

weather  
report

39°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:09 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:50 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:11 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 31 degrees

• Humidity 59 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds south 19 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.17 inches  
and falling

• Record High 68° (1935)

• Record Low -15° (1985)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 42°

Low 18°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, low upper 10s, winds northwest 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy becoming partly cloudy, high mid 30s, winds north 5-10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: mostly sunny, high near 50. Thursday: mostly cloudy, slight chance of rain showers from noon on, windy, high mid 50s, low near 20.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.61 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.51

Corn — \$1.91 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.84

Loan deficiency payment — 15¢

Milo — \$1.63 bushel

Soybeans — \$3.72 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.65

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.27

Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.90 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 86¢

Confection current — inquire

Pinto beans — \$25 (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.

Enron chair  
avoids hearing

WASHINGTON — Former Enron Chairman Kenneth Lay canceled an appearance today before a Senate committee investigating the bankrupt energy giant, and lawmakers swiftly arranged to issue a subpoena to compel his testimony.

The Senate Commerce Committee plans to vote on a subpoena Tuesday morning — 24 hours after Lay had been scheduled to testify on the largest bankruptcy in the nation's history.

The decision to seek a vote on a subpoena followed a closed-door session involving key members of the panel. Lay canceled his testimony today after senators and House members suggested Sunday that he and other company executives engaged in criminal acts.

Former Enron officers have indicated they will refuse to answer questions from Congress.

# Bush unveils \$2.13 trillion budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush sent Congress a \$2.13 trillion budget today that would provide billions of dollars in new spending for the war on terrorism and homeland security while squeezing money from scores of other programs such as highway and environmental projects.

After four years of surpluses, Bush's budget projects the government will go in the red through 2004, including a \$106 billion deficit this year.

The \$2.13 trillion spending proposal for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1 reflects a 3.7 percent

increase from this year.

That overall amount masks wide differences, with favored programs slated to receive huge increases while scores of agencies would be subjected to big cuts.

Bush, visiting Eglin Air Force Base in Florida, said he was asking for the biggest increase in Pentagon spending in a generation to finance the battle against terrorism.

"We're unified in Washington on winning this war," he told cheering troops. "One way to express our unity is for Congress to set the military bud-

get, the defense of the United States, as the No. 1 priority and fully fund my request."

The spending blueprint is the opening act in what will be months of wrangling in Congress. The massive five-inch high stack of budget books had barely reached congressional desks before Democrats started complaining.

Senate Budget Committee Chairman Kent Conrad, D-N.D., likened the administration's budget accounting to tactics employed by the bankrupt Enron Corp.

"Enron got into trouble because they didn't fully

disclose debt they have and that is precisely what the federal government is doing," Conrad said. He contended the administration would raid Social Security and Medicare surpluses to cover shortfalls in the rest of government.

"The president funds large new tax cuts by tapping Social Security," said Thomas Kahn, Democratic staff director for the GOP-led House Budget Committee.

"Over 10 years, we are depleting \$1.5 trillion

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## County to review service

Sherman County commissioners will discuss switching long distance phone service to S & T Telephone of Brewster at Tuesday's meeting.

The commissioners heard a presentation by Don Newell from S & T at Thursday's meeting, and asked Mary Ann Snethen deputy of the county clerk's office to look at the proposal and present a recommendation at Tuesday's meeting.

Newell said the offer from S & T was 9.9¢ per minute on long distance; an inbound toll-free "800" line would be \$1 a month; and that if there was any changeover cost S & T would pay it.

He said S & T expects to begin pulling the new fiber optic lines in Goodland in March and expects the project to be completed in 18 months. He said the plan is to have the central part of the city on-line by the end of this year.

"Yes, we will want to get your local service as well," Newell said. "The City of Goodland has already switched long distance to S & T."

Snethen was to look into the leases the county may have on phones, and give the commissioners a recommendation on what she found.

Schylar Goodwin missed an appointment Thursday, but rescheduled to meet with the commissioners Tuesday about the Sherman County Endowment Fund.

Daryl West, head of the county noxious weed department, will meet with the commissioners to discuss the annual report and management plan for the upcoming year.

The commissioners will also consider a resolution from the Veteran's of Foreign Wars post asking that the county endorse English as the official language of the government. The resolution is part of a nationwide effort to ensure that English remains the official language.

The commissioners will review the solid waste policy that they will discuss with the city commission at a joint meeting set for 7 p.m. Wednesday at the courthouse. The meeting will allow the two to discuss the trash issue, and they may open the meeting to suggested solutions from the audience.

