

weather report

63°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:56 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:01 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:57 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 30 degrees
• Humidity 14 percent
• Sky mostly cloudy
• Winds west 13 m.p.h.
• Barometer 29.54 inches and falling
• Record High 73° (1967)
• Record Low -10° (1966)

Last 24 Hours*

High 57°
Low 27°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clearing, low near 10, winds northwest 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high mid 40s.

Extended Forecast

Friday: mostly cloudy, high upper 50s, low near 15. Saturday: partly cloudy, high lower 60s, low lower 20s. Sunday: partly cloudy, high mid 50s, low lower 20s. Monday: mostly clear, high lower 50s, low near 20. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.66 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.61
Corn — \$1.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.89
Loan deficiency payment — 10¢
Milo — \$1.67 bushel
Soybeans — \$3.83 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.85
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.07
Millets — \$3.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.75 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 81¢
Confection current — inquire
Pinto beans — \$23 (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.

Enron accused of shredding

WASHINGTON — Lawyers suing Enron Corp. say a massive number of company documents were shredded in the face of a federal investigation and want a court to step in to prevent more tampering.

"It was a major accounting fraud and now they have been caught destroying the evidence," attorney William Lerach said today on NBC's "Today." "I'd say they've got trouble on their hands."

Robert Bennett, a Washington lawyer representing Enron, said the company told employees after coming under investigation that they were not to destroy relevant documents. He said the company is looking into charges papers were destroyed despite that directive.

Lerach told The Associated Press the shredding was "open and notorious and widespread."

Taxpayers propose trash solutions

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

A handful of Goodland taxpayers turned out Monday to talk about trash-hauling problems at a workshop session after the regular city commissioner meeting, called to discuss ideas to save money and improve the city's trash service.

Commissioner Curtis Hurd said a man who couldn't attend the meeting proposed fencing a field where lawn waste could be taken. People could take their waste there, instead of taking it to the dump.

The city has pulled in its lawn waste dumpsters because, officials said, people were putting trash and limbs in them and it was too costly to sort things out.

Two of the 18 people in the audience asked about the city buying incinerators, which they said would cost about \$500,000.

Others in the audience encouraged an education program to teach people about what can go into dumpsters, saying that a lot of people don't know what can't go into them.

The county is cracking down on what can go into its new landfill, charging the city extra if banned items turn up in a load.

"We may just have to spend some money on education about this," said Rohr.

Mostly, the audience members said the city commissioners should arrange a meeting with the county commissioners to work out some of their problems.

Commissioner Rick Billinger liked the idea. "We need to all get together, maybe at the Elks Club or VFW Hall and say 'this is not county, this is not city, this is us,' and we can reach an understanding."

Commissioner Dean Blume said he appreciated

people turning out for the meeting.

"It really makes me feel better about working with all this," he said.

At the regular meeting, commissioners approved resolutions sponsoring "Free Enterprise Week" and "Shoplifting Prevention Week."

Richard Schwasinger and the Goodland High School DECA club got Mayor Tom Rohr to sign proclamations declaring "Shoplifting Prevention Week" from Feb. 4 through Feb. 8 and "Free Enterprise Week" from Feb. 18 through Feb. 22.

Students Tiffany Schwasinger and Bryce Chatfield said the goal of the special week is to educate people on the importance of free enterprise.

Jenna McGinley and Destiny and Ashley Wing presented a slide show to the commissioners on the dangers of shoplifting to Goodland businesses.

They said DECA plans a week of activities to

discourage shoplifting, including a banner on Main Street, posters for downtown businesses, and an assembly for elementary students explaining the punishments for theft.

The club sponsors "Enterprise Week" every year, and is bringing back "Shoplifting Week" because businesses have seen an increase in theft and asked for it, said Richard Schwasinger.

Schlyer Goodwin explained the Sherman County Community Foundation Endowment Fund he plans to start noting that two of the 16 permanent seats on the board would be reserved for the city commissioners, and asked that they start considering who will sit on the board. The commissioners continued it for another meeting.

In other business, the commission:

• Approved a home occupation permit for Tina Hicks to operate a daycare at 1316 Cherry, pending receipt of her state license.

Columnist dies suddenly

'Wayne's World' to be missed

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Four years ago, a man came into the office of *The Goodland Daily News* and asked if the paper would be interested in publishing a weekly column written from the farmer's point of view.

That began a weekly relationship with Wayne Gattshall, 78, a Sherman County farmer who died of a heart attack Saturday. His funeral will be 10 a.m. Thursday at Koons Funeral Chapel.

His wife, Carol, who proofread and e-mailed the weekly columns, sent his final effort on Sunday.

