


weather report

83°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:19 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:16 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:18 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 77 degrees

• Humidity 45 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds southeast at 4 mph

• Barometer 29.97 inches and steady

• Record High 103° (1939)

• Record Low 42° (1956)

Last 24 Hours*

High 95°

Low 63°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low near 65, south winds 15 to 20 mph.

Thursday: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 85 to 90, south winds 15 to 25 mph.

Extended Forecast

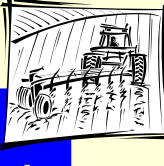
Friday through Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, lows 55 to 60, highs near 85.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.22 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.15

Loan deficiency payment — .30¢

Corn — \$1.68 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.60

Loan deficiency pmt. — .39¢

Milo — \$2.46 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.19 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.08

Loan deficiency payment — .81¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.76

Oil new crop — \$6.85 cwt.

Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire



Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Militiamen attack U.N.

DILI, Indonesia — Hundreds of anti-independence militiamen blocked the street outside the U.N. headquarters in East Timor’s capital today, setting two buildings on fire and shooting at cars driving into the U.N. compound.

At least 75 Indonesian riot police were dispatched to the scene about an hour after the violence erupted and were fanning out to clear the area directly in front of the compound.

One person believed to be a pro-independence supporter was killed, authorities said. No arrests have been reported. Unarmed U.N. civilian police were also moving in.

According to initial reports, several people were injured and taken to a local clinic for treatment. It was unclear whether U.N. personnel were among the injured. APTN reported that officials had secured the area.

Young man handles the pet patrol

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

At 19, John Studer is probably one of the youngest animal control officers Goodland has ever had, but when Police Chief Ray Smee called him to see if he would take the job, Studer said, “I pretty much took it right away.”

He said that he’s thought about being a police officer, but he has to be 21 to take the training. So he took the animal control job because he thought it would be a step in the right direction.

Studer, who was born and raised in Goodland and recently married Stacy Borgmann, also a Goodland native, started working for the Goodland Police Department as the new full-time animal control officer on Aug. 2. His hours are 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

“It’s good. It’s a lot of fun,” Studer said about his job.

Goodland police officers have been filling this position for the last couple of years, since the last on-call animal control officer quit. However, the officers were so busy with animal calls, the chief said, that they didn’t have much time for more important duties.

He has picked up quite a few stray cats, but the majority of Studer’s calls are dogs at large. So far, most of the dogs haven’t been a problem. He said he had a dog grab his pantleg one day.

“He was just guarding his territory,” Studer said. “It was no big deal.”

After Studer picks up an animal, he takes it out to Prairieland Veterinary Clinic. He then fills out an animal control report and leaves it at the clinic. When an owner wants to pick up their pet, they have to pick up the report first, come to the city office to pay the fine, and then take the receipt for the fine out to the clinic before they can pick up the pet.

The policy with strays is that the clinic keeps them for three days and if nobody picks up the animal, then either the animal shelter takes over and tries to have it adopted or the animal is put to death.

Studer said people need to realize the time involved in taking care of an animal before they get one as a pet. Many need constant attention, but he already has picked up a lot of dogs that people haven’t come to claim.

Town dogs aren’t like country dogs. City ordinances require that a dog be kept quiet, be chained or kept in a pen, and be kept from running in anyone else’s yard.

If Studer gets a written complaint, then he goes to the house of the owner. If the dog is barking, he can give the owner a citation. Otherwise, if the dog isn’t barking, he just gives the owner a warning.

At this time, he is working on trapping a large gang of stray cats that are living underneath an abandoned mobile home. He sets the trap in the morning and scatters cat treats that smell like tuna around them. Then he checks the trap every couple of hours during the day. So far, he has caught four cats.

“You never know what you’re going to deal with the next day,” he said.



Studer

Two receive minor injuries in I-70 rollover



A California couple was injured when their pickup rolled about five miles east of the Colorado state line Tuesday. The 1995 Nissan driven by Charlene Croy, 48, was westbound on I-70 about 11:15 a.m. when it went off the right side of the highway. The driver overcorrected and the truck went into a spin, rolled once and came to rest on its wheels in the median.

Both Croy and her passenger, Robert Fish, 36, were wearing their seatbelts. They suffered minor injuries, and were in stable condition this morning at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Lt. K.L. Winston of the Kansas Highway Patrol said that it looked

like the driver may have fallen asleep.

“There were no evasion marks,” he said, “just an overcorrection of steering.” He said there were no citations issued by the trooper investigating the wreck, but the investigation was not done.

Animal parts and hides were found at the scene, and state Conservation Officer Jim Robinson said the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service had been notified. There could be charges of possessing federally protected wildlife, he said, and transporting protected wildlife across state lines.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Police officers get drunk-driver training

By Cynthia Haynes
The Goodland Daily News

Two Goodland police officers are taking part in a three-day training exercise so that they can better spot and remove drunk drivers from the streets.

Brad Parker and Greg Kroskey are spending Tuesday, today and Thursday in Oberlin along with a dozen other officers from two states, learning how to spot suspected drunk drivers, do standardized roadside sobriety tests and how to stop and apprehend drunk or drugged motorists.

