

## weather report

**61°**  
at noon



### Today

- Sunset, 5:14 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:46 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:15 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 15 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds northwest 8 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.63 inches and falling
- Record High 76° (1943)
- Record Low -22° (1936)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High	61°
Low	22°
Precipitation	none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low upper 20s, very windy, winds northwest increasing to 30-40 m.p.h. gusting to 50 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly cloudy with strong winds, winds northwest 35-45 m.p.h. gusting to 60 m.p.h., high upper 30s.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly sunny, high mid 40s. Monday: mostly clear and breezy, high mid 60s, low lower 20s. (National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

- Wheat — \$2.58 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.52
  - Corn — \$1.90 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.82
  - Loan deficiency payment — 17¢
  - Milo — \$1.62 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$3.69 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.69
  - Loan deficiency payment — \$1.23
  - Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$8.95 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 69¢
  - Confection current — inquire
  - Pinto beans — \$25
- (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.

## State attorney reviews action

**PIPER** — The Wyandotte County district attorney issued subpoenas Thursday for members of the Piper school board and district administrators involved in a plagiarism controversy at Piper High School.

District Attorney Nick Tomasic said Thursday he is investigating whether the board violated the Kansas Open Meetings Act by discussing plagiarism accusations in secret and then directing a change in the grading system of the accused students' class without a public vote.

Any charges would be civil, not criminal, with a potential fine of up to \$500 per person for each of the two possible violations.

Tomasic said he expected his office would take statements from board members and administrators of the rural, eastern Kansas school district next week.



## Young Artists on display



Watercolor flowers and snowmen made from recycled jars and old socks are part of the "Elementary Art School" display at Carnegie Arts Center this month. Photos by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

## This art isn't elementary

By Sharon Corcoran  
The Goodland Daily News

Construction paper sunflowers, a large mural of a rain forest made of colored paper, snowmen and penguins made of jars covered with old socks and plastic foam heads, and watercolor paintings adorn the Carnegie Arts Center this month.

The theme of the display is "Elementary School Art" and the artists are students at North Elementary, Central Elementary and West Elementary.

The center has done this display for years, Director Tina Goodwin said, usually the first gallery show of the season.

The art work comes from all different classes in the elementary schools, Goodwin said, and it was up to the teachers to gather work from their students and bring it to the arts center.

The rain forest mural was done by a science class.

But not every class has work displayed, Goodwin said, and she would be happy to add some if students whose work is not displayed bring in something they made at school.

The art work is more extravagant than what parents and grandparents are used to hanging on the refrigerator.

A second grade class made large, colorful, three-dimensional sunflowers from construction paper. Nona Mason's early childhood class made the penguins and snowmen. One class made a patriotic quilt out of construction paper.

There are paper weaving, watercolors, sand painting, crayon, pencil



Irma Silkman (top) and Eileen Townsend, members of the Goodland Arts Council, helped set up the month-long Elementary Art School display on Saturday.

and multimedia art. There are several Kansas-themed projects, Goodwin said.

A class made a "Biosphere" mural by cutting out the earth and making animals that walk on top of the globe. A class learning about Japanese art made paper cranes and wrote about the history of the art form.

The teachers do an outstanding job, Goodwin said, and work the art into other aspects of the children's learning. Some of the art work looks like the students used math concepts, she said, and others required work on history and science.

## Stage is set for Olympics

### Opening ceremony is tonight

**SALT LAKE CITY (AP)** — The stage is set, the stars have arrived and the scene-stealer — a frail flag symbolizing one nation's recovery and resilience — awaits its worldwide debut tonight.

Amid a backdrop of snow-covered mountains and an awe-inspiring temple, the curtain is ready to rise on the first Winter Olympics on U.S. soil in more than two decades.

This show is similar in tone but entirely different in look from the one in Lake Placid 22 years ago. Once again, chants of "USA! USA!" will ring on the streets and slopes from fans wrapped in red, white and blue. But the fans will be joined by soldiers, Secret Service agents and police in an extraordinary show of force.

