THURSDAY **November 21** 2002

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weather repor at noon

The

Today Sunset, 4:28 p.m. Tomorrow

 Sunrise, 6:38 a.m. Sunset, 4:28 p.m.

Midday Conditions

 Soil Temperature 49 degrees Humidity 43 percent

- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds north northwest 18-24
- Barometer 30.29 inches

and steady

 Record High 74° (1974) Record Low 4° (1929)

Last 24 Hours* High 63°

Low	42°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low near 30, winds north 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high near 70, low lower 30s, winds southwest 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: mostly sunny with 50 percent chance of snow at night, high upper 40s, low lower 20s. Sunday: cloudy with chance of snow, high mid 30s. Monday: mostly cloudy with chance of snow, high lower 30s, low upper teens.

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



Noon Wheat — \$3.92 bushel Posted county price — \$3.88 Loan deficiency payment — 0¢ Corn — \$2.62 bushel Posted county price — \$2.32 Loan deficiency payment - 0¢ Milo — \$2.29 bushel Soybeans — \$5.25 bushel Posted county price — \$5.18 Loan deficiency payment - 0¢ Millet — \$14.00 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$12.25 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.)

Education money may be cut again Budget tops list of items board will discuss

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News Goodland School Board members have a long list of items to discuss at a Selby said he's expecting another \$213 six-hour retreat they're planning for Saturday, but the most pressing will likely behow to save money if Gov. Bill Graves cuts \$330,000 from the ing at," he said. district's budget.

announce substantial cuts to the 2003 budget next week, but he wouldn't say whether education would be included, or how much will be cut.

Graves will cut as much as \$230 from nounce cuts on Monday.

the base aid, which was \$3,890 per student at the start of the school year after legislators approved a \$20 increase. cut, for a total reduction of \$230 per student.

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"That's what I'm afraid we're look-

The district was already expecting to Graves said Wednesday that he will receive less money from the state because enrollment has been dropping every year, and more education cuts will just add to the problem.

The school board set aside money in Goodland Superintendent Marvin this year's budget to cover any unex-Selby said today that he's anticipating pected cuts, but Selby said it won't be enough and the board is going to have the base amount schools receive per to chop the district's budget somestudent, which means the district will where. The Legislature this year reget about \$330,000 less than it ex- moved all restrictions on how districts pected. He said Graves will likely an- can spend money in contingency reserve accounts --- which had been re-Earlier this year, Graves cut \$27 from served for specific emergencies - but

Selby said the district only has \$230,000 in that account. "We'll scramble a little bit to find

more money," he said.

Where the district can find more money or make budget cuts will be one topic discussed at Saturday's retreat, which will be held between 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. at the district administration office on Main. The meeting is open to the public.

It won't be the first time the board has looked for ways to save or make money, as state budget cuts have been looming for the past year. Last year, members made a list of areas to cut and ways to bring in more revenue. While they've followed through with some of the ideas, some haven't worked out.

Board members decided to sell the Edson gym, where junior high sports

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Graves will announce budget cuts next week

By John Milburn

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Associated Press Writer TOPEKA—Gov. Bill Graves will announce "substantial" cuts next week in the 2003 budget to deal with a projected \$310 million deficit in the \$4.4 billion state budget.

But Graves wouldn't say Wednestion, which makes up 52 percent of and now is at least \$310 million. the current budget.

"I'm still weighing whether to spread the pain around completely or when including the fiscal 2004 budtry to isolate it," Graves told reporters.

The governor cut the budget in

August by \$41 million as state revenues fell below expectations. Those cuts, along with \$252 million in new revenues approved by the 2002 Legislature, were intended to keep the state from finishing in the red on June 30, 2003, the end of the fiscal year.

That shortfall was revised on Nov. day if the cuts would include educa- 5 by state officials and economists

Budget officials have said that the gap swells to more than \$1 billion get estimates.

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College holds its annual expo Students present career fields

College is holding its annual Tech Expo today and Friday, inviting parents, high school students and anyone else to vited, Clouse said, and the college's come watch presentations on careers endowment association will award and check out state-of-the-art equipment.

