

weather report

91°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:28 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:10 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 83 degrees

• Humidity 47 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds south 13 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.09 inches
and falling

• Record High 106° (1926)

• Record Low 47° (1958)

Last 24 Hours*

High 97°

Low 65°

Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

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

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms, high mid 80s. Friday: partly cloudy, high lower 80s, low mid 50s. Saturday: mostly cloudy, high mid 80s, low lower 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Relay raises \$22,000 to fight cancer

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

A lone luminaria was flickering as the sky began to get lighter to the east of the Sherman County fairgrounds and the walkers cheered when they were told Sherman County's annual Relay for Life had raised nearly \$22,000.

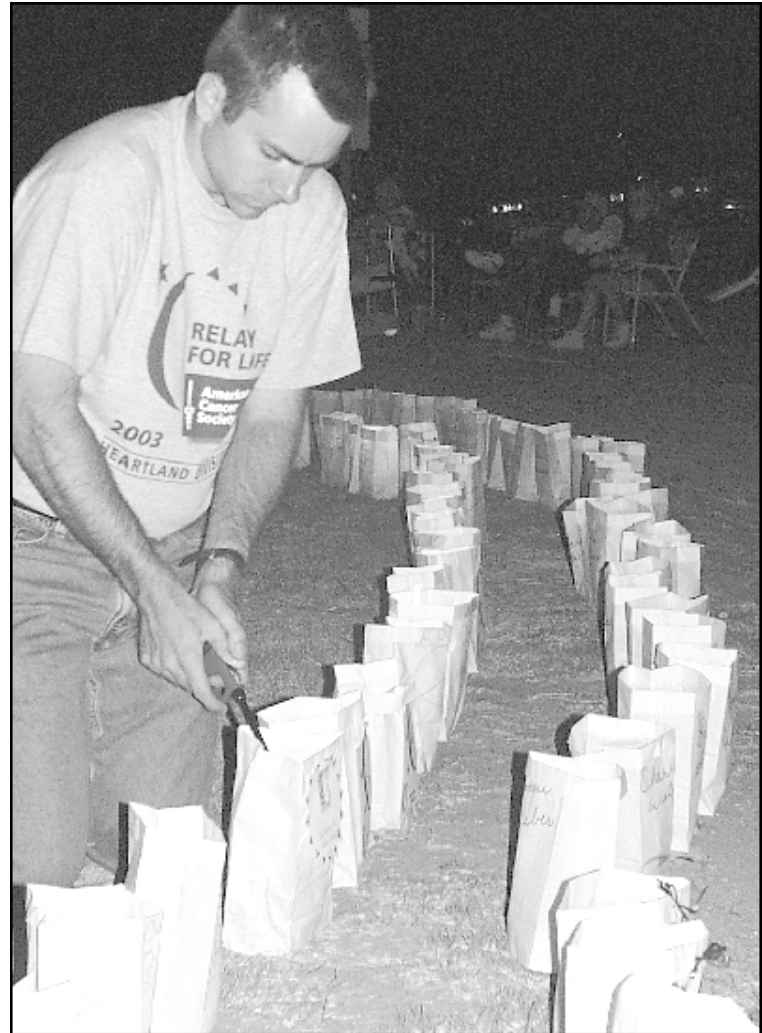
Members of the 18 teams had been walking for 12 hours, and there were some special entertainment events to keep people awake and have a little fun other than walking around the word "Hope" and the big loop with over 1,000 luminarias.

The total of \$21,417 exceeded the goal by several hundred dollars, and made the efforts worthwhile. This was the fifth year for the Relay for Life here, and the biggest yet.

As the sun set Friday, those who have survived cancer were the first ones on the track to take their victory lap. There were over 40 people wearing special blue "I'm a survivor" shirts who walked the first lap together, and released balloons in a spirit of hope for finding the cure for cancer.

All the teams were introduced and they began walking around the circle. Once the first lap was completed at least one member of each team was to remain on the track for the next 12 hours.

There was a pause at 9 p.m. when the word Hope and double circle of luminarias were lit, and the names of each person for which the candles burned was read. Many of the names



Heidi Yonkey and Katie Zelfer (left) helped get the luminarias ready Friday afternoon at the annual Sherman County Relay for Life. When it got dark, Dan Hayden (above) helped light the over 1,000 luminarias. The team tent (below) for Danny and Denise Archer was one of the most colorfully decorated. The "trashy queen" winner was Andy Kear (below left), whose wife Ashley helped get "her" ready for the contest.

