

**weather  
report****80°**

at noon

**Today**

• Sunset, 8:04 p.m.

**Tomorrow**• Sunrise, 5:26 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:05 p.m.**Midday Conditions**• Soil Temperature 61 degrees  
• Humidity 28 percent  
• Sky sunny  
• Winds south 15-23 m.p.h.  
• Barometer 29.98 inches  
and steady  
• Record High 98° (1934)  
• Record Low 33° (1947)**Last 24 Hours\***High 85°  
Low 49°  
Precipitation none**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: partly cloudy, low near 53, winds south 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy, high near 88, low near 55, winds east 5-10 m.p.h., 20 percent chance of thunderstorms until midnight.

**Extended Forecast**

Thursday: mostly cloudy, high near 90, low near 55. Friday: partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorm, high lower 80s, low upper 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local  
markets****Noon**Wheat — \$2.49 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.42  
Loan deficiency payment — 3¢  
Corn — \$1.86 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.82  
Loan deficiency payment — 17¢  
Milo — \$1.56 bushel  
Soybeans — \$4.29 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.34  
Loan deficiency payment — 58¢  
Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$9.85 cwt.  
NuSun — \$10.00 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 15¢  
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.)**afternoon  
wire**

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

**NATO accepts  
its old enemy**

ROME — NATO, the alliance set up more than a half century ago for the Cold War containment of Moscow, formally accepted its old enemy as a junior partner today.

"We have come a long way from confrontation to dialogue, and from confrontation to cooperation," Russian President Vladimir Putin said before he and 19 NATO leaders, including President Bush, signed an agreement creating a NATO-Russia Council.

"Two former foes are now joined as partners," Bush said.

Russia will have more authority than in an earlier, less formal arrangement set up years ago to try to nudge Moscow closer to the West.

Its involvement will be limited to certain areas. They include crisis management, peacekeeping and such military areas as air defense.

## A day to remember



The Veterans of Foreign Wars honor guard (top picture) prepared to fire a 21-gun salute during a Memorial Day service Monday at the Goodland Cemetery. Chaplain Chet Ross (far right), Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Bill Selby and American Legion Commander Mark Heckman saluted as Bryon Russell played "Taps" following the Memorial Day service in Kanorado.

Photos by Rachel Miscal and Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

## Service fills cemetery with emotion

**By Doug Stephens***The Goodland Daily News*

The Goodland Cemetery was full on Monday.

Full of women who lost their husbands, grown sons who lost their fathers and men who lost friends fighting on distant fields. It was also full of small children who weren't old enough to understand why they had to stand so still, and stay so quiet.

More than ever, the cemetery was full of memories, and full of gratitude.

Each year on Memorial Day, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion hold services in the Goodland, Brewster and Kanorado cemeteries. They honor those who served in the armed forces and, said Pastor Tony Kafka of the Sunrise Christian Church in his sermon, "all the faithful, uniformed or not, who have died for this country."

American flags decorated the cemetery at every turn. They flew from poles, were carried by hand, and were placed by the markers of every veteran.

Uniformed veterans, as well as hundreds of other people, came out to pay their respects to relatives, comrades, old friends, and former neighbors who "willingly served and made this land

free," as Kafka said.

Memorial Day is more poignant this year, he said, because of the terrorist attacks on New York and Washington, D.C. on Sept. 11.

Kafka said that in peacetime, sometimes it is easy to forget those who served, but "since 9-11, America has again woken up."

"There are many heroes today, including firemen and police officers, who have perished," Kafka said. "War, as it has been said, is indeed hell. In spite of the sadness, let us stand tall and thank those who made the sacrifice and helped us all remain free."

Darin Richardson, a recent graduate of Goodland High School, and Amanda Jolly, a senior next year, sang "God Bless America," after the sermon. Isabelle Hellerud and Bryon Russell played "Taps," bringing tears to the eyes of many in the crowd.

The Veterans of Foreign Wars honor guard gave a 21-gun salute, and the ceremony was capped off with hundreds of red, white and blue balloons being released into the sky.

"We need to remember those who gave up all for us, that we might be free," Kafka said. "We need to thank them, we need to honor them, but most of all, we need to remember."

## People in Kanorado also remember lost loved ones

**By Rachel Miscal***The Goodland Daily News*

For many Americans, Memorial Day is not only a time to honor soldiers who died fighting for their country, but a time to remember all family and friends who are gone.

That was apparent at the Kanorado cemetery on Monday, as more than 50 people gathered together to hear the annual Memorial Day service and then spread out to decorate headstones with flowers, flags and other ornaments. The graves weren't just those of servicemen, but of grandparents, mothers, fathers, sons and daughters.

People standing or sitting in front of the colorful headstones said they spend the day thinking about loved ones who have died. Some said the memories can be overwhelming.

Mary Kelling of Kanorado said she can't put into words what Memorial Day means to her.