The three-day workshop is put on by the Kansas Highway Patrol and there is no cost to the departments sending officers.

To get to Oberlin for the 8 a.m. (Central Time) classes, the officers have to leave home by 5:30 a.m.

The first morning of class consisted of learning how to spot possible drunk drivers by observing how they operate a vehicle.

During the afternoon, the officers practiced their roadside sobriety tests on five drunk Oberlin residents. The volunteers started drinking at 12:30 p.m. and were ready to perform at 3 p.m.

Each volunteer was carefully monitored as they drank beer or 80 proof liquor to determine blood alcohol. At the start of the test, the volunteers were had from .083 to .14 percent alcohol in their bloodstreams, from borderline to very drunk.

“If it wasn’t for them, this class wouldn’t mean a lot,” said retired state



Goodland Police Officer Brad Parker tested a drunk volunteer for nystagmus, an involuntary eye movement exhibited by people who have been drinking.

Photo by Cynthia Haynes/The Goodland Daily News

patrol officer David Corp, who had come out from Wichita to help with the seminar. “They make this class.”

The officers split up into five groups and the volunteers rotated among them for the afternoon. Each officer got to practice the standardized sobriety tests on people who were actually intoxicated.

“I haven’t been this drunk in 15 years,” one volunteer moaned, adding that as soon as the testing was done, she was going home to bed.

“This is hard work being a drinker,” Trooper Dave Ward, a Highway Patrol officer out of Salina, said. “I’ve done it twice. It’s hard.”

Each volunteer was given three tests by each group of officers.

The first test was the horizontal gaze/nystagmus test. The officer would hold up a pen, pencil or finger and ask the subject to follow it with their eyes. A sober person’s eyes will follow smoothly, Officer Corp said. However, the eyes of a person who has been drink-

ing will jump involuntarily. That is nystagmus.

The second test is walk and turn. Subjects were asked to walk a straight line, one foot in front of the other, then turn around.

The third test is the one-leg stand. The volunteers were asked to stand on one leg with the other held out in front of them. Swaying, hopping or waving the arms indicates unsteadiness and possible intoxication.

“These three tests are accurate 80 percent of the time,” Corp said. “This can determine if a person’s blood alcohol is above .08 percent.”

The walk and turn and the one-leg stand are admissible evidence in court, he said. The horizontal gaze test is admissible only after a hearing, but he said it’s probably the best of the tests.

Standardized field sobriety is being taught across the country, Corp added.

“The officer here in Oberlin would do them the same as an officer in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., or one in Estes Park, Colo.” he said. “It takes all the personal opinion out of it. They look for very specific clues.”

At 3:30 p.m., the officers headed back for the classroom and the volunteers were driven home with the warning that they couldn’t drive for at least 12 hours or they could be picked up for drunk driving just like anybody else.

“This is meant to keep the public safe,” said Oberlin Police Chief Wade Lockhart. “We’re catching drunk drivers to keep everyone safe.”

Back to normal

Goodland Schools expect to return to their regular schedule Thursday after two days of 1 p.m. dismissals on the heat schedule.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said that, with the high expected to be only in the high 80s Thursday, he thought classes could go all day.

Governor, state officials discuss elderly in-home care services

TOPEKA (AP)—In the wake of complaints about senior citizens not receiving in-home services, Gov. Bill Graves held the first of several planned meetings to deal with the problem.

The Department on Aging stopped accepting new clients July 1 for the services, which include bathing, cleaning, meals and grocery shopping. As of June, the department was providing such services free to 6,822 low-income, elderly Kansans in poor health.

Under direction from the Legislature,

the department started a waiting list of people desiring in-home care. It now numbers 189 people.

How to manage that list and handle in-home services was the subject of Tuesday’s meeting. The meeting was attended by Graves, Budget Director Duane Goossen, other gubernatorial staff, and employees from the Departments of Aging, and Social and Rehabilitation Services.

Mike Matson, Graves’ spokesman, said the state’s tight fiscal situation

means the Department on Aging simply can’t shift money from another program.

“We’re going to be seeing more of this sort of budgeting challenge, not less,” Matson said.

The state finished its 1999 fiscal year on June 30 with \$73.4 million less in its general fund than expected, prompting Goossen to ask state agencies to propose ways to reduce spending 6 percent, starting July 1, 2000.

Matson also said in-home services weren’t intended to be an entitlement

program, in which anyone who is eligible for services gets them. He said the Legislature required the department to create the waiting list as part of its budget.

“The Legislature went into this with their eyes wide open,” Matson said.

Sandra Moran, the Department on Aging’s director of public relations, said department officials told lawmakers there would be a waiting list if the agency received a smaller budget for the program than it requested.

“We were very direct and very frank

with the Legislature as to the number of people we anticipated,” Moran said. “Kansas has one of the oldest populations in the nation.”

Although the agency’s in-home services budget is 11 percent larger than the previous year’s, it is \$1.7 million less than the department’s request.

Matson said Graves expressed concern at Tuesday’s meeting about the need for the agency to set priorities when it selects people from the waiting list, which is now first-come, first-serve.