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local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.23 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.33

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.27 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.96

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

New crop — \$2.22 bushel

Milo — \$1.97 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.69 bushel

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$4.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.70 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.39

Confection — \$17/\$10 cwt.

NuSun — \$8.95 cwt.

Pinto beans — Withdrawn

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)



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Girls ready to play golf

The Goodland High Cowgirls golf team practiced putting at Sugar Hills Golf Course on Tuesday afternoon. The team will travel to WaKeeney for their first tournament at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 2. See story on Page 9.

Faithful bugler honored for playing 'Taps'

By Shannon Davidson

The Goodland Star-News

Each note out of a legendary trumpet has a story and a memory for everyone who listens.

Thursday night, Isabelle Hellerud was honored for her dedicated service since 1942 as a bugler for the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars Post.

The 61-year legacy earned Hellerud a standing ovation and quite a surprise.

She attended the event thinking it was just a chance to sit and visit with some of her dear friends from Brewster, Bill and Eva Lou Selby.

"Eva Lou called me and asked if I would go with them (to the VFW)," she said, "and we had always talked about getting together for a chance to chat about our days playing in the Goodland Brass. It came as such a shock to be honored and receive a plaque."

"She never turns anyone down to play 'Taps'," said Marvin Cullens post commander. "If she answers the phone, they can count on her to be there."

Hellerud and the members of the color guard have endured all types of weather while waiting for funeral processions, said Hellerud. Sometimes Hellerud would have to play "Taps; from inside her car with the windows down so her trumpet



Isabelle Hellerud

wouldn't freeze or the wind would cause her to miss a note.

"I have respect for the color guard, since they couldn't get out of the weather, like me to play," Hellerud said. "They continued to endure the weather for the entire service."

The legacy began in the fourth grade, when Hellerud first discovered the trumpet. Her father, Otto Austin, instilled a love for music and the arts in his four children. He also taught neighborhood children how to play instruments at their homes.

"My brother and I couldn't keep our hands off our father's trumpet,"

Hellerud recalled, "so he taught us how to play. My mother even sold her diamond ring so each of us could have our own trumpet."

She played "Taps" for her first funeral service while still a freshman at Goodland High. That service, for Bob Saltzgaver, is a vivid memory for Hellerud.

"The funeral home would come and pick me up," she said. "I would attend the service, and then they would drop me off at school again."

"I remember this service because it was for the only son of the Saltzgaver's and he was the first person killed in World War II."

When her four children grew up and went to college, Hellerud got a job at Sears as a credit manager and she told her boss, "There is one thing I do for this community, and that is play 'Taps.' I don't know when I will be asked to play, but I will take my noon hour break in replacement for attending the services."

Hellerud said she always thought her duty really wasn't anything special or different from what other people did. She was just proud to have a way to give back and thinks of it as an honor to be able to play for the veterans group.

Hellerud said she was diagnosed with bulbul polio in September 1946 and was unable to play her trumpet for several years. Her dedi-

cation and love for music always kept her trying.

"For a while," she said, "I couldn't even play one note. I would try, and cry, but in time I was slowly able to start playing again."

Funeral homes in town have asked that she tape herself playing "Taps" for services that she can not attend. Some people still ask that Hellerud play at their families service.

"Some times people can not tell the difference between me playing in person and my tape," she said.

Her distinct style is well known, which was apparent by the warm applause and smiles that were shared at her surprise event.

Hellerud was born and raised in

Goodland and left only for a short time after being married to her husband Tom. They were married in 1948 and Tom served in the Air Force.

They have four children, Bob, Tom, a daughter Myrna, who has passed away, and another son Tim. Tom and Tim live in Goodland, and she has 10 grandchildren.

Hellerud is a member of the Pride of the Prairie Orchestra, the Goodland Federated Music Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary.

There was one person who shared in playing "Taps" with her for a few years, Pete Fitzgibbons, and then he decided to retire. Hellerud said she told him, "Trumpet players don't retire."

Senator to visit Wednesday, regional summit at Elks

Goodland will be busy Wednesday, with the visit by U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts and the regional Kansas Prosperity Summit.

Sen. Roberts will be at the Technical College Student Union at 8 a.m. to talk about the current issues in Congress, and hear what is on the minds of the citizens of

northwest Kansas.

The senator will travel from Goodland to Colby for a luncheon at the Colby Country Club at 11 a.m., and then be in Norton at 2 p.m. for a coffee at the Town and Country Cafe.

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