

weather
report

54°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:35 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:29 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 43 degrees

• Humidity 26 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds north 14 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.20 inches

and rising

• Record High 77° (1995)

• Record Low 11° (1937)

Last 24 Hours*

High 66°

Low 32°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low upper 20s, winds west 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high upper 50s, low lower 30s, winds northwest 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: mostly cloudy, high lower 60s, low lower 30s. Thursday: cloudy, high lower 60s. Friday: partly cloudy with slight chance of rain or snow during the night, high mid 60s, low lower 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$4.04 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.06

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$2.57 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.27

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Milo — \$2.24 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.22 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.03

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Millet — \$14.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$12.30 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$16

(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.

Ice cuts power
in northeast

PORTLAND, Maine — A nor'easter packing a dangerous mix of snow and freezing rain spread a nasty layer of ice across parts of New England, leaving thousands of people without electricity.

Ice-covered pavement and downed trees made travel hazardous. Two highway deaths were blamed on the ice in Maine.

Tens of thousands of people in the Northeast were still without power early today, including more than 58,000 customers of Connecticut Light & Power. High wind forecast later in the day threatened to drop more weakened tree limbs onto power lines, officials said.

Some customers may have to wait until Wednesday before power is restored, said Frank Poirot, a spokesman for Connecticut Light & Power.

Inspectors enter Iraq on edge of war

By Bassem Mroue

Associated Press Writer

BAGHDAD, Iraq — After a four-year interruption, U.N. weapons inspectors returned to Iraq today to resume the search for weapons of mass destruction in a mission that could determine whether the Persian Gulf plunges into war.

Chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix told reporters that credible inspections were “in the interest of Iraq and the interest of the world.”

He arrived in Baghdad aboard a U.N. cargo plane with Mohamed ElBaradei, who oversees the International Atomic Energy Agency. They were met by an Iraqi delegation led by Gen. Hosam Amin, head of the national monitoring di-

rectorate, set up as a counterpart to the inspection team.

President Bush has warned Iraqi President Saddam Hussein that failure to cooperate with the inspectors will bring on an American attack.

Also today, allied warplanes bombed Iraqi defense systems in the northern no-fly zone after being fired on during routine patrols, the U.S. military said. Iraq considers patrols of no-fly zones over the northern and southern ends of the country a violation of its sovereignty and frequently shoots at the planes.

Ewen Buchanan, the U.N. inspectors’ spokesman, said today he did not think the no-fly zone activity would affect the inspection mission.

The U.N. team planned to reopen the Baghdad offices that inspectors abandoned in 1998. Among the equipment hauled to Baghdad were several vacuum cleaners, “to clear up four years of dust,” Buchanan said.

The advance team was also to set up secure phone lines at the office and arrange transportation ahead of the first inspections, which Blix has said would begin as early as Nov. 27.

Iraq must file a declaration of its banned weapons programs by Dec. 8 or provide convincing evidence that they have been eliminated. Full-scale inspections are to resume after that, with Blix reporting his findings to the U.N. Security Council within 60 days.

“I urge president Saddam Hussein to comply fully for the sake of his people, for the sake of the region and for the sake of the world order,” U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said today, while traveling in Bosnia-Herzegovina.

The last U.N. inspectors left Baghdad in December 1998 amid Iraqi allegations that some were spying for the United States and counter-charges that Iraq was not cooperating with the teams. Their departure was followed by four days of punishing U.S. and British airstrikes.

Babil, a leading Iraqi newspaper owned by Saddam’s son Odai, said in an editorial today that

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Miracle happens in store

Good Samaritan returns money bag

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

The owner of a Goodland clothing store says she experienced a miracle last Sunday night, and it’s made her realize that there are good people left in this world.

Norelia Ordonez, owner of El Dorado Western Wear and Fashion, 2215 Enterprise Rd., said she closed the store late that night because of the Veteran’s Day weekend. She was in a hurry to get herself and her two young children home.

Ordonez said she gathered up her kids — one 4 years old and one 5 months — grabbed the money bag filled with the weekend receipts and headed out the door with her arms full. She said she had no problem getting home, but when she arrived, she discovered she had lost the bag along the way.

Norelia and her husband, Daniel Ordonez, frantically searched the car, then he drove over to the store to do some more searching.

When he came up empty handed, she said, the entire family went back to look.

The couple’s hearts sank as they realized the bag was gone and Daniel said the only thing left to do was to call the Goodland Police Department and report the money missing.

As they were trying to figure out exactly how much was in the bag, Norelia said, Daniel told her that only a miracle would put the money back into their hands.

Little did they know that a miracle was on its way.

