

weather report

41°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:59 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:47 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:00 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 44 degrees
• Humidity 85 percent
• Sky overcast
• Winds north 12 m.p.h.
• Barometer 29.97 inches and rising
• Record High 83° (1995)
• Record Low 2° (1983)

Last 24 Hours*

High 41°
Low 37°
Precipitation .27

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: mostly cloudy, high mid 50s, low lower 30s, winds northwest 5-10 m.p.h., 30 percent chance of rain in the evening. Saturday: partly sunny, high lower 60s, low lower 30s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy, high lower 60s. Monday: partly cloudy, high lower 60s, low lower 30s. Tuesday: chance of rain or snow, high upper 50s, low lower 30s. Wednesday: mostly cloudy, high lower 50s, low upper 20s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.11 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.06
Corn — \$2.39 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.18
Milo — \$2.16 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.29 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.13
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$8 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.55 cwt.
New crop oil — \$10.25 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.25 cwt.
NuSun new crop — \$10.90
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.
New crop — \$17/\$10 cwt.
Pinto beans — withdrawn
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Winter storm strands trucks

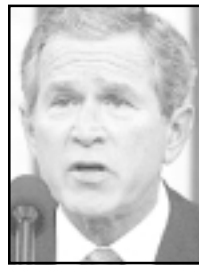
About 100 trucks were parked at Goodland locations filling the lots at Total, Presto and Wal-Mart from Tuesday afternoon until Thursday morning as I-70 was closed because of the record heavy snow in the Denver area. Goodland had a solid one inch of rain. See Page 3.

war begins!

The sirens went off in Baghdad about 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and President George W. Bush appeared before the television cameras at 8:15 p.m. to say that "Operation Iraqi Freedom" had begun and that the troops would not settle for anything less than total victory.

Later reports indicated the bombing in Baghdad was a "target of opportunity" and that it was aimed at "high leaders in the Iraqi regime" without saying it could have been aimed at Saddam Hussein or other members of his inner circle.

The bombing included cruise missiles fired



Bush

from Navy ships and submarines. Two F117 stealth fighter bombers dropped bunker busting bombs as part of the attack.

A second group of planes were bombing radar and command targets in the southern and northern part of Iraq in preparation for the advance of the American troops.

President Bush said the mission to disarm Saddam Hussein has begun, and that 35 countries are part of the coalition that is supporting the effort to remove what he termed a threat to world peace.

Bush cautioned the people that the war

may take longer than some expect, and that the ultimate goal is to rebuild Iraq with a democratic government after the war is over. He promised the troops would come home as soon as the job is completed.

A total of 300,000 troops are poised on the Kuwait/Iraq border, and they are expected to advance into Iraq in the next few days. Additionally there are a number of special forces operating within Iraq, and there was an indication that the "target of opportunity" was developed by intelligence forces working within Baghdad.

A few hours after the attack Saddam Hussein was on Iraqi television denouncing the

attack and demonstrating that if he had been the target the bombs missed.

After Hussein's appearance the air raid sirens were heard in Kuwait City as Iraq attempted to strike back firing several Scud missiles at the city and at American forces on the border.

None of the missiles hit their target and most were intercepted by American Patriot missiles.

Pentagon officials said the early dawn attack was not a part of the expected main assault, but rather an attempt to decapitate the Iraqi government and was aimed at Saddam Hussein and his inner circle.

Two natives keep Brewster grocery open

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

The return of two northwest Kansas natives to Brewster led the couple to an unexpected venture and kept a grocery store in the city. Brewster Grocery is having its grand opening from 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday with free hot dogs and pop and a drawing for \$50 worth of groceries.

The former owners of the grocery, Arnold and Marilyn Schindler, wanted to sell the store and retire but nearly had to just close it down. After staying open longer than planned, due to Stuckey's convenience store burning to the ground, the Schindlers finally found buyers.

The new owners are Shane and Bonnie Holm. Shane is a Colby High School graduate, and Bonnie is a Brewster High graduate. They have four children, Bonnie said, Shanda of Utica, who is married and has a child; Jeremy, who attends the Northwest Kansas Technical College; Spencer, who is in the fifth grade; and Tad, age four.