"You may know that

Wayne had a massive heart attack and they couldn't save him," she wrote. "The commentary I sent is the last one he has written, as he always worked all week on each column."

"Thank you for running him. He really enjoyed writing them."

Over the years the column *Wayne's World* has been published, it has always generated plenty of comment. Some complained the column was without merit and others just said they could not understand it.

Many were staunch supporters, however.

Gattshall enjoyed writing about farm problems with a national and international view.

He disliked the North American Free Trade Agreement and "fast track" trade talks, saying they allowed Canadians to dump wheat on the American market.

"We will be one great big happy one Nation of the Americas with another fast trick ah, fast track authority," he wrote.

On the international scene, he knew there was a connection between U.S. farm policy and the Most Favored Nation trading status for China.

His brand of humor sometimes left people shaking their heads.

He called President Bush the Big Chief in the White Teepee, and Congress was referred to as that "tribe along the Potomac," with the Senate being the "Tribal Council on Capital Hill."

When referring to Washington in general, he called it the "Pioneer Village along the Potomac." He had favorite phrases, including "farm prices lower than a snake's belly," and the big farm export companies were the "Free Food Pentagon."

He took on national monetary policy and called Federal Reserve Chairman

Alan Greenspan Uncle Alan or Sir Alan.

"He would pour over news sites on Internet daily, reading anything he could find that he felt was relevant," his wife said. "He didn't just read conservative material, but found sites with the opposing views and read them to get their viewpoint."

"He read government reports, and even a German news site looking for the material he would use in his columns. He really enjoyed working on them weekly."

His column gave him a way to fill the days.

"He had finished doing a family history at the re-

quest of our daughter, Karen (Hooker), and was feeling restless," Mrs. Gattshall said.

"I need something to do," he told her. Then after reading some newspaper columns, he said, "I think I can write as well as any of those guys." She suggested he give it a try.

He first wrote columns that were printed in the *Burlington Record* and *Limon Leader*, but they did not want to publish it weekly.

He got Tom Bredehoff of the *Flagler News* to give him a try, and he began publishing there "when there was enough space."

He began being published weekly in *The Goodland Daily News* in 1997. On a visit to Nebraska, he stopped at the *Benkelman Post* and the publisher, Glenda Bartholomew agreed to run his column.

She ran the same column as Goodland, and it was occasionally published in *The St. Francis Herald*.

"He would work all week to write the column," his wife recalled, "and then after getting the longer one done that was used in Goodland and Benkelman, he would revise it and cut it to a shorter version which was sent to Flagler and St. Francis."

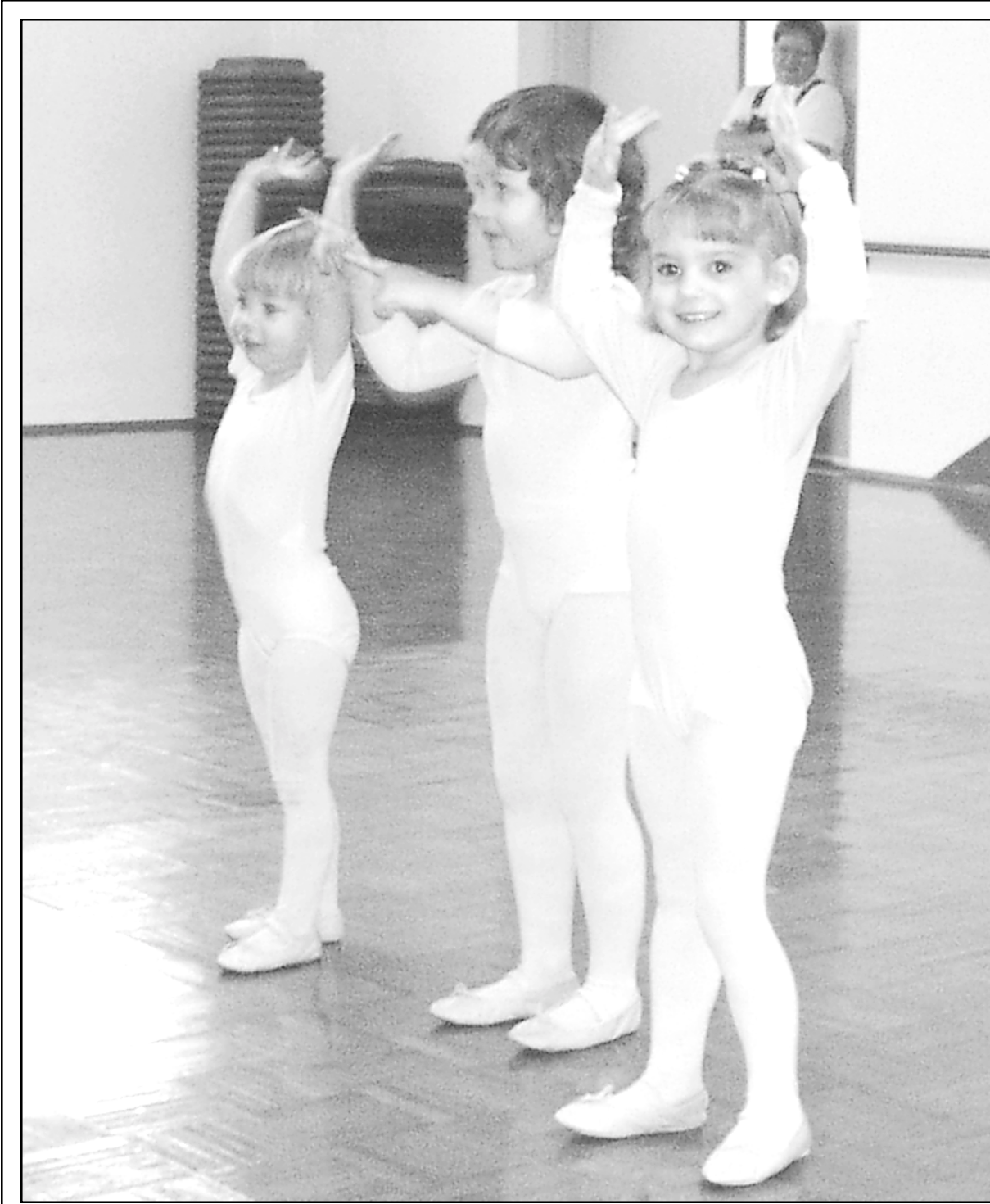
Before his death, she said, Gattshall was considering writing a book and using the column as a basis. He had talked to his wife and others about doing a book proposal.

