

weather
report

31°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:58 a.m.

• Sunset, 5 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 33 degrees

• Humidity 43 percent

• Sky partly sunny

• Winds south 17 mph

• Barometer 29.95 inches

and falling

• Record High 79° (1951)

• Record Low -14° (1963)

Last 24 Hours*

High 30°

Low 16°

Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Light snow likely; low 15-20; winds east 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Light snow likely; accumulation 1-3 inches; high 25-30; winds south-east 5-15 mph; low 15.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday. Friday: chance of snow; high 25-30; low 15. Saturday: chance of snow; high mid 30s; low 15. Sunday: dry, high 35-40; low 15-20.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.25 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.13

Loan deficiency payment — 32¢

Corn — \$1.77 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.91

Loan deficiency payment — 08¢

Milo — \$2.73 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.33 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.41

Loan deficiency payment — 48¢

Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.25 cwt.

Loan deficiency prnt. — \$3.60

Confection current — \$13/\$8 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$12 (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.

Father judged
incompetent

MCPHERSON (AP) — A judge today ruled a Lindsborg man accused of killing his three young children is incompetent to stand trial.

McPherson County District Judge Carl B. Anderson ordered that Christopher Jones be turned over to the state security hospital in Larned for 90 days. After that time, the hospital is to issue a report evaluating Jones's behavior.

Anderson issued the ruling after presiding over a competency hearing for Jones. The lone witness was Larry Hays, a Newton psychologist who testified that Jones appears to suffer from delusions and thought he was poisoned on Oct. 6, the night of the slayings.

Hays recommended that Jones receive treatment until he is found competent to stand trial.

All proceedings in the case are suspended until Jones is declared competent for trial, Anderson said.

Many hands help move new gym floor boards



Goodland High School students from a Physical Education class carried in the wood flooring for the new gym at the Max Jones Fieldhouse this morning. (Above left) Ethan Claassen carried a bundle of flooring under each arm. (Above - left to right) Adrienne Garcia, Taylor Brack, Tess Schultz, Jenna Deines, Destiny Wing, Hannah Schlosser and Bryce Chatfield carried bundles of flooring down to the new gym. (Left) Josh Topliiff (left) and Taylor Brack were loaded up with the flooring by Chuck Lutters, school maintenance supervisor, while Pablo Hernandez grabbed another bundle.

Photos by Janet Craft/
The Goodland Daily News

Study: Rural teens more likely to use drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Illegal drug use among adolescents in small-town and rural America is reaching alarming proportions, according to a private study today that urged the government to spend as much money fighting drugs in non-metropolitan areas as it does in foreign battlegrounds such as Colombia.

Eighth-graders in rural America are 104 percent more likely than those in urban centers to use amphetamines, including methamphetamines, and 50

percent more likely to use cocaine, according to the study by the National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University.

Also, eighth-graders in rural areas are 83 percent more likely to use crack cocaine, and 34 percent likelier to smoke marijuana than eighth-graders in urban centers, the study said. It was released at the U.S. Conference of Mayors winter meeting in Washington.

"Bluntly put, meth has come to Main Street, along with other drugs and with

magnum force aimed at our children, said Joseph A. Califano, Jr., president of the research group. "It's time for all Americans to recognize that drugs are not only an urban problem."

To help counter the trend, Califano called on the Clinton administration and Congress to adopt a \$1.6 billion "emergency aid" package to help fund anti-drug efforts in rural America. On Tuesday, Clinton proposed a two-year, \$1.6 billion aid package to Colombia, in part to assist with anti-drug efforts

there.

Clinton and Congress must match "dollar for dollar aid to Colombia with aid to the rural communities," Califano said.

Califano's group used five different sets of data, from public and private anti-drug organizations, to come up with their results, and also studied data from state and local law enforcement agencies. Each data set defined big cities and urban centers in different ways, but in general, they classified rural areas as those with populations of 10,000 or less.

The study's results are frightening regardless of the way towns are classified, said Susie Dugan, executive director of Parent Resources and Information on Drug Education Inc. in Omaha, Neb.

"If the study's results are true, I'm not surprised," said Dugan, whose group works in Omaha, a city of about 365,000 people, as well as outlying rural areas. "Our kids today are thinking it's no big deal to use drugs."

"I would support any increase in all aspects of drug prevention — not just interdiction, but prevention in rural areas too," she added. "We haven't spent

adequate amounts in prevention."

Boise, Idaho Mayor H. Brent Coles, co-chairman of the Conference of Mayors Drug Control Task Force, said "A coordinated effort among local, state and federal governments will be essential to reduce both demand and supply and finally turn the tide against drug abuse throughout America's big cities and small towns."

The study also found that:

—Eighth-graders in rural areas were 70 percent likelier to have gotten drunk, and 29 percent likelier to drink alcohol.

—Eighth-graders were more than twice as likely to smoke cigarettes, and nearly five times likelier to use smokeless tobacco.

—Among 10th-graders, use rates in rural areas exceeded those in large urban areas for every drug except marijuana and the methamphetamine known as ecstasy.

—Among 12th-graders, use rates in rural America exceeded those in large urban areas for cocaine, crack, amphetamines, inhalants, alcohol, cigarettes and smokeless tobacco.

—Adult drug use was about equal across communities of all sizes.

Lifetime residents to be honored

The board of directors of Pioneer Friends will be honoring 27 men and women who have lived the longest, continuously in Sherman County, during the annual meeting at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Goodland Public Library.

"It will be a unique celebration of the families 'who came to stay,'" said Pioneer Friends President Ron Rempe.

Pioneer Friends and the public are encouraged to attend to help celebrate with the families.

The honorees will be Carl Murray, Herb Garrett, Lowell Chatfield, Willard Hartley, Ed Hayden, Lowell Connolly, Carol Mogge, Clarence Scheopner, Milton Parish, Ira Holton, L.E. "Bud" Owens, Nelson Woolverton, Rex Orchard, Ethel Straughn, Eula Babcock, Helen Emig, Lola Hurd, Bernice DeFries, Vera Daise, Hazel Hook, Margaret Bauman, Pearl Parish, Inez Bennett, Vida Young, Doris Bateman, Louise Fixsen, Genevieve Matthews, Christina Schiefen, and Clara Scheopner.