

weather report

51°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 5:23 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:36 a.m.
• Sunset, 5:25 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 42 degrees
• Humidity 30 percent
• