


weather report
51°
at noon



Today
• Sunset, 5:28 p.m.
Tomorrow
• Sunrise, 6:31 a.m.
• Sunset, 5:29 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil Temperature 37 degrees
• Humidity 28 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds north 25-32 m.p.h.
• Barometer 30.28 inches and steady
• Record High 73° (1972)
• Record Low -1° (1953)

Last 24 Hours*
High 57°
Low 24°
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast
Tonight: mostly clear, low mid 20s, wind west 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny and much warmer, high upper 60s, low mid 30s, winds west 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast
Saturday: partly sunny and continued warm, high lower 70s. Sunday: mostly cloudy with slight chance of snow late, high lower 40s, low upper 20s.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon
Wheat — \$2.63 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.58
Corn — \$1.92 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.84
Loan deficiency payment — 15¢
Milo — \$1.64 bushel
Soybeans — \$3.84 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.82
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.10
Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.45 cwt.
Loan deficiency prnt. — 56¢
Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$26

(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.
China won't join the fight

BEIJING — Thirty years after President Nixon's historic visit to Beijing, President Bush thanked China for its anti-terrorism solidarity today and promised to be a "steady partner," yet he failed to persuade the communist power to stop its trafficking in weapons of mass destruction.

"Terrorism is a threat to both our countries," Bush said at a news conference following 90 minutes of talks with President Jiang Zemin. "I welcome China's cooperation in our war against terror. I encourage China to continue to be a force for peace among its neighbors."

On the last leg of his three-nation Asian tour, Bush had hoped to win China's agreement on halting the sale of missile and nuclear technology to Iran, Pakistan, North Korea and other nations in the "axis of evil."

Moran changes tour time

Congressman says weather was too hot

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Congressman Jerry Moran spoke to about 40 citizens at the Safari Steak House Thursday as part of his 66-county listening tour.

The morning session was sponsored by the Sherman County Farm Bureau, and Rep. Moran opened by saying he didn't know of a city in Kansas that had three days of state politicians. He was referring to visits Monday by Sen. Sam Brownback and Tuesday by Sen. Pat Roberts.

Moran said he usually does the listening tour in the summer, but decided he did not like the hot temperatures and it made more sense to listen to people while Congress is in session and he is in a position to do things based on what he hears.

He said the first stop was Almena and the last stop will be Zurich.

"We had a bit of a problem finding a town beginning in 'Z' and an even tougher time finding a place for a meeting," he said, "but we have that handled so we can do an 'A-Z' across the district."

Moran said he has been watching the redistricting action in the state legislature, which has two plans for enlarging his congressional district. The first map adds counties in the northeast corner. The second takes the district down to Pittsburg and into the southeast corner.

"At this time there is no map under consideration that would take Sherman County out of my district," he said, to a round of laughs.

"I am interested in what we can do to keep some profitability in our economy and keep our people," Moran said before opening the session for questions.

Ben Duell, Ruleton farmer, said it was important that people working on the farm bill remember that in northwest Kansas there are more acres than bushels, and compensation should be based on acres not on bushels.

Moran said there are two farm bills. The Senate one emphasizes loan rates, while the House version has more specific payments.

"I am not sure which is best, but we need to find the right balance," Moran said.

Another farmer said payment reduction could become acreage reduction.

"We need to enhance agriculture to aid our economy and bring people here to fill our schools," said John Golden, farmer and former legislator. "We are showing a decline in population, and having value-added agriculture is a way to keep the economy going."

Moran said the farm bill should have a section for grants and support for this type of value-added effort.

"You are somewhat unique in this because you are more developed, more innovative and more progressive than other areas," Moran said.

He said the average age of a farmer in the district is 57.5 years old, but that it seems lower than that in Sherman County.

Another question referred to doing something to overcome the import duties on pinto beans being sent to

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Max Saint, a senior Cowboy wrestler, got into a surburban destined for the state wrestling tournament in Wichita this morning at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Nine Goodland Cowboys qualified for state at a regional tournament last weekend. They left for Wichita in decorated sururbans after a send off ceremony.
Photos by Rachel Miscall and Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

Wrestlers off to state contest

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Randy Bahe, head coach of the Goodland Cowboys wrestling team, said he woke up this morning feeling relieved, relaxed and ready for the state contest in Wichita this weekend.

