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weather report at noon

**Today** 

• Sunset, 7:54 p.m.

**Tomorrow** 

• Sunrise, 5:31 a.m. • Sunset, 7:55 p.m.

**Midday Conditions** 

 Soil Temperature 60 degrees • Humidity 63 percent

Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds east 10 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.31 inches

and rising • Record High 99° (1927)

• Record Low 31° (1976)

Last 24 Hours\*

46° Low .27 Precipitation

High

### **Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: partly cloudy, low near 40, winds southeast 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high mid 60s, low mid 40s, winds southeast 10-20 m.p.h.

#### **Extended Forecast**

Sunday: partly sunny, high lower 70s, low upper 40s. Monday: partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms from noon on, high mid 70s. Tuesday: chance of thunderstorms.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m



## Noon

Wheat — \$2.50 bushel Posted county price — \$2.42 Loan deficiency payment — 3¢ Corn — \$1.86 bushel

Posted county price Loan deficiency payment — 9¢ Milo — \$1.55 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.21 bushel Posted county price — \$4.27 Loan deficiency payment — 65¢ Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight

Oil current crop — \$9.35 cwt. NuSun — \$9.50 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. — 36¢ Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt. Pinto beans — \$27

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures. )





## Lawmakers want answers

WASHINGTON — President Bush firmly defended himself today against Democratic suggestions he ignored warning signs of the Sept. 11 attacks, saying "I would have done everything in my power to protect the American people" had he known of Osama

bin Laden's plans. "I want the troops here to know I take my job as commander in chief very seriously," he told Air Force cadets and officers in a Rose Garden ceremony honoring their

football team. Bush's remarks reflect concern at the White House over political fallout from revelations he was told Aug. 6 that bin Laden wanted to hijack planes. Democrats and some Republicans in Congress have criticized Bush for not making the information public, and are questioning whether he could have done more to stop the attacks.

# Officers to receive awards for valor

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Five Goodland law officers will receive awards for bravery in Wichita tonight for stopping an Indiana man who went on a rampage across two counties in October, stealing and wrecking cars, endangering citizens and injuring officers.

Glenn Johnson, a Goodland police officer; Brian Horney and David Albers, Sherman County highway patrol troopers; Robert Lamb, a sheriff's deputy; and Undersheriff Kevin Butts will be honored during the Joint Kansas Law Enforcement Conference Banquet at the Wichita Airport Hilton. Each will receive "The Gold Award" from the Kansas Association of Chiefs of Police for uncommon valor in the line of duty.

Larry Welch, director of the Kansas

**Officials** 

to hear

strategy

Group planning to

hire fulltime leader

Members of the newly organizing economic development group steering committee will discuss their plans with the city commission Monday at 5 p.m. The group has met with the county commissioners, who indicated support for the plan to organize a new economic

development board and hire a full time economic development person.

Curtis Hurd, city commissioner, has been meeting with the group and is a member of the steering committee. He

suggested the steering committee meet

with the city commission to see if there

is a sense of support for the new pro-

"I don't know if the entire commis-

sion will support this," Hurd told the

steering committee, "but I think they

City Manager Ron Pickman will re-

view the Chamber's economic devel-

opment committee request to waive

city fees for the development of a Taco John's restaurant along K-27 south of

Building permits and utility connec-

tion fees will cost the owners, Kendall

and Jackie Cooper, about \$11,000, Tim

"They didn't realize it would have

Pickman told the commissioners the

city will have to install an electrical

transformer, water meter and connections from the main water line.

Pickman will discuss the recent let-

may be moving to the west where the

contamination, but said the city is re-

ducing pumping to see if the under-

He will give the city commissioners

In other business, the commission

• Appoint two members to the re-

Shade Tree Commission and two to the

• Review bids for mowing weeds on

The city commission meets at 5 p.m.,

the first and third Mondays of each

month, upstairs in the Administration

an update on the situation, and discuss

other measures that may be done to pro-

city has one of its water wells.

ground flow decreases.

Airport Advisory Board.

vacant lots in the city.

building, 204 W. 11th.

tect the well.

this kind of cost," Rath said. "This is an opportunity for the city to invest in the

Rath said at the May 6 meeting.

need to be asked."

Howard Johnson's.

community.'

though," he said.

landfill.





Bureau of Investigation and chairman

of the police chief association's awards

committee, said the association puts on

the conference each year for members

of several law enforcement organiza-

Kansas officers who saved lives, per-

formed above and beyond their duties

and showed exceptional bravery during

the past year are recognized at the ban-







**Bob Lamb** 

Goodland, Kansas 67735

quet. Welch said 157 city, county, state unanimous votes on our committee are and federal officers were nominated this year, and the awards committee picked 44 to honor.

Each will receive either a bronze, silver or gold award, he said, adding that gold is the highest award behind "The Chief's Award," which is given to the family of an officer killed in the line of officers here deserved the gold award because they put themselves in people.

"The officers' performance was incredible," he said. "I can remember that vote was unanimous and

rare.

zarre and complicated case the committee has ever reviewed. case I've ever encountered," he said.

"To this day we still don't know why

that young man was running.' It started the afternoon of Friday, Oct.

