

**weather
report****77°**

noon Monday

**Today**

• Sunset, 7:47 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:38 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:48 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 58 degrees
- Humidity 29 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds north at 5 mph
- Barometer 2.973 inches and falling

- Record High today 97° (1916)
- Record Low today 27° (2002)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	73°
Low Monday	49°
Precipitation	.62
This month	.72
Year to date	3.90
Below average	.33 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: 30 to 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. High around 68 low near 44.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: 20 percent chance showers. Partly cloudy, high near 63, low around 39. Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near 67, low near 43. Friday: Partly cloudy, high near 74 low near 46. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 75, low near 48.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local
markets****Noon**

Wheat — \$4.18 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.10
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.04 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.09
Loan deficiency pmt. — 00¢
Milo — \$1.66 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.14 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.24
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.55 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.85 cwt.
NuSun crop — \$8.85
Confection — Call
Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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today**

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**Relay team
takes fifth**

Freshman Zach Lohr (left) took the baton from sophomore Casey Henderson during the 4x100-meter relay Friday at the Colby Invitational. The Cowboys finished fifth in 48.38 seconds. See story, photos on Page 12.

Heroes honored, bench dedicated

By Tom Betz*The Goodland Star-News*

A memorial bench was draped in black as a dedication ceremony began Saturday afternoon, but an impatient wind blew the cover off the new addition to Goodland's Kansas National Guard Armory.

The decorated bench was built as a memorial to Sgt. Derrick Lutters, a member of the Goodland unit killed by a bomb in Iraq on May 1, 2005.

Lisa Varney, head of the Northwest Kansas Family Readiness Group, said Brock Holzmeister and Matthew Johnson of the Northwest Kansas Technical College built the bench. It was decorated with decals from Hot Brush of Bird City.

Chuck and Marian Lutters, Derrick's parents, cut a ribbon to dedicate the bench.

Eight members of the 891st Engineer Battalion who served with Lutters in Iraq attended the ceremony.

1st Lt. Lonny Nelson, who was on patrol with Lutters when the bomb went off, spoke about the short eight months he had known the Goodland soldier. In a broken voice, he said they all missed Lutters and his constant smile.

Nelson read comments from some of the other unit members, telling about their feelings and special moments they remembered.

Present were Spc. Thomas French, who had been in the same vehicle with Lutters; Sgt. Ronald Herda and Spc. Michael Herrin, who were on the patrol; and Spc. Jason Martinez, Spc. Jason Loden, Spc. Kenneth Ruppel and Spc. William Smith, who served in the same platoon.

Lt. Col. Larry Parrish, a National Guard chaplain, provided the opening prayer and spoke about Lutters' reasons for serving. The chaplain had given a similar speech at Lutters' funeral at Max Jones Fieldhouse on May 12, 2005.

Marian Lutters told the audience she was proud of the memorial and thanked those who had put it together. She said she was pleased to be there, but asked Derrick to warm up the weather and let the sun shine. Near the end of the ceremony, the clouds parted and the sun did shine through.

The ceremony opened with the national anthem sung by Jena McCall. Michael Smith sang "I Can Only Imagine." After the ribbon was cut, Matt Rohr and Devin Mangus played Taps. Lisa Scarborough led the audience in singing "On Eagles' Wings," and Rusty Renner closed the program with "God Bless the U.S.A."

A crowd of over 120 people and 50 soldiers participated in the two-part ceremony, held to welcome home Kansas Guard members who have served on active duty in Iraq and at stateside duty stations.

Inside the armory was a mural painted to honor all the unit's members who are mobilized to support



Marian and Chuck Lutters, parents of Sgt. Derrick Lutters, looked at the special memorial bench unveiled Saturday afternoon at the Kansas National Guard Armory as part of a welcome home

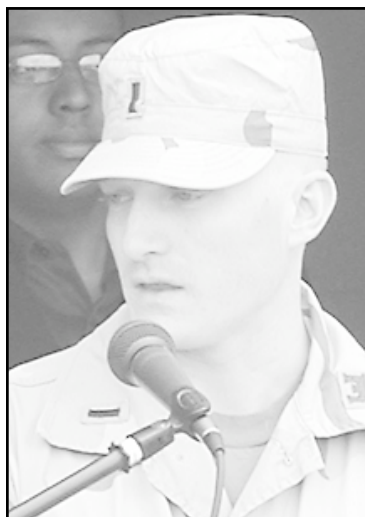
and memorial dedication ceremony. Sgt. Lutters was killed by a bomb in Iraq on May 1, 2005.