He wasn't sure if that was a good or bad sign.

"I don't know what that means," the coach said, as he stood in front of Max Jones Fieldhouse surrounded by people patting him on the back and shaking his hand.

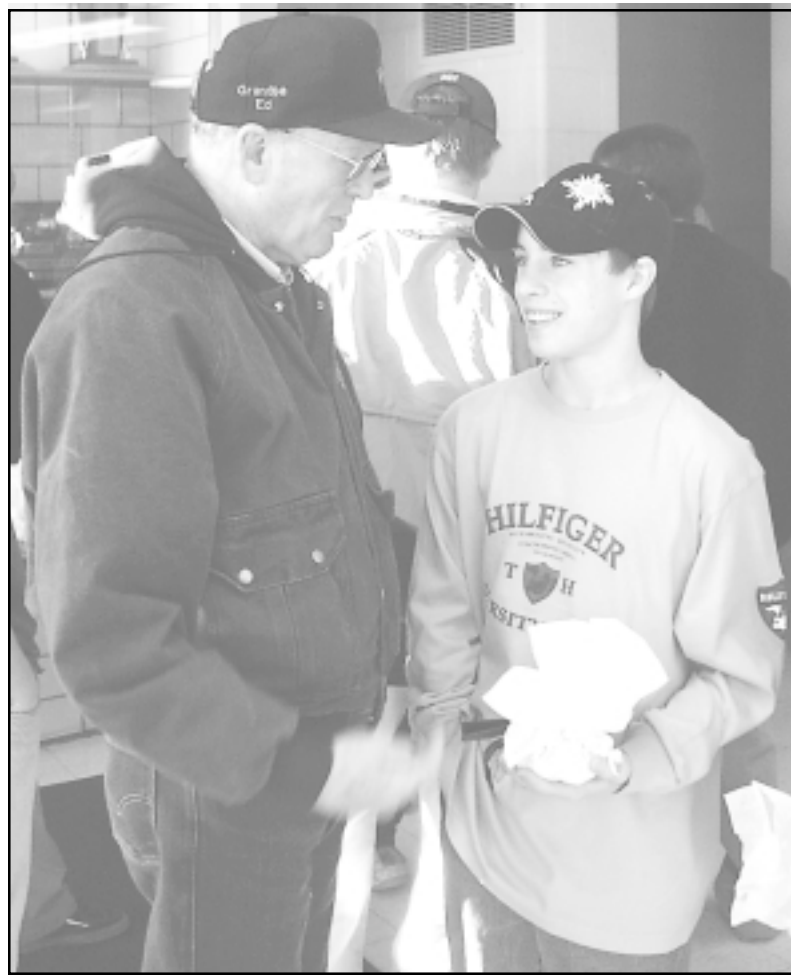
Could it mean Coach Bahe believes the nine Cowboys that qualified for state this year are ready to take on other top Kansas wrestlers?

"I feel like the guys had a real good week of practice," he said. "They worked hard. They've done that all year. We just want them to do the best they can do, and that's all we can ask."

Family, friends, fellow athletes and other well-wishers gathered at the fieldhouse at 7 a.m. this morning to boost the Cowboys' confidence and wish them luck before they started on their five-hour drive to Wichita. The tournament will be held on Friday and Saturday.

The Goodland Ambassadors, a division of the Chamber of Commerce, gave the wrestlers, coaches and managers personalized gift bags and sports drinks. The Cowboy cheerleaders, who will also go to Wichita, performed cheers while the wrestlers packed into two school-owned sururbans, covered with messages like "We love you," and "The Cowboys are #1."

The wrestlers planned to leave by 7:30 a.m., but their trip was postponed for a few minutes when someone ac-



Dexter Deeds, a Cowboy wrestler, talked with his grandfather Ed Deeds at Max Jones Fieldhouse this morning during a ceremony before the team left for the state contest in Wichita.

identally set off a fire extinguisher in the back of one of the sururbans, covering the inside of the truck with white powder. It took about 10 minutes for the coaches to drive the surburban to a car wash in town.

