

**weather report**

**27°**

at noon



**Today**

- Sunset, 5:45 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:08 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:46 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 35 degrees
- Humidity 92 percent
- Sky cloudy with fog
- Winds southeast 10 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.55 inches and falling
- Record High 75° (1974)
- Record Low -1° (1996)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High	61°
Low	22°
Precipitation	trace

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: cloudy, 20 percent chance of snow, low lower teens, wind north 25-35 with gusts to 45 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high mid 40s, low upper teens, winds west 5-10 m.p.h.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: partly sunny, high lower 60s. Monday: partly cloudy, high upper 50s, low lower 30s. Tuesday: partly cloudy, high lower 50s. (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 — \$2.50
- Corn — \$1.88 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.87
- Loan deficiency payment — 12¢
- Milo — \$1.61 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.02 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.91
- Loan deficiency payment — \$1.01
- Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$9.35 cwt.
- Nu sun — \$9.55
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 30¢
- 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.

**Senate passes recession bill**

WASHINGTON — The Senate passed and sent to President Bush today a recession relief package extending jobless benefits and providing billions of dollars in business tax cuts.

Bush called it "a very good bill" even though it is far less than he wanted.

The final vote for approval was 85-9 and came a day after the bill cleared the House by 417-3. The swift action followed months of partisan gridlock that saw three previous House-passed versions blocked in the Senate.

Bush did not get several major elements he wanted, including accelerated income tax cuts, a new round of rebate checks, repeal of the corporate alternative minimum tax or a tax credit to help the jobless buy health insurance. But the president said he was eager to sign it into law.

## Free gun locks could save lives here

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Project HomeSafe is coming to Goodland on Tuesday to teach people how to store firearms and to hand out free safety kits, which include a gun lock.

On a tour of Kansas, the Project HomeSafe truck is scheduled to roll into the Wal-Mart parking lot around 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday and roll out at 2:30 p.m. to make its way to Colby. The truck will also stop at stores in Hays and Salina next week.

The nationwide program was started by the

National Shooting Sports Foundation to distribute 3 million safety kits, promote gun safety and save some lives.

Statistics show that if you have a loaded gun in your home which is not stored safely, it's likely to hurt or kill someone someday. Not just an animal or an intruder, but your child or a family member.

On average, 75 American children are shot every day, and some are killed. Millions of children live in homes where there are loaded and unlocked guns, experts say. A majority of gun deaths happen at home and about one-third of Kansas children under 14 who are killed by guns die accidentally.

Program representatives will spend the year touring the U.S. in five 16-foot mobile gun safety classrooms. One truck will work its way across Kansas this month.

Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer's office, the Kansas Highway Patrol, the Kansas Head Start program and Wal-Mart are helping to sponsor the state tour, which started on Saturday in Wichita and will end March 29 in Topeka.

Lt. John Eichkorn, highway patrol spokesman in Topeka, said troopers in Sherman County will talk with gun owners about how to handle and

store their firearms. People don't need to bring their weapons, he said.

Sara Klein, spokesman in Sherrer's office, said Project HomeSafe representatives know a lot about gun safety and will hand out pamphlets, show a video and explain how to use different types of gun locks. The kits they will give out include a cable-style gun lock tested by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and lock instructions.

The lock can be used on handguns, rifles and

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## Singers raised \$11,000

Choir to hold show, sing for meal money

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland High School X-Pressos earned a spot in a national show choir competition in Branson, Mo., and sang to raise money to pay for their trip.

The group will sing for their supper Sunday, performing their competition program in Goodland for meal money. The group will hold a 30-35 minute concert at 2 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The Goodland Ambassadors will host a reception for them in the school library afterward.

The group will perform "Nothing Can Stop Me Now," from the musical "The Roar of the Greasepaint and the Smell of the Crowd;" "Shim Sham Shimmy," a '40s piece by Kirby Shaw; "Blue Suede Shoes," a '50s piece popularized by Elvis Presley; and "Arms Around the World," by Greg Gilpin, said vocal teacher Randy Berls.

These are the songs they will sing in Branson, he said, but the group will perform some other songs on Sunday as well.

The group has raised around \$11,000 to pay for the trip, Berls said, and is now raising money for meals on the way.

Facing budget problems, the school board has said they would not pay for any out-of-state trips this year. The board relented, however, and agreed to provide transportation if the X-Pressos would raise the rest. The board is providing the bus and driver, Superintendent Marvin Selby said, and paying for gas.

The group has had four months of fund-raising since November, Berls said. The group held a soup supper Jan. 27, he said, the same night supporters played the Harlem Knights in a humorous basketball game.

