

weather  
report

25°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 5:01 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:57 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:02 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 38 degrees
- Humidity 63 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds light and variable
- Barometer 29.81 inches and falling
- Record High 68° (1986)
- Record Low -16° (1948)

Last 24 Hours\*

High	61°
Low	16°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, low 15-20. winds east 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy, high mid 20s, low near 10, winds east 10 m.p.h., 30 percent chance of snow.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: cloudy, high upper 10s, low 15, 30 percent chance of snow. Thursday: partly cloudy, high mid 20s, low 5-10. Friday: mostly clear, high upper 30s, low mid 10s. (National Weather Service)  
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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.65 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.61  
Corn — \$1.92 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.86  
Loan deficiency payment — 13¢  
Milo — \$1.64 bushel  
Soybeans — \$3.72 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.70  
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.22  
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$8.65 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 87¢  
Confection current — inquire  
Pinto beans — \$23 (new crop)  
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon  
wire

Late news  
from the  
Associated  
Press



1 p.m.

U.S. soldiers  
storm hospital

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan — With grenades and volleys of automatic fire, Afghan troops and U.S. soldiers wearing “ILoveNew York” buttons and Yankees caps stormed a hospital today and killed six al-Qaida fighters who had been held up there for two months.

U.S. and Afghan troops surrounded Kandahar’s Mir Wais Hospital before dawn and traded fire with the Arab fighters inside for hours until — just after the noon call to Islamic prayers — American troops barked, “Stand clear!” and they and the Afghans hurled grenades through the hospital windows to launch a final assault.

A series of 20 explosions sent out showers of glass from the hospital, already burning from the morning’s fighting, and the pops of pistol shots and rattle of automatic weapons fire followed.

## Officials answer questions

### *Citizens ask about landfill, tipping fee*

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

About 10 citizens attended the Sherman County Commissioners’ work session Thursday evening to ask questions about the landfill costs and tipping fees.

At the conclusion of the three-hour meeting, the commissioners had set out some general policies about what they would not allow to be put in the landfill. The areas they discussed were problems with debris coming from construction and demolition projects; and large amounts of metals and yard waste. The commissioners will review a draft of the policy at their meeting Thursday.

“We want to develop the county policy so there is no question about what the restrictions are,” said Commission Chairman Chuck Frankenfeld.

The citizens questioned the commissioners about the cost of the new landfill and the reason for the \$32 per ton tipping fee being charged to the commercial trash haulers including Kevin Butts and the City of Goodland.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said the tipping fee is something that should have been done several years ago, when the county was forced to close the old landfill.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he understood that the people did not like to see their monthly bill increase, but he felt this was actually a means of helping to keep the county costs within reason.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel read and handed out research she had done on when the county got into the landfill business and what happened with the solid waste fees over the years.

Many of the questions and comments from the audience were similar to those being asked of the city commission, and more than once it was said, “We are

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## History of landfill gathered

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County Clerk Janet Rumpel went through the county commissioner meeting records and budgets to gather information about the history of the landfill.

Her research showed that in May 1975, Royal Reid and Ken Halbleib, representing the City of Goodland, asked the county to handle the expense of the landfill. The county commissioners asked the county attorney to check into establishing a solid waste fee under the state law.

The first solid waste fee was adopted in June 1975, and was set at \$12 a year for residential homes. The fee was raised to \$15 in 1977, and to \$20 in 1983.

The county purchased an additional 144 acres for the future expansion of the landfill in November 1984.

New Environmental Protection Agency rules dealing with the operation of the landfill were being discussed in early 1993, and County Engineer Ira Hardin told the county commissioners the state had gotten an extension until Oct. 1993 to have the regulations in place.

Rumpel said the minutes of the meeting said “Hardin to the board in February they were faced with several major problems. The present landfill could apply for an exemption, provided they complied with the airport restriction (no bird problem); have rainfall less than 25 inches per year; have demonstrated there is no groundwater con-

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“Hammerin’ Harvey” Swager (right) and other members of the “X-Pressos All-Stars” waited while players with the Harlem Nights argued

about how to make a free throw. The traveling basketball team entertained a large crowd here Sunday night.

Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

## Team even makes losing fun

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

The players danced to center court, passing a red, white and blue basketball behind their backs and between their legs while swapping smart-alek remarks.

The basketball wasn’t used just for dribbling and shooting hoops. It was a football, a bowling ball and a baseball. One of the players laid on it, and his teammates grabbed his arms and legs, spinning him around in a circle.

There were no rules in this game, unless someone made one up on the spot.

“Hammerin’ Harvey” Swager, Goodland High School principal when he’s not dunkin’ balls, carried a folding chair to center court for the tip-off to give himself a height advantage. Instead of guarding his opponent during the game, Hammerin’ Harvey politely chatted with him.

“Mr. Clean,” 6-feet, 9-inches and bald-headed, threw himself to the ground, grimacing and holding his arm. “Too Quick,” his 6-foot tall teammate, asked him what happened.

“I hurt my arm,” he said. “No, I hurt my leg.”

Then he jumped up and ran to the free throw line. The referee told him to take one shot, but he tried to negotiate two and argued with his teammates over where he would take the shot.

The visiting team ran into the stands and piled in front of a man with a video camera. “Smooth” tried to pick up an opponent’s wife. “Too Quick” doted after “Cute Connie” Livengood, the only woman on the court, helping her make baskets and tie her shoe.

One player distracted a woman in the audience, while another stole her purse. They pulled a love letter, a black wig and a bottle of Vodka from the bag. The woman was forced to dance to recover her belongings, and the players admitted they had planted the letter and other items.



Ron “Smooth” Lyle, a member of the Harlem Nights, signed autographs Sunday night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Mr. Clean rubbed the announcer’s bald head, predicting the “Harlem Nights” would win by 20 points. He was wrong, but it didn’t matter. What mattered was having fun and raising money for the high school show choir to attend a competition.

The Harlem Nights, a six-member traveling basketball team, entertained a large crowd at Max Jones Fieldhouse on Sunday night, playing the “X-Presso All-Stars,” a Goodland team made up of high school coaches and community members.

“Playing” is the key word. There was nothing competitive about the game, and members of the Goodland team were glad for that.

“We’re not very well organized,” said “Dunkin’ Don” Smith, assistant coach of the Goodland Cowgirls basketball team, before the game, “and we’re not very well conditioned.”

Smith, who said he played basketball “many, many, many years ago,” said he would be happy to just finish the game in one piece.

“I figure if I can make it from one end of the floor to the other and back to the bench, I’ll be good,” he said. “My biggest concern is whether we can make it up and down the floor two or three times. We may need to have oxygen.”

Some members of Goodland’s volunteer team had ball experience,

Smith said, and some didn’t. That wasn’t important, he said, because it wasn’t about winning.

The event was a fund-raiser for the X-Pressos, the high school show choir, which performed during the game. “Rapid Randy” Berls, choir director and head coach of the All-Stars, said the Nights would receive 60 percent of the ticket sales and the rest would go to the X-Pressos.

The singers are raising money to attend a spring show choir competition in Branson, Mo., where they will represent the state. Including profits from a soup supper before the game

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## Trailer fire may have been set to cover robbery

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

A trailer fire in Parkway Mobile Park, behind Kamper Liquor on Business U.S. 24, left not only damage, but also questions about whether or not it was started on purpose.

Two students from the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland have been living in the trailer, Fire Chief Dean Jensen said, but were not

home when the fire began.

The fire department got the call at 1:30 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, he said, after the students had gone home for the weekend. Officials said they aren’t sure of the names of the students and police have not filed a report.

The fire fighters were not aware there was a possibility of arson, Jensen said, until the students returned to pick up some things and said there was some

stuff missing from the trailer.

The students reported there was some electronic equipment missing, he said, so the fire department is investigating whether the blaze began in the equipment or was started deliberately to cover up a robbery.

The investigation is a little more than routine, Police Chief Ray Smee said, as some items are missing and the police do not know whether they were taken

before the fire was started or after the fire.

When the students said some things were missing, Smee said, he suggested the fire chief take a look at what may have happened.

The investigation is not over, Chief Jensen said, and the cause of the fire has not been determined.

“We haven’t made a ruling one way or the other,” he said.