

**weather report**

**58°**  
at noon



**Today**

• Sunset, 5:26 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 6:34 a.m.  
• Sunset, 5:27 p.m.

**Middy Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 37 degrees
- Humidity 21 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds northeast 11 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.57 inches and falling
- Record High 74° (1986)
- Record Low -6° (1942)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High 65°  
Low 26°  
Precipitation none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers, low near 35, winds northwest 15 m.p.h., 30 per cent chance of rain. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy with chance of rain, high mid 40s, winds northwest 5-15 m.p.h., 30 percent chance of rain.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: partly sunny, high mid 50s. Thursday: mostly clear, high mid 40s, low mid 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 — \$2.56
  - Corn — \$1.90 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.84
  - Loan deficiency payment — 15¢
  - Milo — \$1.62 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$3.77 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.73
  - Loan deficiency payment — \$1.19
  - Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$9.20 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 56¢
  - Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
  - Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
- Markets closed due to holiday.  
(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. 'Asian growth will help U.S.'**

TOKYO — From the playground of ancient archers to the cozy dinner table of a "yakitori" restaurant, President Bush celebrated the United States' partnership with Japan but also underscored that as its troubled economy goes, so goes Asia — and America.

"It is important for the world's second-largest economy to grow. It will help the region and it will help the world," Bush said today at a joint news conference with Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi.

In private talks, Bush addressed Japan's unease about murky U.S. intentions toward Iraq, Iran and North Korea — the trio Bush defined as the "axis of evil." Bush said he told Koizumi "all options are on the table," presumably including military action to shut down terrorist networks.

## Wrestlers take second place

### Nine Cowboys advance to state

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland Cowboys placed second at the regional wrestling tournament in Larned this weekend, with three wrestlers taking first in their weight classes and nine advancing to the state contest in Wichita.

The Cowboys ended the two-day tournament on Saturday with 178.5 team points, right behind Norton's 186.5. Scott City, which took first at Class 4A regionals last year, finished third with 145.5 points; Ulysses, fourth at 139; and Colby, fifth, 133.

Goodland placed third behind Scott City and Colby at the tournament in Hugoton last year, qualifying seven

Cowboys for the state competition. Coach Randy Bahe predicted more wrestlers would advance this year and he was right.

With the top four wrestlers in each weight class qualifying for state, Goodland will send freshman Dexter Deeds, 103, first; sophomore Blayze Bahe, 112, first; junior Mathias Goodley, 119, fourth; junior Kyle Schulte, 125, fourth; senior Bryce Bahe, 130, second; senior Max Saint, 145, fourth; junior Taylor Brack, 152, first; senior Thomas Tompkins, 189, second; and sophomore Jordan Bedore, 215, second.

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## Cremator jailed for not burning

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) — The operator of a north Georgia crematory where dozens of corpses were found was arrested for a second time and charged with 11 more counts of theft by deception, authorities said today.

Ray Brent Marsh, 28, had been arrested Saturday and released from jail Sunday after posting \$25,000 bond on five original charges of theft by deception. He was arrested again Sunday night.

Calls to Marsh and the crematory went unanswered today, and voicemail boxes at both numbers were full.

Walker County chief magistrate Jerry Day said a bond hearing for Marsh would likely take place Tuesday. It had been scheduled for today until court

officials learned Marsh did not yet have an attorney, Day said.

Authorities returned today to grounds near the Tri-State Crematory, where they had recovered 97 bodies stacked in storage sheds and discarded in woods.

Officials have said they expect to find as many as 200 bodies at the crematory, including some that had likely been decomposing for up to 15 years.

Walker County Sheriff Steve Wilson said authorities were asking relatives of people whose bodies had been sent to the crematory for any information that might help identify their loved ones, including surgical scars and dental records. He said investigators were continuing the search.

## Goodland team snares first at Science Olympiad

By Rachel Miscall

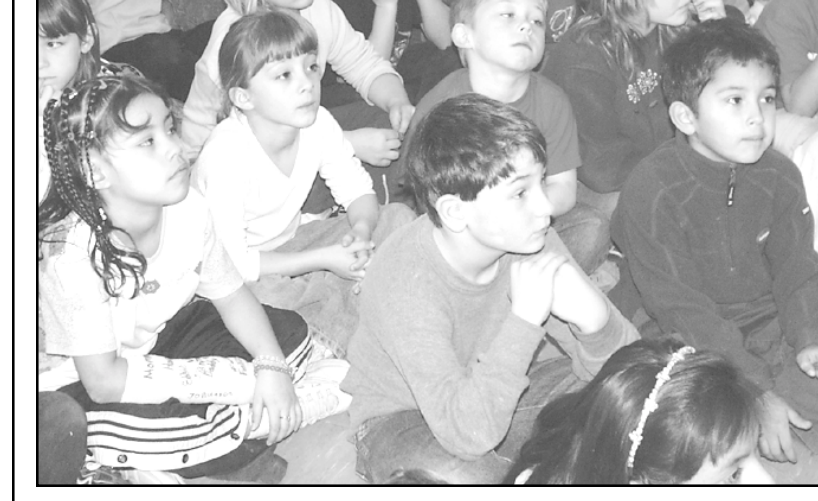
The Goodland Daily News

Goodland High School science students won the annual Fort Hays State University Regional Science Olympiad on Thursday, advancing to the state competition in Wichita on April 6.

