

weather
report

79°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:49 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:33 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:47 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 65 degrees
- Humidity 24 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northwest 21-25 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.79 inches and falling

• Record High 95° (1986)

• Record Low 30° (1983)

Last 24 Hours*

High 69°
Low 45°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low upper 40s, winds northwest 10-15 m.p.h.
Tomorrow: partly sunny, high mid 70s, low lower 40s, winds northeast 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly sunny, high near 70s, low lower 40s. Monday: mostly clear, high upper 60s. Tuesday: mostly clear, high upper 60s, low lower 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$4.36 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.31

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$2.58 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.41

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Milo — \$2.28 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.94 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.10

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$10.55 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$25

(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.

Bush seeks
Russian help

WASHINGTON — As Congress promised a quick vote on using military force against Iraq, President Bush today pressed a campaign to swing Russia behind the tough American stance against President Saddam Hussein.

After calling Russian President Vladimir Putin, Bush met at the White House with Russia's foreign and defense ministers amid indications there might be room for compromise.

Russia, along with France, is a veto-wielding permanent member of the U.N. Security Council. Both countries have voiced strong reservations to a new resolution authorizing the use of force against Iraq.

The White House said that today's talks left Bush encouraged about his prospects with Russia, while acknowledging the need for "ongoing diplomacy."

Language program lacks students

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

Free classes are offered to help immigrants learn English as a second language, but so far, only two students have taken advantage of the program this year.

The classes are offered through Colby Community College and are taught at the Northwest Kansas Technical College. The Kansas Board of Education pays money to the college in Colby, Instructor Lucy Wood said, and the college there works with the college in Goodland to provide classes here.

Besides the English classes, the colleges offer Adult Basic Education classes and help students prepare for the General Education Diploma (G.E.D.).

The classes are free and there is no charge for books, she said, and students may enroll at any time of the year. The English classes are taught from 8 a.m.-noon on Tuesdays and Thursdays, she said, but students can come in when it's convenient for them for an hour or two each day.

The Adult Basic Education classes are taught by Joy Boyington from 6-10 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday nights.

With the number of Mexican immigrants in Goodland, Wood said, there is definitely a need for English as a second language. And the colleges have offered the class here for 10 years, she said, but it has often been canceled for lack of students.

"We have a need; we have the resources," Wood said, "but we need a bridge."



Lucy Wood looked up the next lesson for her English as a Second Language students. Even though she only has two students, Wood spends time preparing for each lesson.

Wood believes that bridge is community support. Neighbors, co-workers and employers should encourage immigrants to learn English so they are able to communicate better.

The immigrant population lives in constant fear, Wood said, of not being able to communicate with teachers, doctors and employers. But they may



Joy Boyington demonstrated basic computer lessons Tuesday in the Murray Building at the Northwest Kansas Technical College. She teaches Adult Basic Education Tuesday and Thursday evenings.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

be afraid or embarrassed to take classes, she said, or not have time.

For ones who lack time, she said, the factor is usually needing to work a certain number of hours a week to pay the bills, then having a family to take care of. If employers would pay their immigrant employees for 2-4 hours per week to attend the classes, she said, more

immigrants would be able to attend.

And it would benefit employers too. The employees will do their jobs better, she said, if they can communicate with their bosses and co-workers. And it would open the way for them to gain an education through Adult Basic Education when they learn English.

Most employers have continuing

education, Boyington said, and paying students who need to learn basic skills or gain a basic knowledge for using a computer is no different.

The basic education classes cover reading, writing, math, social studies, fine arts, computer skills, employment skills, life skills, beginning literacy and preparation for the G.E.D.

While students can learn to use a computer, typing is not taught in adult basic. Advanced keyboarding, typing on a computer, is taught through the Student Tutorial Education Program at the high school for no charge.

The English course can also focus on one who needs to improve his or her skills in any of those areas. Students are tested, Boyington said, to determine what their strengths and weaknesses are. This helps her to tailor the program to each student's individual needs.