Norelia said just as she was about to call the police, she noticed an officer driving by and went out to hail him. She didn’t need to waive him down, though, because the policeman was on his way to the store, and he was bringing good news.

The officer said a man from Centennial, Colo., Greg Bacheller, had found the money bag in the parking lot after he and his wife Kristina had eaten at Subway, which is just south of El Dorado, and had turned the money in to the police.

Norelia said the officer told her she couldn’t pick up the money until Tuesday because Monday was Veteran’s Day.

He estimated there was a lot less in the bag than what she had figured, she said, but she was still relieved that she hadn’t lost all of the weekend money.

Norelia said she was grateful Bacheller had turned the bag in, but even more so on Tuesday when she discovered not one cent was missing.

“He could have just taken the money and left the bag and no one would have known,” she said. “I think it’s a miracle the man would return it.”

Norelia said she and her husband, who works in Denver, are planning to thank Bacheller and his wife in person sometime soon. She said the incident made her grateful she lives in Goodland.

“I’m glad that we serve the Goodland community and no where else,” she said, “because I know that good and honest people live and pass through Goodland.”

Santa, elves, angel ring in Holiday Season



The Christmas Angel, Lindsey Geeska (top photo), bestowed blessings and kisses to the people along the holiday parade route Saturday afternoon as she led the way for the arrival of Santa and Mrs. Claus. Tristan Weber, 2, (above), son of Scott Weber and Shelly Jones,

greeted Santa in his special elf hat. Santa asked Weber what he wanted for Christmas. Grandma Jean Windell held him so he could tell the old elf (Curtis Duncan).

Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

Pre-holiday events attract crowds

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Bargain hunters were out in force on Saturday at the Nu Phi Mu and We Did It holiday craft shows, while Santa made his first appearance of the season in the afternoon, attracting a crowd of parents and children downtown.

The 25th Annual Nu Phi Mu craft show at Max Jones Fieldhouse had a vast selection of Christmas decorations and gift ideas for those planning for the holidays. The drought, which cut pheasant hunting prospects again this year, did not seem to have affected

the number of shoppers combing the booths for bargains.

The Seventh Annual We Did It craft show filled the floor of the Veterans of Foreign Wars building, and there was a steady flow of shoppers gazing at the homemade decorations and gifts. There were sellers from Oberlin, Grainfield, Tribune and Cheyenne Wells, Colo., showing their wares.

The Sherman Theater began its free holiday movies with the showing of “Johnny Neutron” Saturday and Sunday afternoons.

Downtown merchants began opening from 1-5 p.m. on Sundays for the

holiday shopping season, and will be open on Sunday for the next five weeks through Dec. 22.

The weather helped, as skies were sunny and temperatures were in the 50s. In the afternoon, people gathered on Main Avenue for the annual holiday parade, which began about 4 p.m.

Before floats started rolling, the temperature was about 52, but by the time the parade was over and Santa Claus was visiting with children at the Schneider’s building, the temperature had dropped to the mid 40s.

The parade had about 20 entries, including fire trucks from the city and

county and the newest ambulance — which had a large inflated Santa on the top.

A Kansas National Guard honor guard led the parade carrying the flag. Officers included Sgt. First Class (retired) Gerald Higdon, Sgt. Mark Reasoner, Spec. Randy Lee and Spec. Lonnie Guyten.

Singers Roxie and Eric Yonkey were on a pickup driven by Pete Whalen and accompanied by his wife Marietta.

The Angel Wagon had Lindsey

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Eight more bridges on I-70 will be repaired

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

Just when you thought all of the roadwork in Sherman County was finished, more is on the way.

The Kansas Department of Transportation opened the last of six I-70 bridges that had been repaired this summer on Friday, and is preparing to start work on eight more freeway spans this spring. That means traffic will be reduced to

one lane in the east and westbound lanes in four locations between March and November. There has been some sort of roadwork going on in Sherman County for the past five summers, whether it has been rebuilding highways in and around Goodland or laying new roads in the city. Past projects have caused major delays and diverted travelers from Goodland, but the bridge repairs should be minor in comparison,

officials say.

Stan Whitley, department spokesman in Topeka, said eight bridges will be repaired, but there will only be four locations because the bridges span the eastbound and westbound lanes. The bridges are 1.5 miles and nine miles east of the Colorado state line and five miles and eight miles west of Goodland.

Whitley said the state has agreed to pay Reece Construction of Salina about

\$1.5 million to do the repairs.

Donna Binning, construction engineer for the department in Atwood, said the repairs should start around March 15 and end some time in November. She said engineers checked the bridges this summer and discovered they needed to be repaired.

“We try to lump them together to make it cheaper on the taxpayers,” she said.