The 14 students on the team competed in 21 events, placing first in five, second in four, third in two and fourth in five.

Eleven schools across the state took part in the annual competition. Dennis Friedrichs, high school technology teacher, and Chris Walter, high school science teacher, coach the team, which can include students in any high school grade.

Friedrichs said the Goodland team has attended the competition for five years. He said Goodland placed ninth the first year, sixth the second, third the



### Students raise \$700 with pins

Roberta Bretz (above, right), a Red Cross volunteer, looked at a \$700 check West Elementary School presented to her Friday, while students and Lynette McLean, a teacher, clapped. The school sold pins to raise money for Sept. 11 victims. Students listened while Bretz told them how the money will be used.

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The Goodland Daily News

## Wichita mayor race 'underdog'

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press

With the governor's race gaining momentum, Wichita Mayor Bob Knight, 58, said it's going to take bold, daring steps to turn Kansas around and he said he's ready to do just that.

"Our homesteading, pioneering and innovative spirit is gone, and we have lost our will in pulling together," Knight, a Republican, told a handful of people at the airport in Colby on Saturday during a whirlwind news conference announcing his intent to be the state's next governor.

Knight, his wife Jane and daughter Jennifer, were accompanied by two campaign officials and greeted by Darrel Follis, a city councilman; Bill Adams, chairman of the Thomas County Republican Party; and Mark Ostmeyer, airport manager.

Knight said his first hurdle will be in defeating Republicans Tim Shall-enburger, state treasurer, and Carla Stovall, attorney general, in the August primary.

"I know I am the underdog at this point," Knight said, "but that's natural in my life."

During his 30-minute talk, Knight outlined a three-pronged approach in building a strong economy and resurrecting that spirit that he believes is

gone. "We need to build the state's economy by pulling together and strengthening the industrial spine in Wichita and south-central Kansas, by strengthening the commercial-side in the northeast, and agriculture here in the northwestern and western part of the state," he said.

For too long, Knight said, he believes lawmakers in Topeka have done little to bring about this spirit that will be needed in order to make Kansas the world class place it should rightfully be.

"This isn't about survival of the fittest," he said. "This is about genuine, authentic concern for our neighbors, families and friends."

"For too long, Kansas has been the tail lights and not the headlights of the nation, because we have gotten away from that pioneering, innovative spirit."

Knight said launching the campaign is like starting a special journey: "One that will include the pursuit of excellence in the state's public school system. One that will bring back the competitive edge that Kansas needs and one that will bring out the hard work, thrift, perseverance and responsibility of the people."

As for the state budget squeeze, Knight said, "We are in a half-billion

dollar pickle and when running an \$8 to \$9 billion enterprise, short-term budgets don't work. During this political season we are in, many politicians will even pull us apart more."

Come August, Knight said, he wants people across the state to consider him the Republican candidate for governor. He said he will be back to build on the values of being a good neighbor, friend, family man and Kansan.

Knight also spoke of his background and experiences. Born in Wichita, he attended West High School and graduated with a political science degree from Wichita State University.

He has been mayor of Wichita seven times, serving for 15 years. He was elected to the Wichita City Commission in 1979 and served as the state Secretary of Commerce from 1992-94.

Knight said he credits his hard work and perseverance to his parents, who he said were good people, but poor. His father was a laborer and his mother cleaned houses and washed dishes.

"Shaped by this background, I know people in this state, and through no fault of their own, are struggling," he said. "We must focus public attention on growing the economy — it should be our biggest priority."

Accompanying Knight on this first tour to Colby, Garden City, Kansas City and Pittsburg were Mike Hill, a long-time friend, and Joe Pisciotte, a Wichita city council member.

## Ambulance purchase tops county agenda

Sherman County commissioners plan to look for the nearly \$70,000 it will take to purchase an ambulance when they meet Tuesday.

The ambulance is a 1999 model that was used by Children's Hospital in Denver as a critical care unit, but it would be newer than any unit currently in service in Sherman County.

Steve Evert and Jeff Krall, who represent the ambulance service, met with the commissioners on Tuesday and showed them the ambulance as well as the 1991 model they want to retire from service.

Evert and Krall told the commissioners the used box-type ambulance would cost about \$70,000, but that a new ambulance would run well over \$100,000.

The commissioners may take the money from the special Health Services Fund, which comes from a 1/4 percent countywide sales tax. This money has been used to help run the county health department, the hospital and the Good Samaritan home.

The commissioners also will make a decision on the Blue Cross and Blue Shield health insurance for the county. They asked Charles Krull, re-

gional representative, to provide them with cost figures for the county plan which raises the stop loss level to \$15,000, adds the Blue Choice option and keeps the remaining benefits the same as in previous years.

Last week, Krull told the commissioners he estimated the cost would be a 12 percent increase over the previous year, costing the county about \$490,000. Without any changes, the increase would be about 19 percent and cost the county \$542,000.

The commissioners will consider a resolution to adopt the fine for through commercial traffic caught using old U.S. 24.

William McKnight, head of building maintenance, will talk to the commissioners about a bid for spraying weeds at the county fairgrounds.

Sherryl Ketter will meet with the commissioners about the needs of the SHARE program, which distributes low-cost basic food supplies.

Deanna Buhr, a former dispatch employee, will talk to the commissioners about a personnel matter.

The commissioners meet at 8 a.m. in the commission room on the main floor of the courthouse, 813 Broadway Ave.

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