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weather report **89**° at noon

Today Sunset, 8:11 p.m. Tomorrow • Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

- Sunset, 8:12 p.m.
- **Midday Conditions**
- Soil Temperature 78 degrees • Humidity 34 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds southeast 10 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.92 inches and falling
- Record High 102° (1985) • Record Low 39° (1996)

	Last 24 Hours*
High	101°
	740

Low 71° Precipitation trace

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: partly sunny with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high upper 90s, low upper 60s, winds south 5-10 m.p.h. Wednesday: mostly sunny, high 100-105, low lower 60s.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly clear, high upper 90s. Friday: mostly clear, high upper 90s, low mid 60s. Saturday: partly cloudy, high 100-105, low mid 60s. Sunday: partly cloudy, high lower 90s, low lower 60s

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



Noon Wheat - \$2.58 bushel Loan deficiency pmt. — 17¢ Corn — \$2.24 bushel New crop — \$2.01 bushel

Harvest of plenty Gov. Sebelius visits, rides on combine

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News was impressed by the bountiful wheat harvest after getting a firsthand look at Thursday from the cab of a combine and watching wheat unloading at an elevator in Goodland.

'We wanted to come here to visit Ken Palmgren and celebrate the good wheat harvest," Sebelius told the more than 60 people who gathered at the Buffalo Inn Convention Center after she had toured the fields and the Mueller Grain elevator.

"This year's crop looks to be 70 percent larger than last year and bigger than 1999," she said. "In Kansas, 40 percent of the jobs statewide are agriculture related, and when ag schools and not impose taxes on does well, we all do well.

"This is a win-win situation, as it is good for the shortline railroads start at getting out of the financial like the Kyle, and the elevators are difficulties." pretty empty to hold the bumper crop.

for the entire state. When you do well, Kansas does well."

of the morning at the Palmgren farm near Edson, where she got a "personal acquaintance" with the wheat with Travis Palmgren, who was harvesting wheat near Edson.

famous man who is reported on in financial cuts around, the transfers the Washington Post, Ken are about 2 percent of city budgets. Palmgren," Sebelius said of her

Wheat Growers Commission.

Accompanying the governor was Gov. Kathleen Sebelius said she her new Secretary of Agriculture Adrian Polansky, who farmed in the Scandia area and then worked for the Department of Agriculture.

The governor said it was good to be in northwest Kansas, and that the good news of the wheat harvest was good news for the state as the new fiscal year begins.

"From the year I inherited, we had \$11 million in the bank," she said. "To many that is a lot of money, but it is not enough to cover expenses or even make a payroll. We finished the year with \$130 million in the bank, and it is projected to be \$160 million next year.

"We were able to keep money in people. Kansas is in sound fiscal condition, and we have made a good

Sherman County Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked the governor What I want to tell you, it is good about the future of the demand transfers, a revenue sharing program which return state tax money to the The governor spent the early part cities and counties and accounts for \$90 million statewide.

Sebelius said that while former Gov. Bill Graves made half the harvest and took a ride in a combine transfers last year, there will not be any this year.

"The state is taking 7 percent "I had to come out here to meet the cuts," she said, "and to spread the "I know it is critical to you, but I

host, who is chairman of the Kansas can't wave my magic wand."





Gov. Kathleen Sebelius toured the Mueller Grain elevator and watched as Jeff Deeds emptied a load after going through the weigh in. Sebelius also toured wheat fields and visited with people, spending Photo by Shannon Davidson/The Goodland Star-News the morning in and around Goodland.

Milo — \$1.88 bushel Soybeans — \$5.63 bushel Loan deficiency pmt. - 0¢ Millet — \$4.50 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$9.15 cwt. New crop — \$9.25 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. — 59¢ NuSun — \$9.40 cwt. New crop — \$9.50 cwt. 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.)





Top display hit of Fourth

Fireworks brought to the Freedom Fest by Joe Diaz light the sky on Independence Day. Many cheers echoed from the grandstands as the show progressed. More photos on Page 9.



Gov. Kathleen Sebelius climbed up into the cab with Ken Palmgren Jr., who gave her a ride on a Shelborne header-equipped "stripper" combine. The governor said she enjoyed the ride and seeing how a combine operates. Photo by Shannon Davidson/The Goodland Star-News said. "The ability for anyone to pur-

Governor answers questions after touring wheat fields

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius talked with about 60 people Thursday morning at the Buffalo Inn Convention Center about the "streamlined" sales tax law, unemployment, prisons and beef imports.

