

weather report

65°



noon Monday

Today

•Sunset, 7:48 p.m.

Wednesday

•Sunrise, 5:37 a.m.

•Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 57 degrees
- Humidity 43 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds light and variable
- Barometer 29.94 inches and falling
- Record High today 94° (1962)
- Record Low today 28° (1981)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	70°
Low Sunday	42°
Precipitation	none
This month	1.11
Year to date	3.82
Normal	4.33

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny and breezy, high around 87, low near 53, winds south southwest 6-32 mph.
Wednesday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, high around 73, low around 42, winds west northwest 5-13 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high 67, low 42.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings compiled at midnight.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.88 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.95
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Corn — \$1.72 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.81
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 14¢
 - Milo — \$1.44 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.65 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.87
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Millet — \$5 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$9.70 cwt.
 - NuSun — \$10.70 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Confection — Ask
 - Pinto beans — \$25
- (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls finish fourth

Senior Kara Angelos cleared a hurdle during her heat of the 100-meter high hurdles at Friday's track meet in Colby. Angelos finished second in 16.04 seconds. The cowgirls finished fourth in the meet. Photo, story on Page 11.

Fallen soldier's funeral Thursday



Cliff Russell stood on a bench holding his flag as the procession with Sgt. Derrick Lutters's body drove up Main Saturday evening.

The funeral Mass for Goodland resident Sergeant Derrick Lutters, 24, will be at 10 a.m. on Thursday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Lutters was killed on May 1, 2005, in Iraq, while serving in the United States Army National Guard, Company A, 891st Engineering Battalion. He was killed when a car bomb detonated near his vehicle as his unit was inspecting a bridge for enemy tampering along a supply route in southern Baghdad, Iraq.

Lutters was a member of Detachment 1, 170th Maintenance Company, of Goodland, and was assigned to the Kansas Guard 891st Engineer Battalion as a crane operator. He was promoted to Sergeant after his death by Maj. Gen Tod Bunting the Kansas Adjutant General, who flew to Goodland Thursday to meet with the family.

People lined the streets of Burlington and Goodland on Saturday evening as the body was escorted from Denver to Goodland. A special service was held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Burlington.

The procession of about 25 vehicles included the Goodland Police, Sherman County Sheriff, Kansas State Patrol, Kansas National Guard, Goodland Fire Department, Sherman County Rural Fire Department and the Sherman County Ambulance Service, family cars followed the Koons Funeral hearse, and more followed the ambulance and police car at the end of the procession.

Lutters was born June 26, 1980, in Goodland, the son of Marian (Dressman) and Chuck Lutters. He gradu-

ated from Goodland High school with the class of 1999, and attended the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

His memberships included Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus.

Preceding him in death were his infant sister Rebecca Lutters, his maternal grandfather E.H. Dressman, paternal grandparents Carl and Laura Lutters and one uncle David Lutters.

Surviving family include his father of Goodland; his mother of Burlington; brother Paul and his wife Christina of Canton, Mo.; sister Genevieve Gibson and her husband Scott of Key Largo, Fla.; grandmother Nancy Dressman of Overland Park; five nieces and nephews, Darian, Gage and Zane Gibson, and Zoe and Grace Lutters; and many aunts and uncles.

Vigil and rosary will be 6 p.m. Mountain Time, Wednesday at the Catholic church. Friends may share their respects at Koons Funeral Home from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday.

Veterans and active military are asked to sit together at the funeral. Ushers will know the seating location.

Graveside services will be held at 4 p.m. Central Time on Thursday at the Ransom St. Aloysius Cemetery.

Memorials may be designated to the Sherman County Community Foundation to be used for the Derrick Lutters Memorial Scholarship, and may be left at or mailed to Koons Funeral Home, 211 N. Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735-1555.



