

## weather report

# 61°

noon Monday

### Today

- Sunset, 4:40 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:21 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:39 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 50 degrees
- Humidity 31 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds north at 6 mph
- Barometer 21.96 inches and falling
- Record High today 82° (1931)
- Record Low today 12° (1938)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday	67°
Low Monday	37°
Precipitation	—
This month	—
Year to date	21.96
Above normal	3.27 inches

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high near 77, low near 41.

### Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high near 77, low around 38.  
Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near 70, low around 34.  
Friday: Mostly cloudy, high near 45, low around 25.  
Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 51, low around 24.  
Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 54.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$4.63 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.74  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$3.37 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.07  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Milo — \$3.02 bushel  
Soybeans — \$5.74 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.73  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$7 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
NuSun crop — \$12.25  
Pinto beans — 19 (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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## Young Guns win trophy

The Young Guns fifth-grade team gathered around Coach John Hendrich with the third-place trophy for defeating Great Bend 15-13 in Hays. See photo, story Page 12.

# National office keeps him flying

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Goodland High School senior Michael Smith has been busy since his election as the national president of Family, Career and Community Leaders of America on July 12 at Nashville.

Smith said he has spent about a month in Washington, five days in Phoenix, five days in St. Louis and seven in Atlanta.

One of the things he did in Washington was a conference on school safety on Tuesday, Oct. 10, organized by the White House at a 4-H conference center in Chevy Chase, Md. He got to make the final comments from the audience to President George Bush and shake his hand.

"Bush is an interesting character and his wife is nice," Smith said.

He said his impression of the power structure in Washington was that everyone is going their own way. He said it was amazing the safety conference could be set up in a week with 300 people attending.

Other organizations attending the conference were the National Association of Secondary Principals, mental health officials, National Sheriff's Association, other educational association, the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development and Laura Bush's initiative on helping America's youth.

"I didn't know what to expect at the conference," Smith said, adding that the session really didn't come up with any plan, but meeting the people and the networking was great.



Michael Smith visited with James Felver, Goodland school psychologist, at a reception honoring him at the Goodland School District office last Monday. Smith was elected national president of the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America in July at Nashville.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Although he has spent almost a month in Washington, Smith said, he hasn't got to see the White House yet. He said he got to see the ruby slippers from the movie "The Wizard of Oz" at the Smithsonian, and visited the National Museum of Af-

rican Art and the National Museum of the American Indian.

Smith said he was impressed by the tribal outfits in the museum of African art and the headdresses of native Americans.

"The United States Holocaust

Memorial Museum made the most impact," he said. "They had pieces of hair and fingernails and the smell of burning flesh."

He said he didn't think he would ever forget the smell.

"I have gotten used to speaking in

front of people," Smith said, adding that each speech is different but he always uses his two favorite quotes: "You must be the change you want to see in the world," by Mathatma Gandhi and, "I can do all things through Christ Jesus who give me strength," from St. Paul's letter to the Philippians 4:13.

Smith is also taking a full class load, including English composition, calculus, physics, American government, Spanish 4, Xpressos, independent study in leadership from Sarah Short, his sponsor for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America.

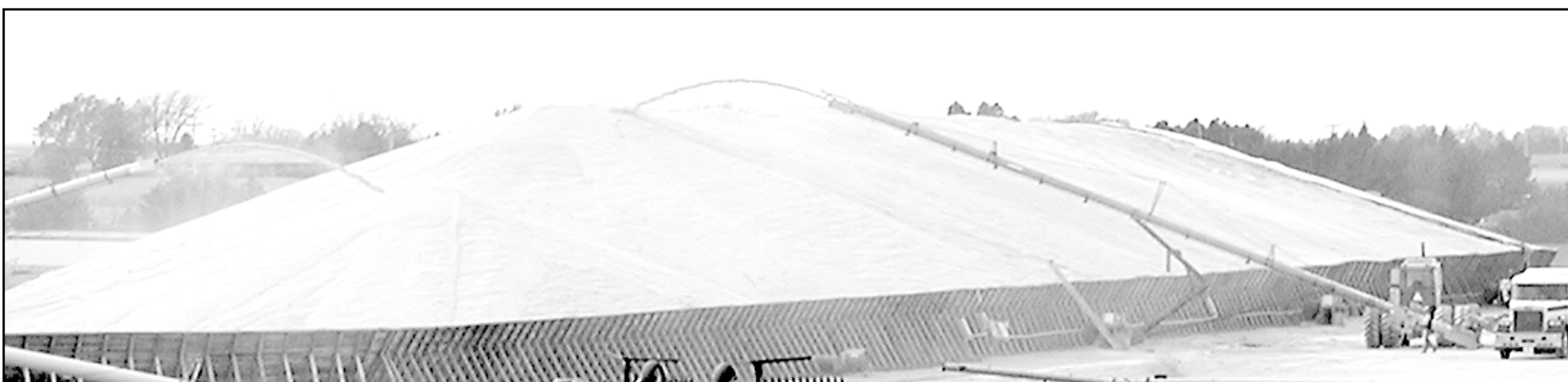
He said the teachers have been worked with him since he has been gone so much.