The English course can also focus on the things needed most, Wood said. For example, a mother may want to first learn words and phrases she will need while shopping for groceries or to communicate with her children's teachers, she said, and a farmer's employee may want to learn the names of the machinery he uses and words related to the crops or care of the animals.

Both courses are open to anyone who wants to learn, Wood said, whether or not they are legal citizens. The paperwork that is filled out for the course is simply for the school's use, she said, and is confidential. Even though the

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Belgian student to spend year seeing America

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Ben Kluyskens arrived in Goodland about two weeks ago, and he's struck by the differences between here and his home, Brussels, Belgium.

"Everything is different," he said. "Well not everything, but it seems like everything."

Kluyskens, 18, is a foreign exchange student living with Kevin and Christie Rasure for the school year. He said he already graduated from secondary school in Brussels, but was willing to go through another year for the opportunity to experience another culture.

"I wanted to see a different land, and meet different people," he said. "I'm glad I am here."

School isn't the same here, he said, and the family he lives with has patterns unlike those at home.

"Here I wake up earlier, go to bed earlier," Kluyskens said. "It seems I am very busy."

The differences at school are difficult to adjust to, he said. Students have more



Kluyskens

elective classes to choose from in America.

"There is more art here," he said. "There is band, computers, all kinds of classes. In Belgium almost all classes are required. There is little choice."

Kluyskens is used to other types of sports than what Americans play. The Rasures took him to a golf course for the first time last week, and he saw his first American football game Friday.

"I didn't understand anything," he said.

Soccer is a big sport in Belgium, Kluyskens said, as in most of Europe, and he played tennis and field hockey on a club team. Getting on a golf course in Belgium is expensive, he said, and he never got the opportunity.

Brussels is a city of over a million people, Kluyskens said, and not only is

he living in a strange culture, he has to adjust to living in a small town.

"Everyone knows everybody," he said. "I am not used to this."

Another culture shock is the proliferation of cars on American roads. Kluyskens said cars just aren't used as much in Brussels, or most of Europe. More people ride bicycles or motorcycles in his home town, he said, and there are always the trains.

"If you need to go anywhere far, you ride a train," he said. "They go very quickly and they are safe. Everyone uses them. Most people would not use a car to go somewhere."

Even with all the differences, some things are the same all over. Kluyskens said he vividly remembers the terrorist attacks in America on Sept. 11.

"I was shocked," he said. "I didn't realize what it was at first, I thought it was a movie, until I changed the channel and saw that it was real. Something had happened in the world."

Kluyskens said people in Belgium worry about the past attacks, and are

preparing for future attacks.

"Security is better now," he said. "You never know where it will happen. The entire occidental world is subject to terrorism."

On of the first functions Kluyskens went to in Goodland was the Sept. 11 service at Max Jones Fieldhouse. He said it was a good service, although it ran a little long.

"I'm glad I could go," he said. "It was a good experience."

Kluyskens said he had little trouble understanding what was said at the ceremony, although some words he doesn't understand.

"English has a lot of words," he said. "There are a lot of synonyms."

English is a required course in Brussels, he said, and although he mostly learned the version spoken in England, his class learned about American idiomatic differences.

"Accents are hard to understand sometimes," he said, "and sometimes people speak really fast. Mostly I do understand."

His most comfortable with French, he said, the official language of Belgium, and he has studied Dutch. One of his classes now is Spanish.

"It is good to know different languages," he said.

Other classes he's taking include computer applications, physics, chemistry and band. He doesn't play an instrument yet, he said, but he plans to learn. He said he would like to play the guitar, but it isn't an instrument taught in the class.

He took physics and chemistry in Brussels, he said, but in English he can learn it from a different perspective.

So far, Kluyskens said he has made one friend in Goodland, a fellow exchange student from Thailand he met in an orientation class.

Christie Rasure said Kluyskens' mother was worried that he might not meet any people, especially because he is too old to compete on the school's sports teams.

"She didn't need to worry," Rasure said. "I'm sure we'll keep him active."