President Ken Clouse said the public is invited to see high-tech tools and equipment displayed by nationwide manufacturers and retailers, watch college students make presentations on their career fields and tour the college. project management for Sprint, was the He said the expo will be held from guest speaker. He is a graduate of the 1:30 to 3 p.m. today and 8:30 to 11:30 college's communications technology a.m. on Friday. Displays will be set up program.

The Northwest Kansas Technical in the student union and in different department buildings.

> High school students have been inscholarships to future college students who attend the expo.

> The annual Tech Expo luncheon honoring advisory board members from each of the college's 13 programs was held today.

Ronald Toman, regional manager of





PRAGUE, Czech Republic -In a historic eastward shift, NATO agreed today to expand its membership into the territory of the former Soviet Union, and at the behest of President Bush, demanded that Iraq "fully and immediately" disarm.

The Western alliance — which for decades confronted the Soviets across the barbed-wire divides of Central Europe-invited seven former communist countries under its security umbrella as part of reforms that Bush called the most significant in NATO's history.

Barely a decade since they regained independence from the Soviet Union, the Baltic nations of Latvia, Estonia and Lithuania joined Bulgaria, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia in receiving a call to become NATO members.

"This is a great day for Latvia," said President Vaira Freiberga.

Peeping landlord gets jail, probation

who drilled peepholes in apartment walls and spied into tenants' bedrooms ishment were limited. and bathrooms has been sentenced to 60 days in jail plus 18 months' probation.

William Lemesany, 49, must also continue psychological treatment, pay a \$7,500 fine, serve 100 hours of community service and be supervised totaling \$1.29 million to six plaintiffs. whenever he enters his apartment buildings to do maintenance.

"I wanted to apologize to my residents for the trouble they've been through," Lemesany told District Judge Jack Murphy in court Tuesday. He also apologized to his own family.

Initially charged with 10 misdemeanor counts of eavesdropping, Lemesany pleaded no contest last month to three counts under an agreement with prosecutors.

Some former tenants of the Parkway Terrace Apartments asked the judge to impose a lengthy prison sentence, despite prosecutors' recommendation for probation under the plea agreement.

"The state has ignored the extent of this man's damage," said Amanda Perdaris. "Thirty-one people came for- Bauman said.

LAWRENCE (AP) — A landlord ward to press charges, not three." But Murphy said his powers of pun-

> "I have to keep in mind what the plea is here, and that's three misdemeanor counts, not felonies," Murphy said

Some former tenants had also sued Lemesany, and a Douglas County jury last month ordered him to pay damages

The criminal and civil cases stem from tenants' January 1999 reports to police about peepholes in walls separating apartments from maintenance closets that normally were kept locked. From inside the apartments, the holes looked like old nail holes.

Evidence against Lemesany included tests by the Kansas Bureau of Investigation of traces of bodily fluids found inside the closets.

In court Tuesday, former tenant Valerie Bauman said she recently woke up screaming at a hotel because she saw a light shining from the wall in the dark. She thought it was a peephole; it turned out to be the indicator light on a smoke detector.

"I feel like I've been violated,"

Wallace County girl rolls car on gravel road

A 16-year-old Wallace County girl, County Road 22. who is a student at Goodland High School, was driving west on a county gravel road and after skidding about road Wednesday morning when she lost 218 feet the car rolled once into the control of the car and it rolled onto its ditch. top in the south ditch.

at 7:24 a.m. on County Road 57 near towed away

She reportedly lost control on the

Olsen, who was not wearing a seat



Girls lifting school pride

The Goodland High School cheerleaders practiced pumping up school spirit Wednesday afternoon on the field at Cowboys Stadium. The fact they were doing some serious moves didn't stop them from joking and laughing. Junior Amy Anderson (above, left) and sophomore Kara Angelos propped up freshman May Davis while senior Amanda Angelos held her steady and sophomore Erinn Abernathy directed. The team then practiced a splits lift with sophomore Shannon Johnson.

Photos by Rachel Hixson The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County Sheriaff's De- belt, was not seriously injured and was partment report said Shasta Olsen was treated and released at Goodland Rewestbound in a 1994 Chevrolet Beretta gional Medical Center. The car was