Smith says he wants to major in college in international business finance and association management. He is applying at Harvard, Georgetown, Washington, Georgetown, Boston and Washington University in St. Louis.

Smith said he would be going back to Washington in December. Starting in February and March, he said he would be making visits to state meetings. He already has plans to go to Pennsylvania, Colorado and Illinois.

A reception was held at the administration office for U.S.D. 352 on Monday, Oct. 30. His mother, Celia Smith, and grandmother, Maggie Diaz, attended. The Goodland Ambassadors served cake and punch to the over 80 people who attended.

## Corn crib filling up



Frontier Equity's corn pile grew Saturday as the harvest continued with a steady flow of trucks. Augers on both sides of the huge corn crib were going at the same time. Frontier employees said they expected to fill the crib with an estimated 1.2 million bushels.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

# Letters could help get veterans' clinic

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Goodland Regional Medical Center wants better health care for area veterans, but needs support and letters, Brenda McCants, director of patient care services, told the hospital's board at its regular meeting last Monday.

The hospital has been trying to get the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs to back a community-based outreach clinic here, she said, but

won't know until next year whether it will get government money.

McCants said she would like veterans to write to her, and to Congressman Jerry Moran and Sen. Pat Roberts to let them know what they need in health care.

"We're looking at options for providing services to veterans," she said, "and want them to let us know what is important to them. I would encourage anyone who would like to write a personal letter to do that."

She said she will forward veterans' letters to Washington, or veterans can write to the representatives directly.

"I am confident Congressman Moran and Sen. Roberts are doing everything they can to make sure our veterans have a voice," she said. "They said they would keep us informed of bills ... related to veterans benefits, so we have a chance to respond."

Veterans have shown an interest

in a clinic here, she said; when the hospital held a forum in August 2004, 133 people from Goodland, 30 from Colby and 18 from Burlington showed up.

Outlining the demand, she said a veteran needed a prescription for cancer medicine, and the Hays satellite office told the 88-year-old he would have to go to Wichita because it didn't have the medicine there.

Officials told him if he couldn't make the trip, he could pay for it

himself, McCants said, but it is expensive. Some of the cancer medications are up to \$1,500 per prescription, she said.

For an aging veteran on a fixed income, that can be tough, she said, and if they are a veteran, why should they?

"They served freely," she said. "We should take care of them."

The veteran was able to get the

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# Citizens nominated for 'vision retreat'

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The next step in the "Shine on Sherman County" strategic planning process will be a "vision retreat" planned for all day on Monday, Dec. 4, at the Goodland Elks Lodge.

From the 190 people who attended the "community conversation" Oct. 17, 55 have been nominated to attend the retreat.

Tiffani McMinn, county economic development director, said the steering committee met on Thursday and went through a stack of cards handed in at the conversation.

"At total of 128 people were nominated," McMinn said. "The ones who are being asked to attend the retreat received at least three nominations."

"The retreat will be an all-day process, beginning at 8 a.m. and ending about 4 p.m. The people who attend the retreat are to develop a 10-year vision for the county and action plans to carry out the goals."

Consultant Terry Woodbury, from Kansas Communities LLC will lead the opening of the retreat, she said, and then the groups will be

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# Caldwell project begins today

Work should start today on the first project of the city street program through the one-cent sales, City Manager Wayne Hill said Monday, as crews tear into the intersection of Eighth Street and Caldwell Avenue.

Hill said half of the intersection will be closed at any one time as it is rebuilt with concrete.

Bryant and Bryant of Halstead, the winning contractor, will begin moving equipment to town today and working on the intersection on Wednesday, Hill said.

Darin Neufeld, engineer for the project from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, said the contractor will begin with the Eighth and Caldwell intersection, rebuilding it in two sections.

Neufeld said the contractor will begin doing other work between Eighth and Toelkes that will make it easier to do the paving project in the spring.

He said the intersection at Caldwell and Armory Road will be slower, as it has to be done in four sections.

"We cannot close that intersection because of the weather service and the business on that road," Neufeld said, noting that Caldwell is the only way to get to Armory.

Neufeld said the contractor expects to have both intersections completed by Christmas time.

Bryant and Bryant as the low bidder on the project at \$322,755, which was \$22,000 under Miller Construction of Goodland.

Sherman County citizens approved the one-cent sales tax in March to pay for about \$12 million in street and road projects. Neufeld said the other major city projects should be ready to go out for bids in December.

He said he expects bids on 17th Street from Cherry to Main, the paving of Caldwell from Eighth to the airport and a section of Eighth from Cattletrail to D'Lao Drive to be opened in January, with an award in February and work to begin in the spring.