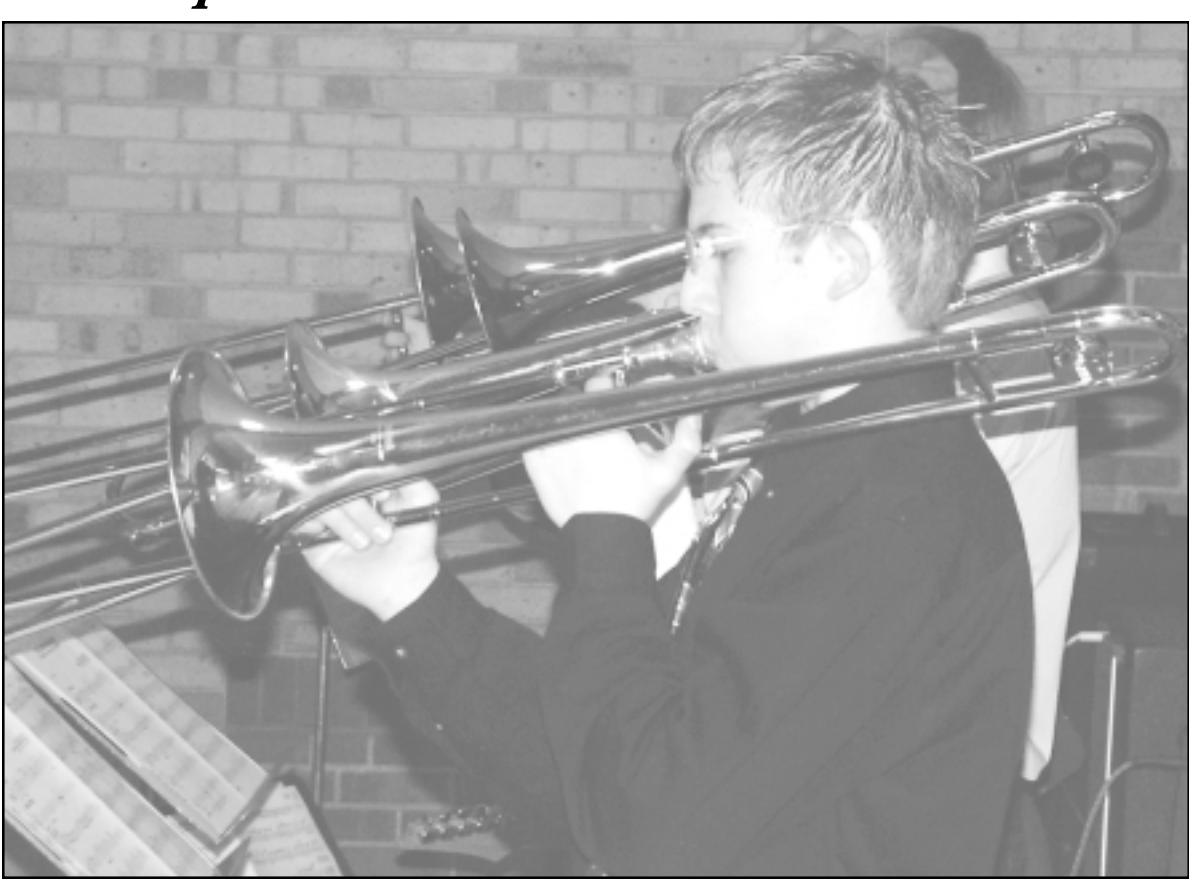
The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that Bron DeGood and Nathan Wright, both 16, were westbound in a 1998

Toyota RAV4 when the utility vehicle spun out of control and flipped, ejecting both teens and coming to rest in the south ditch.

The patrol reported that DeGood was dead at the scene, and Wright had been flown to Swedish Medical Center in Denver by the time troopers arrived. Neither boy was wearing a seat belt.

A hospital spokesperson said Wright is in the critical care unit and only family members are allowed to visit.

Senior performance



Sophomore Michael Hall and the high school jazz band played swing music for the senior dinner Friday in the high school cafeteria.

Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

Soldiers to search for traces

Bin Laden on loose; worst of battle over

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan (AP) — Tribal Afghan fighters withdrew artillery and heavy weapons today from the mountain stronghold of Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network in eastern Afghanistan, signaling that the worst of the fighting was over.

U.S. special forces were remaining in the area of Tora Bora, a leading tribal commander, Hazrat Ali, said. U.S. military leaders said they faced the task of searching hundreds of caves in the region for lingering al-Qaida members and for traces of bin Laden.

The search will be "tough, dirty, hard work," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said at a meeting of NATO defense ministers in Brussels, Belgium.

The several valleys in the Tora Bora region each have several hundred caves, some of which have been sealed by U.S. bombardment and may need reopening. Gen. Peter Pace, vice chairman of the joint chiefs of staff, told reporters in Washington.

"And so it's going to be step by step, cave by cave, and to put a time limit on that would be imprudent right now," he said.

Some Afghan and U.S. officials had placed bin Laden at Tora Bora during the fighting, but his presence there was never confirmed. Deputy Defense Secretary Paul Wolfowitz said today the al-Qaida leader may have been killed in the bombing of the caves.

"I think it's possible he could be dead in the bottom of one of them," he said.

After resisting an assault by U.S. warplanes and tribal eastern alliance forces for days, al-Qaida fighters fled Monday, leaving behind piles of documents, passports and other evidence in the caves. A few hundred al-Qaida

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