After a successful season, Goodland placed second at the Class

4A Regional Wrestling Tournament in Larned last weekend, qualifying nine wrestlers for the state contest. They include Dexter Deeds, 103, first at regionals; sophomore Blayze Bahe, 112, first; junior Mathias Goodley, 119, fourth; junior Kyle Schulte, 125, fourth; senior Bryce Bahe, 130, sec-

ond; senior Max Saint, 145, fourth; junior Taylor Brack, 152, first; senior Thomas Tompkins, 189, second; and sophomore Jordan Bedore, 215, second.

It's an improvement over last year, when seven Cowboys went to state, with the team placing eighth among 57 Class 4A teams from across Kansas.

While he wouldn't predict individual placings, Coach Bahe said he thinks the team has the potential to finish in the top 5. The Cowboys were ranked second in Class 4A schools going into the regional competition, and finished the season undefeated in dual meets. The team won the Northwest Kansas League Tournament in Oakley last month, and placed first at tough tournaments during the season.

Friends and family who showed up to send off the Cowboys, said they're proud of the team and they're not too worried about how they'll fare in Wichita.

"Excited? Oh yeah, you bet," said Ed Deeds, grandfather to Dexter Deeds and Blayze and Bryce Bahe. "I have three wrestlers out of nine."

Ed Deeds is the father of Kathy Bahe, Coach Bahe's wife, and Robin Deeds, Dexter's father. Blayze and Bryce are Coach Bahe's sons.

Ed Deeds said he doesn't care about medals, he'll just be happy if his grandsons come home in one piece.

"I hope things turn out OK," he said. "The main thing is they don't get hurt. I don't care how they place."

It will be the first time Coach Bahe, who was an assistant coach for many years, will be going to state in the head position. It will also be the first time a

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City commissioners cut money for art council by \$3,000

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland Arts Council will have to get by with less money from the city this year after city commission members voted to cut funding from last year's \$5,000 to \$2,000.

Tina Goodwin, director of the arts center, approached the commission at their meeting Monday and asked for \$5,000. She said the center has displayed continuous art exhibits on a monthly basis, and its objective is to make art affordable and accessible for all people.

"Try to imagine life without the joy art brings to it," Goodwin said.

The city only budgeted \$5,000 for charitable donations this year, City Manager Ron Pickman said, and they have given \$1,450 already: \$850 to the domestic violence shelter and \$600 to the Sherman County Historical Society. He said last

year the budget allowed for \$10,000.

"I think it's important to the community for us to continue to support the arts," said Rick Billinger, city commissioner.

"I'll support it to the extent of our budget," said Commissioner Curtis Hurd.

Billinger asked if they could take some money out of the economic development fund, which has \$30,000 in it.

Pickman said other projects might need that money, including matching \$10,000 from a grant they hope to get from the Kansas Historical Society to fix up the Carnegie Building.

"That (the economic development fund) is where that other \$10,000 will come from, as far as I'm concerned," said Hurd.

Hurd moved that the rest of the donation budget, \$3,550, go to the art center.

"I wish we had it plus double," he said.

Billinger seconded the motion. The vote failed, with both Commissioner Chuck Lutters and Mayor Tom Rohr voting to give less money. Commissioner Dean Blume was absent.

Billinger asked what other programs got contributions from the city last year. Pickman said the Fourth of July Fireworks display got \$500 and the children's candy program at Christmas got \$250.

"If we were going to cut, that (fireworks) would be a logical place to do it," Billinger said. "It wouldn't bother me if we didn't give to them at all."

Lutters moved to give the center \$2,000 and Hurd seconded it. The vote passed unanimously. Goodwin and members of the art council thanked the commissioners.

"We understand you're stretched to the limit, and we appreciate it," said Goodwin. "We are grateful for anything we can get."

Goodwin said the smaller grant won't hurt the center too badly.

"We always seem to find a way to cut a little," she said, "or make up funds we had budgeted for. Everybody is in a pinch. We are too," she said, "but we don't expect to have to cut any programs."

The art council's budget for 2002 shows expected expenses and income to both be \$49,700. The center expects to raise \$15,800 through fundraising efforts, including workshops, gallery sales, and special events and expects to raise \$12,800 through memberships.

It plans to get \$21,100 from corporate sponsors, state grants, project grants and city and county governments, including \$2,500 pledged by Sherman County. Payroll and taxes for the center is projected at \$26,000, and all other expenses, including artist fees, office expenses and maintenance, come to \$23,700.