Welcome to the 2002 Winter Games, a mix of unbridled patriotism, unprecedented security, featuring 17 days of emotional competition in a nation made more vigilant and passionate by terror-



ism and war.

"The flame, the flag — a lot of the ideals we hope to touch on are going to be more meaningful because of the time we live in," said Don Mischer, producer of tonight night's opening ceremony.

The Olympic flame arrived Thursday in Salt Lake City, the last leg of a 13,500-mile, 46-state journey toward

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## Former fugitive gets probation

By Jay Kelley  
The Colby Free Press

Tina Janice Pearce, 24, was sentenced in Thomas County District Court Wednesday for her part in an August rampage which included burglary and criminal restraint.

Pearce and her partner, Kristopher Aaron Lambert, 22, were initially stopped by Thomas County Sheriff's deputies for a gas skip in Logan County. Lambert fled, a chase ensued, and the pair elude law officials by breaking into a home, tying up 17-year-old girl and stealing her car. They later stole a Jeep from a Hoxie grain elevator.

County Attorney Allan Taylor said Pearce agreed to assist in Lambert's prosecution. She was sentenced to probation totally five years. She will have 24 months' probation in lieu of an 18-month prison term, followed by 12 months supervised probation for the burglary charge.

She will serve two 12-month probations instead of a 12-month suspended jail term for criminal restraint and nine months for felony theft. And she will serve a 12-month suspended prison term for her part in the Sheridan County

theft, also.

Taylor said that Pearce could have to serve the jail terms if she violates her probation.

She has asked to serve her sentence in her home state, Mississippi.

"The most serious charge was the burglary," Taylor said.

Judge Glenn Schiffner told Pearce that he would not have recognized her had he not known she would be in the courtroom, and he felt she had taken steps to get her life back in order.

Sheriff Tom Jones said he thought Lambert was the real culprit in the case.

"Witness statements indicated she was somewhat compassionate," he said, adding he thought Lambert's sentence should be tougher.

"When it comes to him, we need to be very limited in what pleas we accept," he said. "I would gladly give him a ride east about 275 miles."

Charges against Lambert include aggravated assault, kidnapping, felony theft, misdemeanor theft and two counts of misdemeanor criminal damage to property in addition to charges he is facing in Tennessee. He is already on parole for auto theft in Texas.

## Weathermen recall some nasty storms

### Goodland forecasters take jobs elsewhere

By Rachel Miscal  
The Goodland Daily News

Kevin Lynott said he'll never forget surveying the damage a tornado left in 1999 after it tore across a Leoti farmstead, destroying everything in its path.

Lynott, warning coordination meteorologist for Goodland's National Weather Service office, said it was his job to rate the tornado's strength according to the wreckage. He said it was obviously a "Force 3" — one of the most powerful he had ever encountered.

A truck was wrapped around a tree. All that was left of the house was its foundation. Bricks and roof shingles were found miles away.

"It shattered the lives of the people there," he said. "They were in shock. Seeing that touched me in more ways than one."

Lyle Barker, science and operations officer at the weather office, said he'll fondly remember the summer of 2000, when scientists, researchers and news reporters from across the country and

the world met in Goodland.

He said they came for the Severe Thunderstorm Electrification and Precipitation Study, or STEPS, and spent about three months studying lightning and other dangerous weather in this area. The project was a great opportunity for the weather service staff and the city, he said.

Already fascinated by lightning, Barker said he was able to study it with experts. He said the researchers held workshops on severe weather and how to predict it, and the STEPS project was featured in U.S.A. Today and on the Discovery Channel.

"Goodland was kind of the capital of the weather world that summer," he said. "We had the elite of the weather research world here."

The weather wasn't always good, but Barker and Lynott said most of their memories working here have been. After a combined 17 years at the office, both have recently decided to leave

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