

## weather report

**41°**  
at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 4:50 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:04 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:51 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 46 percent
- Sky Partly cloudy
- Winds West 20 mph
- Barometer 30.29 inches and falling
- Record High 71° (1923)
- Record Low -20° (1930)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 32°  
Low 7°  
Precipitation —

### N.W. Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, becoming windy late evening on, low mid teens, NW wind 5-15 mph, becoming 20-30 mph late. Saturday: Sunny, windy, northwest 20 mph with gusts 30-40, diminishing late and changing to southwest 5-10 mph, high mid 40s, low 15-20.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny and warmer, high 60-65. Sunday night: Clear, low mid 20s. Monday: Mostly clear, high upper 50s. Tuesday: Partly cloudy, becoming mostly cloudy, lows lower 20s, high upper 40s. (National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$3.36 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.32  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$2.38 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.20  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Milo — \$2.15 bushel  
Soybeans — \$5.11 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.94  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$10.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$9.55 cwt.  
Oil new crop — \$10.80  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$15  
(Markets 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.

## Saddam says Iraq will win

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A defiant Saddam Hussein called on his people today to rise up and defend the nation against a new U.S.-led attack and promised that Iraq's enemies would face "suicide" at the gates of his capital.

The 40-minute televised address, delivered on the 12th anniversary of the Gulf War, revealed no sign that Saddam was prepared to step down or bow to demands of the United Nations, which has sent inspectors to see if Iraq has given up its weapons of mass destruction.

The White House said the discovery by inspectors of 12 empty rocket warheads capable of carrying chemical weapons was "troubling and serious." Spokesman Ari Fleischer stopped short of calling the weapons a violation of U.N. resolutions.

# Tech College stays busy



## College gets diesel engine

Students in the diesel mechanics department of Northwest Kansas Technical College have a new piece of equipment to train with, thanks largely to Ron Lucas and Goodland Greenline.

The electronic John Deere engine was donated to the department to allow students to work on some of the newer technology in the industry.

John Deere held sessions to train dealers in November and December on the electronic engines. Technicians from this region came to Goodland for the sessions.

Lucas said the engines are better on emissions, and problems can easily be determined by computer diagnosis.

Students don't usually get much opportunity to work on electronics, said Lloyd Koel, a diesel mechanics instructor, since farmers using them are on strict time schedules and need their equipment back sooner than students learning the trade can deliver.

Koel and fellow instructor Gary Barricklow said the donation will help students to get "hands on training" before going into the work field.

"We want the students to have the exposure to the very latest in technology," Lucas said.

Ben Michael of Hill City (above) worked on an electronic engine which was donated to the Diesel Mechanics Department of Northwest Kansas Technical College. Michael was helped by Austin Spresser of Rexford (below) in removing the cover of the engine.

Photo by Michelle L. Hawkins/The Goodland Daily News



# City workers find missing baseball plaque

By Michelle L. Hawkins

The Goodland Daily News

What once was lost is now found.

In Monday's paper, a plea was sent out to readers to help find a memorial plaque which had been missing since the baseball diamonds moved from Steever Park to Memorial Field at Centennial Park. By Tuesday afternoon, the missing plaque had been recovered.

The plaque, dedicated to Bill Becker, who started American Legion Baseball in Goodland, had been attached to two stone posts. The posts were moved to the new ballfields, but the sign was missing.

Where was the missing memorial sign?

In the sign room of the city shop, of course.

It seems that the plaque was stored for safe keeping, but because of a change of employees and other events, the people who knew the plaque was in the room were unaware of where it was supposed to go.

City employee Tony Daise pieced the puzzle together. Daise said he was reading the article in the paper since it talked about his co-worker, Ken Baum. Baum is also the commander for the American Legion Post.

Daise said he noticed the photo of the memorial, and immediately knew where the

plaque was sitting in the city shop. When he came into work on Tuesday, Daise went into the sign room and took the plaque out to the main shop.

"Is this what you are looking for?" he asked Baum.

The mystery had been solved and a piece of Goodland baseball history restored.

"I had found it about six months ago, but I didn't know what it was or where it went," Daise said.

City Manager Ron Pickman said he was glad the plaque has been found and said it would be put up in its proper place on the stones as soon as the weather gets a little warmer.

Baum said to make sure the plaque didn't disappear again, he was keeping it in his pickup until it went out to Memorial Field.

Myrna Dautel, who brought the missing plaque to the attention of the newspaper said, "The paper is what brought it all out."

She said her husband, Kenneth, had been instrumental in the American Legion putting up the memorial to Becker nearly a decade ago. She said before her husband died, he told her to be sure and find where the plaque had gone.

"I am just happy," said Dautel. "This is another bridge crossed."



City workers Tony Daise and Ken Baum showed off the once-missing memorial plaque found in the sign room of the city shop. Baum also is the commander for the Goodland American Legion Post, which originally donated the plaque.

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Despite problems with what once was its most popular program, Northwest Kansas Technical College is humming along, with nearly all departments full and three new programs on the horizon.

The college has over 500 students and offers 13 programs ranging from cosmetology to welding.

President Kenneth Clouse said the trade areas, such as auto body repair, electronics, carpentry, and diesel and auto mechanics are full and have waiting lists for almost every program. Programs such as engineering, business technology and the medical assistance are down a bit, but still doing well.

The college has taken a hit with its communications technology program. Clouse said they have lost nearly 70 to 80 students in that department since the telecommunications industry hit hard times a couple of years ago.

"The economy has dwindled and the demand is not as great," Clouse said. The program once had a waiting list for students.

He said the board thought it might have to lay off instructors in communications technology with the drastic reduction in enrollment, but three gave notice over the holiday break. He said he couldn't say which instructors have resigned since they have yet to be approved by the college's board.

The college has lost \$280,000 in state aid, just over 5 percent of the total budget, because of the state's financial bind. The only layoff expected at this point, Clouse said, will be an administrative position which will be cut at the end of June.

"Hopefully with that we won't have to do any more," he said.

Even with the turn in one department, Clouse said he is excited about the addition of three programs, computer graphic technology, heating ventilation and air conditioning, and respiratory therapy.

The first program to be added will be computer graphic technology. Clouse said they are hoping to start the one-year program in August and anticipate hiring an instructor sometime this spring. The class will teach students about graphic design and computer programs related to the field. Graduates will have a variety of occupations available, from designing ads and layouts for magazines to designing billboards.

Students will have a 200-hour internship which will allow them to try a job in the field and possibly find permanent employment.

He said heating ventilation and air conditioning will probably be started in January 2004. Current buildings will need to be renovated before the new programs can be started.

"We want to retain our size," Clouse said, "even if we have to dip in our reserves to grow."

# Sewer plan on agenda

City commissioners expect to hear Monday what it will take to update the sewer treatment plant to meet the health guidelines and the future needs when they get the results of an engineering study outlining costs and alternatives.

John Roth of Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson and Associates, will report on the study. City Manager Ron Pickman said one of the questions was what it would cost to move the plant away from the airport.

"It would seem that if it is going to cost up to \$3 million or more to update what we have, it would be worth asking what it would cost to move it," Pickman said. "It would not be a good thing to spend all that money and then have the federal people tell us our choice would be to move the sewer treatment plant or close the airport."

The city commission had asked this to be an option in the study to get an idea of the total cost for the project if it was moved. The sewer treatment upgrade will be paid for

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