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Goodland, Kansas 67735

50¢

weather report

61°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:29 p.m.
- Sunrise, 6:37 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:28 p.m.

Tomorrow

- Sunrise, 6:37 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:28 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 46 degrees
- Humidity 33 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds northwest 20-27 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.28 inches and rising
- Record High 75° (1955)
- Record Low 4° (1929)

Last 24 Hours*

High	61°
Low	36°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low mid 30s, winds northwest 25-35 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny, high upper 50s, low upper 20s, winds north 15-35 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday: mostly sunny, high mid 60s, low mid 30s. Saturday: cloudy with chance of snow or rain, high mid 40s. Sunday: partly cloudy with chance of snow during the day, high near 40, low lower 20s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.96 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.98
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.61 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.32
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.28 bushel
- Soybeans — \$5.30 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.15
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$14.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$12.40 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.

New agency to protect U.S.

WASHINGTON — Winding down the 107th Congress, the Senate approved the largest government reorganization since World War II in hopes of helping prevent another Sept. 11-type attack. But the monthslong effort may have been just a warmup for a bigger battle to come: getting the new Homeland Security Department up and running.

"Setting up this new department will take time, but I know we will meet the challenge together," a jubilant President Bush said after the Senate, nearing adjournment for the year, voted 90-9 on Tuesday to authorize the new agency.

On a day that gave Bush a number of decisive legislative victories, the president hailed the bill as "landmark in its scope."

"The United States Senate voted overwhelmingly to better protect America."

Bush says nations should unite now

By Sandra Sobieraj

Associated Press Writer

PRAGUE, Czech Republic — President Bush warned European allies today that NATO countries face threats from terrorism in this century as dangerous as those from German armies in the past, imploring member nations to stand together against Iraq's Saddam Hussein.

Resistant nations such as Germany will have to make their own decisions

as to "how, if, and when they want to participate," Bush said.

"The world needs the nations of this continent to be active in the defense of freedom; not inward-looking or isolated by indifference," he said.

On the eve of a NATO gathering guarded by American warplanes overhead and overshadowed by the Iraq crisis, summit host Vaclav Havel, the Czech president, said his people prefer that Saddam Hussein peacefully sur-

render his weapons of mass destruction.

"If, however, the need to use force were to arise, I believe NATO should give honest and speedy consideration to its engagement as an alliance," he said.

NATO Secretary-General George Robertson, previewing a gathering to expand and modernize the alliance, predicted there will also be "total unity of the heads of state and governments

on support for the U.N. Security Council resolution" on Iraq. But it's too early to say what that support would mean for NATO, Robertson added.

"Even in this beautiful city, I don't think it is wise to cross bridges before you come to them," he said.

On the cobblestones of picturesque Old Town square, several hundred demonstrators — thousands fewer than were threatened — protested the summit that convenes Thursday.

Among them were about three dozen leftists whose banners read, "No war in the name of democracy" and "Don't drop bombs! Drop Bush!"

Tucked into the security of locked-down hotel across town, Bush told students that "great evil is stirring in the world."

"We've faced perils we've never thought about, perils we've never seen

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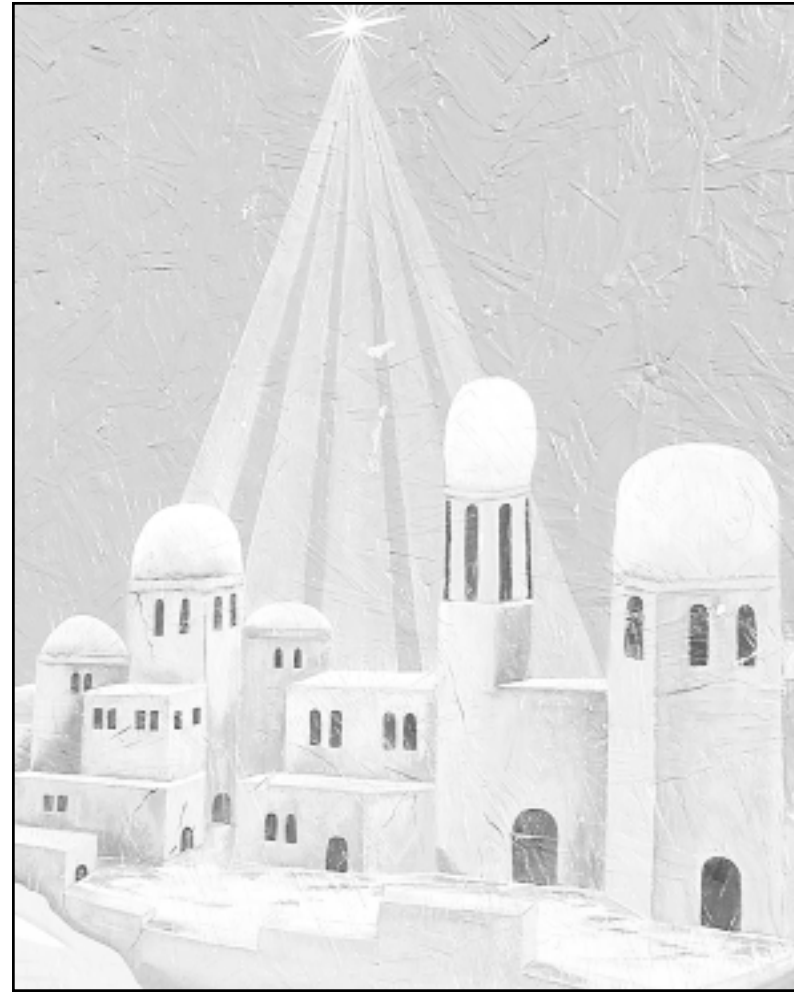
DIVINE DISPLAY