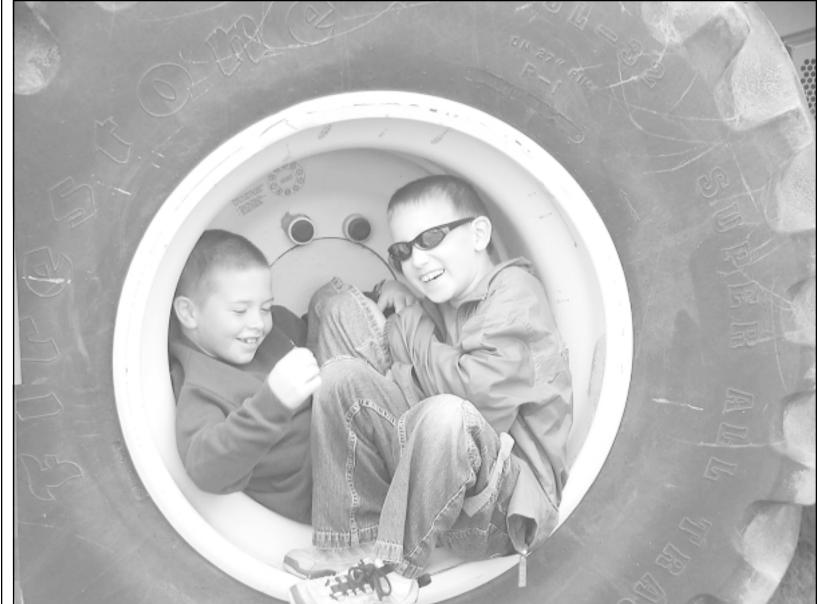
Welch said commit- 26, when Mark Christopher Palmer, 19. tee members felt the Carmel, Ind., rolled his car on I-70 in Burlington, Colo. He ran from the scene, threatened Kit Carson County officers with a garden hoe and tried to danger to save other ram the undersheriff with a pickup he stole from a farmer.

After rolling the truck on I-70 in Sherman County and stealing another pickup from a man who stopped to help, Palmer raced through Goodland on Business U.S. 24 with police officers, deputies and troopers close behind.

"Stop sticks" officers laid across the Welch added that it was the most bi-road punctured one of the pickup's tires, but didn't stop Palmer, who drove back onto I-70 at the east Goodland exit "That case was the dog-gone-dest and headed west in the eastbound lanes." Officers caught up to him after he sideswiped a truck and tried to steal it.

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# Children On Wheels Day?



a handy spot to hide from the wind during Careers On Wheels (C.O.W.) Day Thursday at the Goodland Municipal airport. Elementary students that go with them.

First graders Kaleb Zielinsky (above, left) and Joshua Whisnant found looked at 17 types of vehicles on display, including planes, fire engines, police cruisers, an ambulance and a hearse, and learned about the jobs Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

## Star Wars fans travel to Goodland for premiere

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The Cooper's were not at the May 6 Star Wars fans started lining up outmeeting, and had not asked the Chamside the Sherman Theatre at 4 p.m. on ber committee for help, Pickman said. Thursday for the opening show of "Epi-"I don't think he'd turn down help, sode two: Attack of the Clones" at 7

A few were carrying plastic light sater from Sherman County about the bers and Yoda dolls. Some traveled state Department of Health and more than 60 miles to see the fifth Environment's analysis of the water movie released in the popular science contamination at the old city/county

The film opened nationwide on A comparison of tests from monitor-Thursday and millions of fans flocked ing wells at the old landfill appear to to movie theaters across the U.S., with show the underground contamination 170 taking in the show here.

Allan Briney and Cody Schields, both Goodland High seniors, were the Pickman said the monthly tests of first ones in line. They said they wanted water from that well do not show any to make sure they got the best seats in

> Schields said he likes the Star Wars movies because of the story they tell and the special effects. He said his favorite character is Darth Maul, an evil Sith who was killed in the first episode in the series, "The Phantom Menace."

"He seemed like a very fierce warrior," Schields said.

Sean Greenley, another senior in line, cently created Construction and Demosaid he likes the evil characters better it. lition Debris Committee, three to the than the good ones.

"Why are the evil guys always cooler

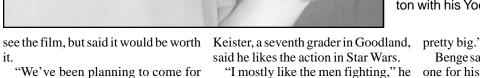
than the good guys?" he asked. Aaron Seaney, 17, and Zach Lamb, 18, said they traveled from Burlington with 9 of their friends to see the movie, which was not playing in their town. Arriving just after 4, they said they would be waiting about three hours to double-sided red light saber, Devin they'd have it on the first day. That's atre at 785-899-6103.

movie geeks."

part or character in the movies.

there to like about it?"





two weeks," Seaney said. "We're said, twirling his saber. Debbie Benge brought her two He said he couldn't pick a favorite grandkids, Clayton Dry, 6, and Cassie Smith, 4, about 60 miles from Stratton, "It's Star Wars," he said, "what isn't

Colo. to see the movie. Standing behind Seaney with a showing," she said. "I didn't think For show times call the Sherman The-

Clayton Dry (above), 6, brought his light saber from Stratton, Colo. to see the premiere of the new Star Wars movie Thursday. Zach Lamb, 18, came from Burlington with his Yoda key chain. Photos by Rachel Miscal

Benge said she gave Clayton episode one for his birthday and he wanted to see "Attack of the Clones," episode two. Holding up his blue light saber, Clayton said he likes the Jedi Knights.

"They're cool," he said. The movie will be playing in "I called the theater to see what was Goodland through Thursday, June 13.