She told the citizens it was good to be in northwest Kansas, and she was familiar with the Norton area, where her husband grew up, but had not traveled to the Goodland area as much.

'It is good to be here, and I hope to come back again to share with you," she said.

On the sales tax law, which went into effect July 1, the governor said she had approved a six-month delay in enforcement, including a provision which required merchants to collect the tax rate for where merchandise is delivered, not where it is shipped.

"We are losing Internet and catalog sales which are estimated to \$70 to \$120 million in sales tax," she

chase through the Internet without state was going to build more prispaying sales tax puts our Main Street business owners at a disadvantage.

"We are part of a framework of 20 states representing 10 percent of the national population, to get the feddestination sales tax. This is a change in the whole way we have done taxes, and both the state and businesses will need months to ramp months to have processes in place.

"Nebraska and Missouri use this type of sales tax collection."

whether the unemployment figures were going up.

pretty depressed," Sebelius said, "the Wichita area especially, and high tech workers in the northeast.

'We are below the national averpockets out we are down to about 3 percent.'

The governor was asked if the

ons because the present ones are nearing capacity.

'We need to keep dangerous criminals off the streets," Sebelius said. "I am looking at leasing as an eral government to implement a option because it would be more cost effective than building prisons. We are going to reduce the number of first-time drug offenders by increasing the community treatment up. It will take a minimum of six programs, but if they screw up, they will be back in prison.

"In the face of the current financial situation it seems better to look A question was asked about at leasing and not start a building program.'

Mike Schultz of the Kansas "There are areas that are still Cattlemen's Association said he was concerned about the recent outbreak of bovine spongiform encephalopathy, or "mad cow disease," in Canada, and the opening of borders age at 5 percent, and with these for unchecked imports. He asked the governor to encourage the state's

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lark-Robidoux house a historical show piece

By Jaclyn Hackerott

The Goodland Star-News our area is the Clark-Robidoux and a wash closet. House on the northwest edge of Wallace.

The house was built in 1880 by H.A. Clark, who owned the lumberyard in Wallace and vast amounts of few Victorian-style houses have land in the area. At the time, the town widow's walks, and the ones that do of Wallace was the home to 3,500 people, said Glenda Allamon, who now owns the house with her husband Bud.

classified as a gothic revival, was was popular at the time, considering built as a way to keep Clark's East that limestone was easy to quarry Coast bride from growing home- and served well for insulation.

sick, Allamon said. The original house included seven bedrooms, a One of the fine historical pieces in parlor, a living room, a dining room,

> Although the house was large and beautiful, one of the things that made it special was the widow's walk at the peak of the house. Very are generally on the East Coast.

The walls of the house are wood on the outside and plaster on the inside. In between the wood and plas-The beautiful Victorian house, ter are blocks of limestone, which

Robidoux, a general store owner. Clark and his wife then moved back east.

Robidoux decided it needed some renovation. On the north side, he added a bedroom, a bathroom, a kitchen and a laundry room. He also put electricity and plumbing in the house, as rare for this area during that time as the size and design of the house

Robidoux and his wife lived in the house until they both passed away, and his daughter, Ramona and her listed on the register, Glenda husband, Jack Bowmen, lived in the house with their five children. Their

In 1909, Clark closed his lumber- son John inherited part of the prop- Allamons have spent much of their yard and sold the house to Peter erty and lived in the house with his family until 1982. John Bowmen's son Jay inherited his father's share of the property and then forced the sale of the house to gain full ownership. He then resold it to the Allamons in 2000.

> The couple bought the property with plans to restore the house for it's historical value. On April 25, 2001, both the house and the outhouse were put on the National and State Registers of Historical Places. This is the only outhouse that is Allamon said

Since November 2000, the

time renovating the house to set it up for historical tours and special occasions. The process began with clearing the overgrowth surrounding the house. Then they moved to the inside to begin the long task of cleaning and refinishing each room, one at a time. They cleared out the cobwebs and refurbished the laundry room for their catering service. Then they began refurbishing the house room by room. This is a long process as it takes money and time.

They expect to finish the renovations in five more years. When the

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