

**weather report**

**71°**  
at noon



**Today**

- Sunset, 8:16 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 64 degrees
- Humidity 61 percent
- Sky mostly clear
- Winds southeast at 6 mph
- Barometer 30.05 inches and steady
- Record High 109° (1936)
- Record Low 42° (1945)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High	70°
Low	48°
Precipitation	—

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 55-60, winds southeast at 10-20. Tomorrow: sunny with highs around 90, south winds 10-20 mph.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday through Tuesday: Dry all three days with the highs reaching 90-95 with the lows around 60-65.

(National Weather Service)  
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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.27 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.12
  - Loan deficiency payment — 33¢
  - Corn — \$1.73 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.88
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 11¢
  - Milo — \$2.62 hundredweight
  - Soybeans — \$4.09 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.99
  - Loan deficiency payment — 90¢
  - Millet — \$4 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$7.40 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.97
  - Oil new crop — \$7.85 cwt.
  - Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.
  - Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean.)

**afternoon wire**

Late news from the Associated Press  
**1 p.m.**

**Conviction overturned**

**HUTCHINSON** — A state appeals court has overturned the conviction of a man accused of raping a drunk 14-year-old, saying there was insufficient evidence to prove she was incapacitated, even though she said no. Jason Chaney was convicted in 1996 on one of the three grounds that form the basis of a rape charge — that the victim was incapable of giving consent because she was under the influence of alcohol. The appeals court ruled that there was insufficient evidence that the victim was unable to give consent. "Consent is a two-edged sword," Appeals Court Judge Robert J. Lewis Jr. wrote in the opinion June 11. "On one side is consent and on the other is refusal to consent. If the victim can do one, he or she can do either." The ruling was appealed.

## Harvest remains on hold across state

### Rains persist from southcentral to northwest Kansas

By Keith Lippoldt

*The Goodland Daily News*  
The only thing certain about the upcoming wheat harvest is uncertainty. A once promising crop is now full of questions of yields and harvest date due to the recent forces of Mother Nature. "It looks as though there will be a reduction in total yield average," said Lynn Hoelting of Mueller Grain in Goodland. "It is a guess depending on area and variety. Because of the storm

last week the volume in this immediate area will be below average, but not tremendously." Hail stones up to 1 3/4", heavy rains and damaging winds wiped out total fields in some areas of Sherman County while missing other sections of the county. Kenneth Davis, who was prepared to harvest 900 acres of wheat, was one that was hit the hardest by Thursday's storm. Located seven miles north of Goodland along the Beaver Creek, Davis saw a promising yield knocked down overnight. "I won't be cutting anything here," Davis said. "I have 158 acres left out of 900 and it is up in the northeast corner of the county. This has all been adjusted

down to zero." Those who farm south of town were more fortunate than those north of I-70. Alan Townsend who farms west and south of Goodland reported that his fields were spared from the worst of the storm. "We had heavy rains but no hail damage," Townsend said. "The wheat still looks very good here. What we need is at least a week of hot weather. I think it will be 10 days before we can cut anything." Southern and south central Kansas is experiencing delays in cutting because of wet weather and, to complicate the situation, rain was falling in the Protection area and in Iuka, north of Pratt. "We have taken in right at 90,000

bushels," said Bonnie Lindsay, office manager of the Protection Co-op. "We have barely got started down here. The wheat is ready but the fields are too wet." Ramon Parker of Parker Farms, Inc. of Iuka had much the same report. "It is raining right now," Parker said. "There has been very little wheat cut in our area. Our combines and trucks are still in the yard. I was in Wichita earlier this week and there is a lot of cutting finished between there and Kingman." Parker reported that the wheat harvested around Iuka has been coming in with a high moisture content, running anywhere from 13 to 17 1/2 percent moisture levels. Most cutting in that area will resume as soon as the com-

bines can get into the fields. All indications are that until the summer heat and winds kick in, there will be very little, if any, cutting in the Sherman County area. "I think that we need at least a week of 95 degree weather and 20 mile per hour wind," Hoelting said. "I'm guessing that we will be seeing harvest in full swing by the Fourth of July weekend. The volume in the area may be down from what we anticipated two weeks ago, but, we had some above average wheat out there." Davis had hoped to get into his damaged fields this weekend to work them up but is now looking towards the first of the week. He hopes to be cutting what is left by July 4 as well.

### Injury accident



An injury accident occurred Thursday afternoon at 12:30 at the intersection of 15th and Cherry. Police reports indicate that Joseph Snethen of Goodland, driving a 1976 Chevrolet Blazer, was northbound on Cherry as a 1985 Pontiac Firebird, driven by Don Moore of Billings, Mont., was approaching the intersection from the east. As Snethen slowed down the

brakes on the Blazer locked up and made him slide into Moore. An ambulance was requested and Moore was transported to Goodland Regional Medical Center with unsubstantiated injuries. As of Friday morning, Moore was no longer at the Goodland hospital.

Photo by Keith Lippoldt/The Goodland Daily News

## Many projects on tap for city

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Daily News*  
Allied, Inc. is beginning the second phase of the Goodland water improvement project, and at 5 p.m., Monday the city commission will consider the next step in replacing several brick intersections and the water pond and bike trail on Cherry Street.