Mural depicts birth of Jesus

A life-size series of murals surrounding the Goodland Regional Medical Center, 220 W. Second, reminds people what Christmas is really about. Three Goodland artists, Maxine Rauscher, Jeanette Foust and Connie Hatcher, created the murals 15 years ago with wooden boards and paint and refurbished them in 1994. The series tells the story of Jesus' birth with pictures and bible passages. The Rotary Club and Northwest Kansas Technical College students helped set up the display on Thursday and will help take it down after Christmas. It's designed so that motorists can view it from their cars, and it is lighted at night.

Photos by Rachel Hixson/The Goodland Daily News



Public safety team leader wants open meetings

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — The leader of a team appointed by Gov.-elect Kathleen Sebelius to review public safety agencies said he wants its meetings to be open.

Sebelius and her aides suggested last week that some meetings of the five government review teams she's ap-

pointed would be closed, when those teams discuss what recommendations they'll make to her.

But Sen. David Adkins, R-Leawood, leader of the Democratic governor elect's team on public safety agencies, said he wants its meetings to be open because "we're going to be talking about the people's business."

His team was to meet today. Meet-

ings for the four other teams have not been announced. Meanwhile, Sebelius spoke Tuesday during the Kansas Farm Bureau's annual meeting in Manhattan. She promised that her new secretary of agriculture would coordinate rural development efforts and promote the state's agricultural products.

Those duties would be along with the traditional role of regulating Kansas'

vast agriculture industry, she said.

Sebelius is setting up her administration as the state grapples with financial problems. State officials and university economists have projected a \$310 million deficit on June 30 from the current, \$4.4 billion budget and have estimated the gap between revenues and spending commitments to be another \$858 million for fiscal year 2004.

Semi topples on I-70, landing driver in hospital

The driver of a semi-trailer rig that overturned early this morning on I-70 about 17 miles east of Goodland after one of its tires blew was taken to the Colby hospital but is expected to be released today.

The Kansas Highway Patrol report said the 2001 Freightliner was westbound at 3:45 a.m. when one of its tires blew, causing the truck to veer into the median.

Sherry Edgett, 42, Carl Junction, Mo., reportedly steered the semi back onto the road, but then the truck overturned into the north ditch.

Edgett was taken to the hospital, where a representative said she was treated and will soon be released, but

passenger Don Davis, 35, Elwood, Kan., was not seriously injured.

Both drivers were wearing their seat belts.

The truck was towed by Mel's Wrecker to Oakley.

Seasonal contest kicks off

Goodland shoppers can win \$2,500

There will be \$400 hidden in *The Goodland Daily News* on Thursday, but only a few people with the right numbers will win part of it. Let's hope you're one of them.

The holiday season is gearing up in Sherman County, and so is Goodland merchants' annual Christmas on Us promotion, which will spread a total of \$2,500 around to 12 lucky shoppers over a month's time.

The contest started on Friday, with participating businesses handing out tickets to customers, and will end on Saturday, Dec. 21, when the grand prize of \$1,500 and second prize of \$500 will be given away during a drawing.

Shoppers will have plenty of chances to win smaller \$50 prizes along the way.

Businesses will hand out one ticket for every \$10 a customer spends, with a limit of 250 tickets per transaction. Of course, you can win without spending a dime, because if you ask *Daily News* or Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce employees, they'll give you one free ticket each week.

The customer takes one half of each ticket and the other half is dropped into wrapped collection boxes, which are emptied once a week into a large barrel. *Daily News* staff will pick a number of tickets each week and hide the winning numbers in Christmas on Us advertisements, which will run every Thursday.

Winners have six days to bring their

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TV guide changed in paper

On Monday, *The Goodland Daily News* started running television show listings on a daily basis on Page 7 because the separate Thursday section was too expensive.

There will no longer be a separate guide on Thursday as has been inserted in the paper for the past two years. Instead, the daily prime time listings will be found inside the paper everyday, and will include listings for that night and the next night. Friday's listings will include guides for Saturday and Sunday.

Editor Tom Betz said changing the television guide was an economic decision, and *The Daily News* staff appreciates the advertisers who are supporting this part of the paper.

The new listings do not come with individual channel numbers so a guide has been included at the top, he said, and there are not any additional features.

"We know a lot of people have enjoyed the separate television guide format," Betz said, "and we did not make the decision to change without looking at every option."

He said the daily listings are the best compromise that was available, and using them will allow the newspaper to continue to provide the essential entertainment listings to customers.