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weather report

Today

· Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

Tomorrow

 Sunrise, 7:03 a.m. • Sunset, 4:26 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 35 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds west 17 m.p.h. • Barometer 30.09 inches
- and steady • Record High 64° (1941)
- Record Low -14° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High 22° Low

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast Tonight: partly cloudy, low upper 10s, winds west 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny, high mid 50s, low upper 20s, winds south 5-10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday and Saturday: mostly cloudy, high 50s, low upper 10s, chance of rain turning to snow.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m



Noon

Wheat — \$2.60 bushel Posted county price — \$2.45 Corn — \$1.96 bushel Posted county price — \$1.90 Loan deficiency payment — 09¢ Milo — \$1.71 hundredweight Soybeans — \$3.75 bushel Posted county price — \$3.73

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.19 Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$8.95 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.)





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Anthrax investigators focus on labs

Search for source of disease goes on

WASHINGTON (AP) — The anthrax investigation is focused on fewer than a dozen laboratories that have worked with the deadly bacteria, federal officials said, and investigators are working to identify the genetic fingerprints of germs held at each of them.

Investigators are increasingly convinced the actually recommending vaccination.

anthrax that has killed five people since October came from inside the United States, and they are hoping to find the laboratory that produced it.

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There have been no new cases of anthrax infection for weeks, but fallout from the attacks intensified Wednesday as people exposed to the tainted letters struggled to decide if they should be vaccinated in an experimental program.

Federal health officials said Tuesday they would offer anthrax vaccine and an extra 40 days of antibiotic treatment to thousands of Capitol Hill, media and postal workers in case any anthrax still lurks in their lungs. But they stopped short of

The vaccine itself is not experimental — it's is an old vaccine. The side effects can be serious. been used safely for decades by veterinarians and others — but no one has ever used it after anthrax exposure, so it's not clear it will help.

A physician-senator advised most Capitol Hill workers Wednesday not to get vaccinated unless they were among about 70 people in close contact with the anthrax-laden letter mailed to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle.

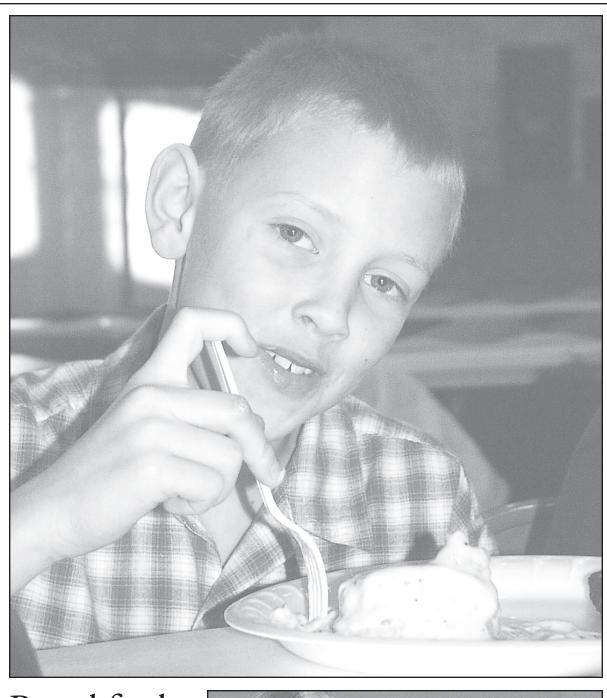
"If my son or daughter or family member or me worked in that office and watched that letter being opened, I would go ahead and take that vaccine," said Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn. But people less exposed to anthrax shouldn't take it because "this

U.S. Postal Service employees are even more confused because federal health officials haven't provided basic information about who is at sufficient risk to consider vaccination and where to get the shots, said vice president Azeezaly Jaffer.

"We will do what the medical community asks us to do," he said. "We just need to know what it

In the investigation, the FBI believes there are at least five and as many as a dozen labs that have worked with anthrax from the Ames strain found

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Board feeds and honors high scorers

Adam Duell (above), a fifth grader at Central Elementary School, enjoyed a breakfast of eggs, biscuits and gravy and sausage at the Goodland High School gymnasium this morning. The school board postponed the start of classes for an hour to honor students who scored high on state assessment tests last year, feeding them, then awarding certificates after the breakfast. Josh Doke, a sixth grader at North Elementary, seemed happy about getting his certificate from Superintendent Marvin Selby. There is a list of the students on Page 4.

> Photos by Rachel Miscall The Goodland Daily News



County picks state to insure

Officials say policy is better

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

After considering all the differences in coverage and costs, Sherman County commissioners decided to join statewide insurance pools for counties beginning in January.