## City heads meet today

The Goodland City commissioners will meet 5 p.m. today at the city building.

City Manager Ron Pickman will announce workshops to review utility rates, and to meet with the Sherman County commissioners about trash disposal. The joint solid waste workshop will be held in the county courthouse at 7 p.m. Wednesday.

The workshop is open to the public, but the commissioners are looking for solutions to solid waste problems, not complaints, Pickman said.

The city commissioners will discuss appointments to the Cemetery Board and the Board of Zoning Appeals.

They will decide whether to renew the city health insurance plan, and will discuss buying an ad in the 2002 Visitor's Guide of the Sherman County Convention and Tourism Bureau.

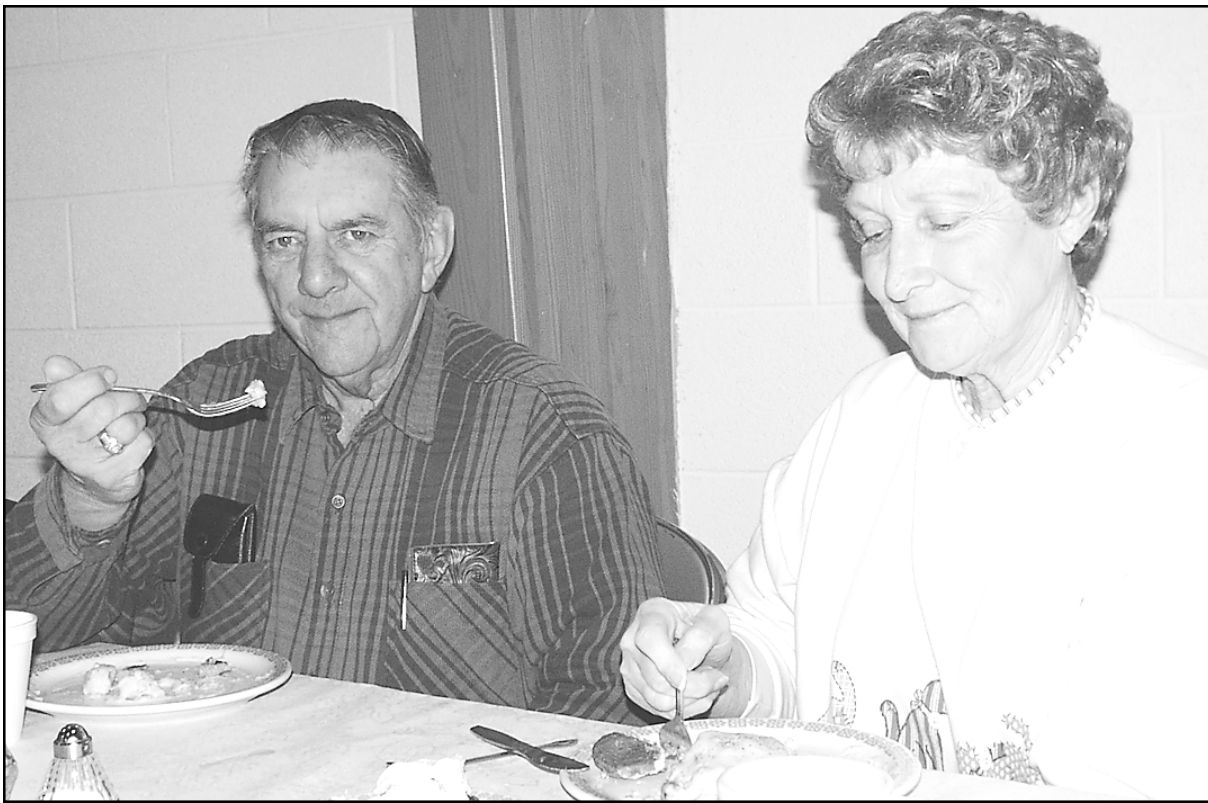
Ambassador leaders from Northwest Kansas Technical College will ask the commissioners to declare a National Career and Technical Education Week.



## People eat to celebrate groundhog

Anna McClung (above) served cabbage at the Christian Youth Fellowship's annual Groundhog Day dinner on Saturday at the First Christian Church. Hundreds of people, including Robert and Leora Jones (right), enjoyed the cabbage, along with biscuits and gravy and pie. The money raised will be used for the fellowship's trips this year and other projects. The groundhog saw his shadow, by the way, meaning (according to the legend) that there will be six more weeks of winter.