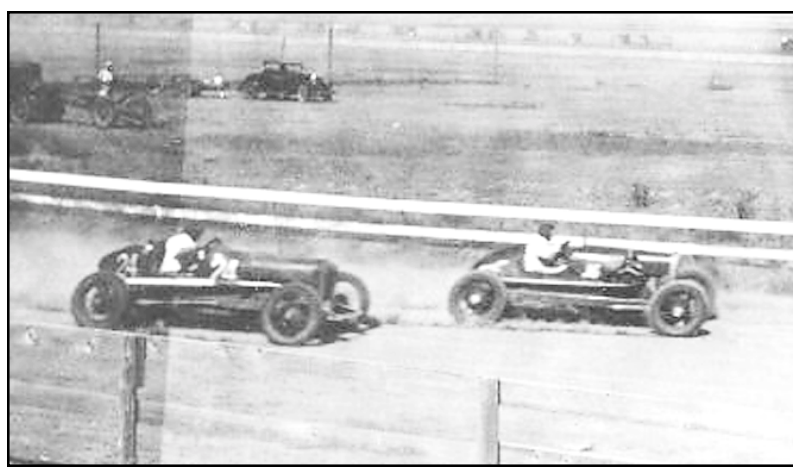
The group has performed 40-50 times, Berls said, for groups in Goodland, Colby and Kanorado that have donated money. The Goodland Rotary Club gave the X-Pressos \$2,300; the Kiwanis Club and Wal-Mart each gave the group \$1,000; and numerous groups have given them \$500 each.

"Since we are a singing group," Berls said, "it makes sense that we sang for most of the money."

But the group has not been selfish. The X-Pressos performed with other groups at a benefit concert Dec. 1 that raised money to pay for Dustin Zelfer's medical bills. The 12-year-old boy had heart surgery in July.

After months of hard work, Berls said, the group is looking forward to the trip. Next week 20 performers, 11 spon-

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Goodland residents enjoyed watching car races (top) in the late 1920s and early 1930s. Two men fished in Smoky Gardens Lake (above) in 1909. The photos are among dozens on display at the High Plains Museum. Photos courtesy of the High Plains Museum

## Old-fashioned FUN

## Museum exhibits county's good ol' times

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Early residents of Sherman County may have worked hard, but they knew how to enjoy themselves.

Picnics and fishing at Smoky Gardens Memorial Park in the early 1900s were more popular than they are today. Those who wanted a little culture built and attended the old opera house and the Lycos Theater.

Circuses and parades were always big hits, as was harness horse racing, and when they came around early in the 20th century, car races.

People who didn't want to be just spectators formed amateur baseball and football teams, and the first girl's high school basketball team in Sherman County was organized in

1909. Pictures of them all — and a lot more — can be seen at the High Plains Museum in an exhibit of photos detailing the history of leisure and entertainment in the county.

The show is the brainchild of Linda Fogle, a life-long Goodland resident and a part-time employee at the museum.

"We didn't know exactly what we wanted," Fogle said, "but we knew we wanted a photo display of some kind."

She went through copies of pictures the museum keeps, and ran across early pictures of recreation in the county.

"The museum has a lot of displays on how hard life was for early settlers," Fogle said, "and I thought it was

interesting to look at how they entertained themselves.

She says the museum didn't have too many pictures of in-home entertainment, which she would have liked to have, but they had plenty showing public displays.

The exhibit consists of 94 pictures on five large cardboard panels. Fogle said when she prepared the photos, she thought she had "gobs and gobs of them," but it takes so many pictures to cover the panels, it looks like she didn't do as much.

"There are a lot of pictures there, though," Fogle said.

She said she had to scan the original pictures into a computer, then print them and mount them on cardboard, and research any dates or facts asso-

ciated with the scenes.

Fogle says when she started the project, which took two months of part-time work, she thought about comparing pictures of the past with the present.

"I wanted to show a picnic in 1901, and next to it a picnic in 2001," Fogle said, "but we didn't have enough recent pictures to do that the way I thought we could."

Even though Linda Holton, director of the museum, counts more than 5,000 pictures in the collection, there are very few after 1945, Fogle said.

Most have come from private donations, Holton said, adding that the museum got a large collection from

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## School board will let band raise \$25,000 for Texas trip

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

After hearing from a teacher, parents and students, the Goodland School Board decided on Monday to let band members raise about \$25,000 to attend the Alamo Bowl in San Antonio, Texas, this December.

Deandra Wirth, district band teacher, told the board at its regular meeting that the trip will cost about \$350 per student. There are 46 band members interested

in participating now, she said, noting that more are likely to join the band when they hear about the trip.

Wirth said the band already has ideas for fund-raisers and students believe they can raise the money without having to go door-to-door. She said the trip is through an organization called Bowl Games of America, and she showed the board a video of past trips.

To save money, the board decided earlier this year not to pay for out-of-

town trips. They bent that rule for the X-Pressos, the high school show choir, agreeing to provide a bus to haul the group to a national competition in Branson, Mo., this month. The X-Pressos raised \$11,000 to attend the competition. Wirth didn't task the board to provide transportation to Texas and they didn't offer.

She said it will be a five-day trip, including two days of travel, and students will attend the Alamo Bowl and partici-

pate in parades, clinics and competitions. Wirth said it's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Charlene Mangus, parent of a band member, said it will be a chance for students to have an experience outside Kansas. Band student Rebecca Gattshall said they're excited about the trip.

"I think we're willing to work for it," she said.

Wirth said the trip will be from Dec.

26 to 30, and students have said they're willing to change their Christmas plans to go to the bowl. She said they won't miss school because it will be during the winter break.

Wirth said the \$25,000 figure is only a ballpark guess because the total amount will depend on the number of students who decide to go. She said each student will have his or her own account set up and will be responsible for raising their fair share.