Lutters



City Commissioner Joshua Dechant (above photo) held a time capsule as City Manager Ron Pickman (middle) helped Chuck Lutters, father of Derrick Lutters who was killed in Iraq last week, add mementos of his son to the tube. The time capsule was placed in the ground along with a tree to celebrate Arbor Day and dedicate the tree in honor of Lutters. Central Elementary student Lacie Cowan (left photo) stuffed items inside the same tube along with her classmates Gage Owens (left), Elizabeth Wellman and Sabra Carver.

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Tree planting honors hometown hero

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

An Arbor Day celebration turned into a touching tribute Friday as a tree was planted in honor of Derrick Lutters, Goodland's fallen soldier, in Steever Park.

Lutters, a specialist assigned to the Goodland National Guard unit, was killed last Sunday by a bomb in Baghdad.

City Commissioner Joshua Dechant wiped his eyes as City Manager Ron Pickman presented a plaque to Lutters' parents.

Dechant said although he didn't know Lutters personally, the story

really touched him.

Lutters' father Chuck, city public works manager, and his mother Marion, a second-grade teacher in Burlington, were both given a copy of a proclamation dedicating the tree in honor of Derrick.

Mayor Rick Billinger showed third and fourth graders from Central Elementary a photograph of Lutters in full Army gear. He encouraged the students to smile just like the soldier in the picture.

Pickman said he met Lutters when he was the same age as the

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Roads, streets top joint issue at city/county meeting

By Tom Betz

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City and county commissioners at a joint meeting last Tuesday said they think voters will back a sales tax and bond issue to repair roads and streets — if they know what the money is going for.

Everybody knows the city has some terrible streets, commissioners said, and the county is losing the surface on old U.S. 24, which has been held together with chip-seal jobs.

The city and county would borrow money to fix the roads with a bond issue, then use the sales tax to pay off the bonds. The only catch is it may take an act of the Legislature to authorize the tax increase.

The two commissions agreed to meet again at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 23, at the courthouse to look at estimates for road and street projects.

County Commissioner Mitch Tiede opened the joint meeting at the

Commissioners like combining efforts

By Tom Betz

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City Commissioner Annette Fairbanks brought the issue up, and both city and county leaders thought it might be a good idea.

Consolidation.

At a joint city-county commissioners' meeting Tuesday, Fairbanks said overlapping services between the city and county need to be addressed.

"I think it has been talked about before," Fairbanks said, "but I feel it is time to put a plan on paper and get it moving."

County Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he felt

emergency services were one area where some consolidation could be done. The city and county already share an ambulance service, run by the hospital for the county.

"We have a cooperative effort for dispatch," Rasure said. "It seems like we could have an overall person to coordinate these efforts and plan for training of the various fire departments and give us better protection."

"I agree," Billinger said. "The time has come, and I think fire and emergency and police and sheriff are

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courthouse.

"Our main concern is old U.S. 24," Tiede said. "We have been chip sealing it, but that is a band aid. It is going to take serious money if we are going to keep it. Holes are developing on the west end and by Edson. "We used a sales tax before to help

chip seal the road, but in many places the old oil has been exhausted. It will probably take a three-inch milling with an overlay, and we thought there may be some areas of the city where some work needs to be done."

Commissioners talked about rais-

ing the current 1 percent sales tax to pay for the work, but realized that would take an act of the Legislature. The county had a one-quarter percent sales tax for over four years to finance road repairs, but it expired. They had to go through the same procedure to get it approved.

"We can't put it to a vote of the people without going to the state Legislature," County Commissioner Kevin Rasure said. "It exceeds the 1 percent level, so has to have the Legislature's approval and then a vote of the citizens."

Now, the 1-cent county sales tax is split. Goodland gets about 49 percent of the sales tax with the county getting about 48 percent. That leaves about three percent for Kanorado.

"I think it is a good idea," said Goodland Mayor Rick Billinger, "and think people will go for it. It worked well the last time. We could add Eight Street, North Caldwell well past the airport and possibly others like 17th Street from Cherry to Main."

The two commissions agreed that if the city is involved, voters would be more likely to approve.

"You need to identify projects and

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