Earlier this year the city received grant funds to assist in these transportation enhancement projects, and the commission will be contracting the engineering with Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson and Associates.

The projects will replace the brick intersections at Main and Eighth, Seventh and Sixth Streets. The other project is to provide storm water mitigation and bike trails which are to be built along Cherry Street between 19th Street and old hwy 24. This will lay the groundwork for the Cherry Street relocation project which is also expected to begin later this year.

The commissioners will also consider approving agreements with the Kansas Department of Transportation for the brick intersection and water mitigation and bike trail projects.

The commission will hear the 1998 audit report presented by Jim Vonfeldt of Vonfeldt, Bauer and Vonfeldt of Larned.

Mike Kear will be present to discuss animal control problems within the city.

Annexation ordinances will be considered to add the city owned land along Kansas Avenue between Fourth and Fifth Street. This is the land the city was donated by the Goodland School District for the location of a new city well.

The other annexation ordinance will be considered on a petition from the Goodland School District to annex the land west of Kansas Avenue between First and Fifth Street.

Because the low bidder on the new airport firetruck was unable to meet the Federal Aviation Administration specifications, the city will have to terminate the agreement. According to city officials the FAA has indicated they will probably reopen the grant and allow the city to select the alternate bidder.

The commission will also consider changing the date of the next meeting to 5 p.m., Tuesday, July 6, because the regular date on Monday, July 5 will be observed by the city as a holiday.

The Goodland City commission meets in the commission room upstairs in the city administration building, 204 W. 11th.

## Future astronauts train at Cosmophere

By Charlie Baker

*The Goodland Daily News*  
A passion and vision for the future by the Goodland Future Astronaut Training Program has made it possible for 5 students to attend the Cosmophere in Hutchinson. Each year for the last nine years the program has helped to send students to the Cosmophere.

Destiny Wing, Drew Wilkens, Abby Murray, Michael Middleton, and Jared Doke, all earned scholarships to the training program. The scholarship paid all but \$100 of the \$545 tuition cost for each student.

"I think it is really terrific for FATP to do this, it provides an opportunity for a student that might not be otherwise available," said Dana Murray, mother of Abby.

The program is totally funded by donations, and has awarded 48 scholarships since 1990.

The Cosmophere offers a five day camp for students. The instructors and counselors are specialists in space science education, and have hands-on experience in all aspects of space exploration.

The space camp lasts for five days. Students get to experience the space flight simulator, shuttle crew exercises, virtual space walk on the Manned Maneuvering Unit, simulated moon walks, G-Force training, and stress simulators

as part of their training.

"One of my favorites was the stress simulator," said Jared Doke. The stress simulator is a capsule the students enter, then it rolls and pitches while lights go on, the student must press only a certain color light. "If you mess up four times, you're dead," he said. "It made me think about how much pressure astronauts really have on them."

"It was pretty impressive, said Alicia Wilkens, Drew's mother. "The experience was great, I think the training in leadership abilities, and the focus on getting things done on time will be helpful for Drew."

"I had heard a lot about space camp," said Drew. "But once I got there I had a blast, it really does motivate you." Wilkens, who was the payload commander during his mission, was able to successfully deploy their satellite. "Learning to work together and count on people was great," he said.

The part that was the least liked by all the kids was the wake-up call at 7:20 a.m. The counselors would turn on the radio real loud, and then come down the



Doke

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hall and kick each door," said Wilkens. "I have sort of an internal alarm clock," said Abby Murray. "I was awake each morning before they kicked my door, but they still kicked it."

One of the students did think the wake-up was okay. "I thought it was fun," said Destiny Wing. "The radio was blaring, and they were kicking on my door, and I was still asleep."

"That is probably the only they could have gotten me up."

One thing Wilkens and Wing both agreed on was the condition of the dorms. The counselors were real nice, but the dorms could have been better. "They didn't smell very good," they both said.

One of the conditions the recipients must agree to as part of the scholarship is to give a presentation of their experiences. "As soon as Michael say the presentation given by a past group, he

was determined to go," said Ann, his mother.

"He tried out last year and did not get to go. We encouraged him to apply again this year and he made it. The interview committee said they were very impressed with his commitment," she said.

Every one of the five said that the experience of working as a group was one of the best parts of the program. Being exposed to the technology was also one of the things that impressed the students.

Of the five that intended, Middleton and Wing say the trip definitely impacted their futures. Both hope to become pilots.

For anyone interested in supporting the scholarship program, or, if you would like more information you can contact Terri Richardson at 899-3093, or Christie Rasure at 899-6386.

### Arches have new owners

A quality product delivered in a fast and courteous manner in a clean, attractive, and modern setting, is what Paul and Nancy Nelson, new owners of the Goodland and Burlington McDonalds, are promising.

"We want to contribute in a positive way, not only as a business, but as a family that is part of the community," said Nelson.

The Nelsons have two children, Jessica, who will be a senior, and James, who will be starting seventh grade.

The Nelsons have moved to Goodland from Cheyenne, Wyo., where he was the area supervisor for the restaurant chain.

"Our restaurants were rated number one in the western division," said Nelson. That includes more than 25,000 restaurants, everything west of Kansas.

Nelson said he plans to invest several thousand dollars into the restaurants. "My forte" is developing leadership in employees," said Nelson. "I have never had any problem finding people who are looking for a career, rather than just a job."