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Lacking new evidence, Bush builds case on Iraq's misdeeds

WASHINGTON (AP)—America's most famous demand that another country pull back weapons of mass destruction was delivered hand in hand with damning photographs of the weapons themselves.

This time, the evidence is not yet so black and white.

Forty years after John Kennedy stared down the Soviets on the Cuban missile crisis, President Bush is delivering goods on Saddam Hussein that

have more to do with his past actions than what he might do next.

The president's speech to the United Nations last week, outlining what he called Iraq's "decade of defiance," was largely about Iraqi misdeeds in the 1990s.

"If the reason for attacking Iraq has nothing to do with a future threat, if it's all about the past, then it's hard to go back to pre-emption," said Ivo Daalder, a foreign policy analyst for the

Brookings Institution who believes the matter is diverting Bush from the anti-terror war.

So far nothing has turned up with the impact of the aerial photos of October 1962, showing Soviet missiles, launch pads and supply trailers on Cuban soil.

"Forgery," Soviet Deputy Foreign Minister Valerian A. Zorin snapped at a U.N. Security Council meeting. He refused to look at the pictures. But three days later, the Soviets caved.

Suspects find themselves surrounded

By MICHELLE L. HAWKINS

Colby Free Press

Two men accused of abducting a woman chose the wrong time, and the wrong place, to stop for gas — a truck stop where law enforcement officers from eight area agencies were holding a meeting.

Two hispanic men allegedly kidnapped a 24-year-old Brighton, Colo., woman Wednesday morning. When they pulled into a restaurant in Colby about noon Central Time, the woman escaped and called the police from a gas station.

By the time the police could get to the woman, the men had driven away. Officers sent out an area alert, warning area agencies the two men were in a new-model blue car.

The officers at the meeting, 13 total, including police, sheriffs and state troopers, heard the alert and started to leave Mittens Truck Stop in Oakley.

Gary Shull, Colby police inspector, said the first patrol car had just pulled out of the truck stop, when a blue Dodge Neon with two Hispanic men pulled into the park-

ing lot.

"Immediately there were nine police cruisers surrounding the suspects' car," Shull said.

The two men were arrested and taken to the Oakley City Jail and later transferred to the Thomas County Jail.

The woman told police she had been kidnapped at gun point Wednesday morning in Brighton. She said the men sexually assaulted her between Brewster and Colby and that the gun had been fired during the trip. The gunfire didn't hit anyone, she said.

When the two men went into a restaurant in Colby, they left her in the car, she said, and she ran to a nearby gas station to report the alleged crimes.

Shull said the Neon was reported stolen out of Evans, Colo., the car's license plates from Greeley, Colo., and the hand gun was reported stolen in Dallas, Texas.

Officers contacted authorities in Brighton, who were not aware of an abduction. Neither the names of the men nor the pending charges were released due to an investigation into the matter by the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Thomas County Sheriff's Department.

County will support foundation concept

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Work is moving forward on the creation of a community foundation with the goal of raising \$50 million, and the Sherman County Commissioners Tuesday agreed to support the program with about \$692 to get the ball rolling.

Schlyer Goodwin and Mitch Hixson told the commissioners they had contacted a law firm in Kansas City that is experienced in setting up this type of foundation, and the cost is about \$5,000 for software to support this work. They said they are asking the city, county, school district and each bank to help with a portion of the cost.

Goodwin said one bank had already said they would contribute \$1,000. He said they had asked the city on Monday, and were to meet with the school district next Monday.

The city was asked if the money could be donated through them to allow

the contributors to receive a tax deduction. City Manager Ron Pickman said he would have to seek the advice of the city attorney on that. Goodwin said the city will let them know at the next meeting on Oct. 7.

Commissioners Kevin Rasure and Mitch Tiede, who are members of the foundation board, indicated their support for the project, and said they would agree to the county's share if the city and school district approve their portion.

Goodwin said the goal is to have the foundation certified as a non-profit corporation under the Internal Revenue Service system to allow contributions to be tax deductible.

He said the foundation board is large, and represents about every segment of the community.

Goodwin and Hixson said they would report back after the city meeting.