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## Veterans swap war memories at meeting

By Sharon Corcoran

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Memories of World War II entertained about 35 people at the annual meeting of the Sherman County Historical Society.

Recalling their war years were Les Frazier, who served in the Air Force; Maxine Rauscher, whose husband was a prisoner of war; Vernice Leslie, who was an Army nurse; and John Boyington, who served in the Navy.

When Frazier was selected to speak first, he teased Boyington: "Now I can tell how the Air Force won the war, and the Navy just happened to be there!"

He registered for the draft in 1942, Frazier said, so he joined the war rather late, but not too late to see some action.

He was in the 357th Bomb Group, Frazier said, and flew 15 missions over Europe before the war was over. He dropped various types of bombs, Frazier said, including high density, napalm and incendiary bombs.

In the Berlin raid, he said, the group he was with dropped 17,392 tons of bombs. During the war, he said, the group as a whole flew 7,404 missions.

He described the experience of dropping the planes in close for bombings and showed the group a waterproof oilskin map and a small saw he carried during his service.

The waterproof map was needed, he said, in case he was knocked out of the air, so he would be able to figure out where he was. And the six-inch metal saw blade was so he could break out of prison, Frazier said.

After his experience in the war, Frazier said, he feels many times fortunate.

Rauscher told the group she had led a very sheltered life before her husband Dale joined the service, but she had met many interesting people.

Her parents ran the Sherman County poor farm, she said, which was a forerunner to nursing homes and welfare.

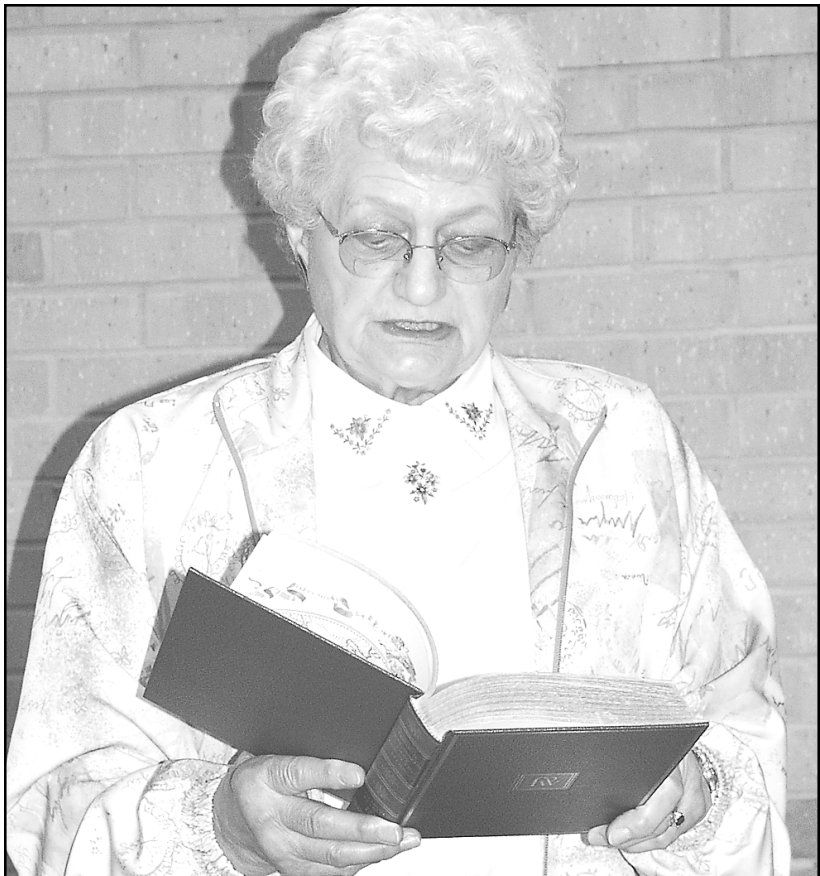
She met a lot of people there, Rauscher said, including a woman who stayed at the farm who didn't know where her children had come from and couldn't understand if someone tried to explain it.

When she listened on the radio to reports of the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Rauscher said, she had a sense something big was happening that would change lives.

Her husband, Dale, enlisted, she said, because he was interested in flying and knew he would soon be drafted and could be sent to any branch of service.

The Navy sent all who wanted to be

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Vernice Leslie read about Gen. John Joseph Pershing from an encyclopedia after sharing her memories as an Army nurse at the Sherman County Historical Society's annual meeting.

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