"It just means a big loss," she said, as tears ran down her face.

Mary's husband Maynard died in September and she said she wished he could have been with her at the service.

Memorial Day was likely important to Maynard, Mary said, as he served in the Army during World War II and was captured by the Germans, spending time in a prisoner of war camp. But he didn't talk about it much, she added.

"He wasn't one to express his feelings," Mary said.

Pastor Leonard Cox of the Kanorado Methodist Church mentioned Maynard and Martin Felzien, another WWII veteran from Kanorado who recently died, during his speech at the service.

"They fought for our freedom," he said. "We need to honor those two."

Mary said she is glad her husband and other veterans are remembered and honored on Memorial Day.

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## War on terror gives ceremonies deeper significance

**By Ted Shaffrey***Associated Press Writer*

NEW YORK (AP) — The backdrop of the war on terrorism gave Memorial Day 2002 a greater significance, boosting feelings of patriotism for a nation still recovering from the Sept. 11 attacks.

At the World Trade Center site and ceremonies and parades across New York, residents paid their respects to victims of the attacks and remembered those who have died fighting the war on terror overseas.

"Memorial Day used to be about sales and barbecues; now it's about 'Don't we live in a wonderful country,'" said Phyllis Kassoff, a Queens resident who has attended her neighborhood's parade for the past 44 years.

From the deck of a World War II aircraft carrier, New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg dropped a wreath into the Hudson River to honor Americans who lost their lives in times of war.

"Do not turn Memorial Day into just

a three-day weekend," Bloomberg said during the ceremony aboard the Intrepid Sea Air Space Museum.

"I've gone to way too many funerals over the last several months," he said.

"We will get over this but we will never forget. We will not let their lives be lost in vain."

Hundreds of veterans observed a moment of silence after a chaplain blessed the military for protecting America from "all those who threaten Lady Liberty's torch of eternal vigi-

lance and hope."

As fighter jets flew overhead, a new flag was unfurled to replace one that was placed atop the American Express building near the trade center site in lower Manhattan.

For those who visited the World Trade Center site, memories of the attacks made the day particularly painful — and poignant.

"We hear about other people dying for us in the war ... but this is dying for us, too," said Judy Austin, 52, who was visiting from her home in Barbados.

## Senator says he'll join race

**By John Milburn***Associated Press Writer*

TOPEKA — And then there were four.

Senate President Dave Kerr declared today that he is running for governor. He joins fellow Republicans Treasurer Tim Shallenburger, Wichita Mayor Bob Knight and Dan Bloom, a former Eudora school superintendent.

"I want to be the next governor because I have the background, the experience and temperament and the integrity to meet the challenges of these serious times," Kerr said.

Kerr, 57, made a series of stops announcing his bid, starting with an event at the board of education office in his hometown of Hutchinson. Other stops were set for the National Institute for Aviation Research at Wichita State University and Topeka High School.

His decision comes with two weeks left until the June 10 filing deadline for statewide offices. Party officials have said that after Kerr announced his plans, the field for the Aug. 6 primary would be set.

State GOP Chairman Mark Parkinson said the field is now set and he does not expect anyone else to declare.

"Dave has shown great leadership as president of the Senate and is a terrific addition the list of strong candidates for the governor's race," Parkinson said.

Kerr cited his leadership in guiding the 40-member Senate through a series of votes "to save our schools." Legislators increased state aid \$20 per pupil, raising it to \$3,890, when earlier proposals called for cuts of more than \$300 per pupil.

"I think that was an example of a real solution requiring real leadership," Kerr said.

## State still in budget trouble

**news analysis****By John Hanna***Associated Press Writer*

TOPEKA (AP) — On paper, the next state budget looks solid, and legislators seem to have resolved the state's financial problems by increasing taxes \$252 million.

But the reality during the state's 2003 fiscal year, which begins July 1, is likely to be different.

Officials expect the state to collect far less tax revenue than forecast and the shortfall to be large enough to leave the state struggling to avoid a budget deficit.

The new governor inaugurated next January and the Kansas House members sworn into office the same day are likely to face serious budget problems and the same hard choices faced in the 2002 session of cutting spending, raising taxes or doing a combination of both.

That should make the budget — and how to resolve the state's financial problems — the biggest issue for candidates running for governor and the House.

"The question is, really, will there be a legitimate debate, or will the candidates skirt the issue?" said state Republican Chairman Mark Parkinson. "How good will the debate be on the campaign trail?"

In recent months, the major gubernatorial candidates have been vague about how they would deal with the state's financial crisis. They've had the luxury of deferring to the Legislature because it was in session.

That's exactly what the presumed Democratic nominee, Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius, did. In the GOP race, Bob Knight has talked about his tenure as Wichita mayor and said with enough economic development, there wouldn't be a budget problem.

State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger, seen as conservative Republicans' choice, has pledged not to raise taxes.