Photos By Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

the War on Terror. Staff Sgt. Mark Reasoner said the mural is based on a photograph taken at the Rock Pile at Fort Irwin, Calif., during the last annual training before soldiers were called up or volunteered for deployment. The photo shows three of the first to be deployed, Spc. Paul Andrijeski, Sgt. Lutters and Sgt. Joseph Buster, holding a Kansas flag.

Reasoner said he wanted a commercial artist, but that would have cost about \$9,000. He turned to his daughter Renea, who volunteered to do her best with help from her friends Tehnee Ridder, Kaitlyn Lee, Alicia Felver and her brother Walter Reasoner.

Lt. Col. Gregory Salisbury, battalion commander, said he was pleased to be back in Goodland, where he had been detachment commander

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1st Lt. Lonny Nelson of the 891st Engineer Battalion, who served with Lutters in Iraq, spoke about the time the platoon members knew the young man.



Marian Lutters and Lt. Col. Larry Parrish, National Guard chaplain, hugged when the sun broke through the clouds Saturday afternoon.

Crop Walk is Sunday

By Pat Schiefen*The Goodland Star-News*

People of different faiths are going to walk together to raise money to feed hungry people at 3:30 on Sunday.

They will meet at the Van Gogh painting. Each walker is trying to get \$100 in sponsorship.

The walk is part of nationwide effort planned by Church World Services, an ecumenical Christian group that works to provide food, tools to grow food and safe drinking water.

A quarter of all money raised will stay in Goodland, said Ted Amos, minister of the First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), and will go to Genesis, the food bank. The goal here is to raise \$5,000.

Amos had been involved in the walk before and wanted to start it up again.

The group said they thought they would do the crop walk in the fall next year. Goodland had the walk in the 1990s, but has not par-

ticipated since then.

Crop Walk is not just about providing food for hungry people but helping people become self-sufficient, Amos said.

Church World Service helps people by digging wells to provide clean water and providing seeds, tools and training how to grow their own food.

"It is not acceptable that 1.2 billion people in developing countries live on an income of \$1 a day or less," Amos said.

He said that there are many people in the world who do not have safe drinking water.

"In the 1990s, the number of children killed by diarrhea — the result of unsafe water and sanitation — exceeded the number of people killed in armed conflicts since World War II," Amos said.

The first crop walk was in Bismark, N.D., on Oct. 17, 1969, Amos said.

For information, call Amos at (785) 890-5233.

City extends phone franchise

By Tom Betz*The Goodland Star-News*

A new telephone franchise agreement with AT&T seems to have stalled, and the city agreed to extend the existing agreement to the end of August.

City Manager Wayne Hill said the city and AT&T (formerly Southwestern Bell) are disagreeing on a couple of points, and a new franchise would require a publication that would extend beyond the existing extension, which expires at the end of June.

He said the S&T franchise agreement comes due in August, and he would like to have both franchises approved at the same time.

City Attorney Jeff Mason said AT&T wants a one-year franchise renewable for one year.

Hill told the commissioners at the May 1 meeting that the state had completed a statewide franchise on cable delivery, and are now working on one for telecommunications. Under these, the agreements are filed with the Kansas Corporation

Commission and require the company to pay the city 5 percent of gross revenue.

"We are at a deadlock," Hill said. Mason said the attorney in Topeka for AT&T said they would consider a one year agreement with one year extensions until one side gave notice.

Hill asked the commissioners to approve the franchise extension to give him and Mason more time to reach an agreement.

The commission approved the extension unanimously.

The Sixty Plus Club provides the van for transporting citizens in the city through an agreement with the city that had expired, Hill said.

"We have revised the agreement," he said, "and the major change is the amount the Sixty Plus Club will pay the city. The change will allow a wage increase for the drivers who have not had a raise for at least five years."

He said the Sixty Plus Club will pay the city \$415 per month, and that gives the drivers a 5 percent raise.

He said this is an annual agreement and it will be resubmitted in December.

Mayor Rick Billinger asked if the city provides the liability insurance and hires the drivers.

Hill said the city does provide the insurance and the drivers are city employees.

The commission unanimously approved the agreement.

Hill said the contract with Vignery and Mason for the city attorney services expired on April 30, and asked the commission to continue the contract.

"I am not sure why this date was in the contract," Hill said, "but we need to continue this contract, and the city staff recommends we keep this firm."

Hill said Mason has become familiar with the city issues and is working on a number of important things for the city.

Mason said he has enjoyed working with the city, and would like to

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