When the family moved to Brewster in August, Bonnie said, she and Shane were looking for work. Bonnie said she found a job right away, but Shane didn't. Bonnie said she commuted to Goodland and then Colby for work before getting a job for S & T Communications in Brewster.

People in Brewster were talking about the grocery store closing, Bonnie said, and she and Shane discussed buying it. The Holms said they never thought they would own and operate a grocery store, but they are glad it is working out.

"It is nice to provide this service to the community," Bonnie said. "We have had 100 percent positive feedback."

Shane said he maintained signals, crossing lights, for the railroad for 17 years. It was a big responsibility, he said.

Bonnie said she grew up in Levant and prefers to live in a small town. They're nice places to raise a family, she said.

"We tried Wichita for a year,"



Shane Holm, (above) new owner of Brewster Grocery, unpacked boxes of groceries to mark and put on the shelves Tuesday. Joyce Crabtree, (right), Shane's mother-in-law, helped stock the freezers.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Shane said, "and it wasn't for us."

The couple said they lived in Utica and were transferred to Corpus Christi, Texas, for Shane's job, but the job didn't work out. That's when they decided to move to Brewster to be close to family, Bonnie said.

Bonnie said her parents, Willis and Joyce Crabtree lived in Colby

until 1984 and now live in Brewster. She said her mother used to teach in Brewster before retiring, and her father is the technology advisor at Brewster and teaches in Rexford two days a week.

Another teacher in the family, Bonnie said, is her sister Tonya Gray, who teaches math at Grant Junior High.



Bonnie said she is the plant clerk at S & T, where she dispatches technicians. In the evening, Bonnie said she does the books for the grocery store. Bonnie said she stays busy, also taking 15 credit hours per semester of classes through Edu-Kan. Internet classes are great, she said. As if that weren't enough to keep

her busy, Bonnie said she is also running for the school board.

"I was on it in Utica," she said, "and I miss it."

The Holms said they got a lot of help from former grocery store owners. They showed Shane how to cut meat, Bonnie said, and how to keep the books.

Five seek election to city commission, three seats open

By Darrel Pattillo

The Goodland Star-News

Three positions are up for grabs in this year's Goodland City Commission race. Five candidates are running for those three seats. Of those five, three are incumbents. Curtis Hurd, Tom Rohr and Rick Billinger are current city commissioners. Dave Daniels and John Garcia are running for the first time.

The Star-News asked each candidate the same two questions:

1. What do you see as the number one issue facing the city in the next three to five years?

2. Why are you a good candidate for city commissioner?

Curtis Hurd, 70, retired contractor, married with five grown children, city commissioner for four years.

"Infrastructure. The sewer plant, water lines, streets, and alleys, and not necessarily in that order. We definitely need to do something with



Billinger



Daniels



Garcia



Hurd



Rohr

the streets and alleys in Goodland right away."

"I'm a life-long resident of Goodland. I ran a business here. Goodland has been good to me, and I want to give back to the city. I'm retired, so I have time to give.

Tom Rohr, 47, real estate, insurance, and banking, married with three grown children, commissioner for four years.

"Financial cutbacks from the state, including demand transfers. These are revenues that the state

owes the city and we are going to have to find a way to get things done with less money."

"I've got four years of experience on the city commission. It takes a little bit of time to get projects going. I've started some things that I would like to see through."

Rick Billinger, 51, married, three children, involved in several businesses in Goodland since 1975, city commissioner for 12 years.

"I don't think there's any one issue. There are several important

water wells, and we need to keep cleaning the city."

"I believe I'm an honest person with values. I listen to the people and try to do what the majority want. I have several years experience on the commission and I understand budgets and finances."

Dave Daniels, 44, married, businessman, first time running for city commission

"I think the largest single issue will be Goodland's infrastructure. Water system, sewer treatment, city

streets, etc. Although the infrastructure is something that's not overly visible, it is something that all people and business' present and futures depend on."

"I feel that Goodland needs new, positive perspectives in the commission. I will work on issues and keep working to find the answer. Goodland is my home, always has been, always will be."

John Garcia, 51, married, two children, first time running for city commission

"A positive city commission working together for the best interests of the people and the community."

"I've been in Goodland for over thirty years. Goodland had been part of my past, is part of my present, and will be part of my future. I'm committed, positive, open-minded, and dependable. I'm currently involved in economic development. I have a strong faith."