The commissioners had received presentations from the pool and from Eklund First Insurance of Goodland at coverages to \$1 million per occurrence their previous meeting, and had to make the decision at Tuesday's meeting. To clear up any questions, the com-

state pool people in Topeka. Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked

Eklund representatives Jack Eklund and Janette Ruddell if the boilers were covered in the regular policy or if there was a separate policy. Eklund said the boiler coverage was included in the general property policy.

Rasure asked about a section on data processing interruptions which indicated a \$5,000 deductible if the interputer. Ruddell said this coverage did not deal with lightning or surge problems from the city power, but that these had trouble when the Employer Mutual were covered under a different section of the policy and there was a \$500 deductible on this.

Another question from Commis-

sioner Chuck Frankenfeld was about the general liability limits, which were quoted at \$500,000 with an aggregate of \$1 million. Jack Eklund said he had suggested an increase in these to the county a year ago, but the commissioners had decided to keep the current levels. Ruddell called back a few minutes later to say they would increase the with an aggregate of \$2 million with no change in premium.

Commissioners made a similar call missioners called both Eklund and the to the pools, the Kansas County Association Multi-line Pool and Kansas Workers Risk Cooperative for Counties, headquartered in Topeka. Rasure asked about the lighting coverage and Tom Job, administrator for the risk group, said this would be a \$500 deductible. When asked about mechanical or electrical failure or other causes, Job said the deductible would be

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he ruption was caused by a mechanical or was leaning to the state pool because he electrical problem. Rasure asked if this felt it was a better policy. Commismeant there would be a \$5,000 deduct-sioner Rasure said he hated to see ible if lightning knocked out a com- money going out of the community, however. Commissioner Frankenfeld said he

Company, through Eklund, said they were going to cancel the county worker

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Australian shoots Goodland for book

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

An Australian with an eye for American beauty, Ken Duncan, included a picture of Goodland's sunflowers in his coffee-table book, "America Wide -In God We Trust.'

Duncan spent three years, used 3,000 rolls of film, and traveled to the United States more than 30 times to compile a photographic collection of America's natural beauty.

The Post says that two pictures from each state were used in the book, and one, showing a vast field of sunflowers with a farm in the distance is entitled, "Sunflower Sunrise, Goodland. Kansas."

The 200 page book is \$45.

Duncan, who traveled through Goodland, said he didn't want to shoot the same, standard pictures.

"Sometimes," he said, "I would just According to The Denver Post, get in a car and say, 'Should I go left or

> Duncan said he borrowed a concept from the Australian aborigines: walk

> "You will never know a place unless you walk with the people for a while

> or be in a place for a while," he said. He might know Goodland, then. He

walked among our flowers.

Attacks may force city You could call it a Star Trek harvest to drop airline carrier

HAYS (AP) — The effects of the our air service. It is funding depentween its two airline carriers, county officials said.

Hays currently is served by Great Lakes flying west to Denver and Air Midwest east to Kansas City. Each offers two, round-trip flights each day. A third westbound flight was lost in October when a Salina-based flight was

Sept. 11 terrorist attacks may eventu- dent," said Lavern Squier, executive ally force the Hays area to choose be- director of the Ellis County Coalition for Economic Development. "We need to think about what would happen under certain funding scenarios.'

Squier said the attacks had an obvious effect on boardings. In November 2000, there were 842 boardings; this November, there were 498.

"We were also attaining numbers that would put us at 10,000 boardings per "Ultimately, we may have to choose year, which would have taken the city one side or the other when it comes to to a whole different funding level.

conditions — even the closest pest the question, "If it's good here, why isn't it good somewhere else?" said

crop yield histories, soil and crop

county.

FARGO, N.D. (AP) — Call it University Extension Service special-"Star Trek: The Next Harvest": An ist.

The scenario should become more agriculture extension agent strides into a field and, guided by a handcommon in the next three years, thanks held computer and global-positionto a \$742,000 grant from the National ing device, walks right to the middle Aeronautics and Space Administration of the most productive plot in the as part of a program to find practical applications for data NASA can pro-There, he pulls up a series of overvide, Nowatzki said. laying computer maps and examines

Nowatzki is using the money to organize a state project that encourages farmers to use satellite images and data on farms and ranches and help train in their operations. Scientists and farm-The details help farmers answer ers also will be able to study images of fields down to 1 square meter enough detail to detect crop diseases John Nowatzki, a North Dakota State and pest damage.

If an outbreak of wheat scab is found in one area, for example, computers could use the visual "signature" of the disease to search maps of the rest of a farmer's fields for similar outbreaks. The disease could be tracked and the effectiveness of fungicides evaluated. University agriculture extension

offices in several states promote the use of the Global Positioning System farmers in its use. Nowatzki plans to hold workshops

around the state over the next year and give county extension agents GPS locators.