Saturday morning, he told his wife he just about had it ready for her to proof. "At some time in the future, I may try to do something with his material," she said, "but it is too early to think about that. We will miss him."

Gattshall's next to last column is in today's edition, and his final column will be published next Tuesday.



Gattshall



Learning moves early

Watching themselves in a wall of mirrors (above), Kate Zelfer, 3, Lindey Geseka, 4, and Jordan Siruta, 3, followed the lead of instructor Jessica Kashka at the Goodland Activities Center. The afternoon class includes modern dance moves and then the girls switch to tap shoes (right) for a session of toe tapping moves to rock 'n roll music. Photos by Tom Betz



Sex offenders can be held beyond term

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court ruled today that states may keep violent sexual offenders locked up beyond their prison terms only if they prove the offenders lack some self-control.

Justices, in a partial victory for Kansas, threw out a ruling in favor of a con-

victed sex predator because a jury did not consider whether he could stop himself from committing a new crime if allowed to go free.

The high court said states have to address an inmate's lack of control. Justices did not say specifically how that should be done.

"It is irresponsible to leave the law in such a state of utter indeterminacy," Justice Antonin Scalia, joined by Justice Clarence Thomas, wrote in a dissent. More than 1,200 sex offenders are confined in 19 states with laws resembling the 1994 Kansas statute at issue in this case.

Boy happy he got to participate in national competition

Bobby Miller of Goodland was disappointed with his kicking in the national Punt, Pass, and Kick competition, his dad says, but happy he got to be there.

His father, Randy Schoenthaler, said Miller shanked his punt right at the start. The scores were corrected for accuracy, so his total was affected. Miller had considered punting his weakness.

"Bobby is disappointed, of course," said his dad, "but that's just part of sports. Even if you know you can do better, sometimes it just doesn't happen that day."

Bobby, his father and his mother, Tammy Schoenthaler, returned to Goodland Monday after staying an extra day in Pittsburgh.

"It was a good experience," said

Schoenthaler. "Bobby got to see a little history and what really happens in these cities."

"The hotel we stayed in is probably older than the City of Goodland."

Though the hotel was in a good part of town, he said, Bobby saw his first homeless person on the street near there.

The kids met at a banquet Saturday,

he said, and got to see that the other competitors were just kids, not supermen.

"They had all been through the same competitions, and they could see that everyone else was nervous, too," Schoenthaler said.

The competition was held Saturday before the Ravens-Steelers playoff game. Miller and his parents were given

seats on the open end of the end zone.

"We got to see just how big some of these guys are," Schoenthaler said.

Miller qualified in December by winning the regional competition in Kansas City, and wore a Chiefs' jersey in the national competition. Over 3 million kids competed nationwide, and 64 made it to Pittsburgh, the top four in each age and sex bracket.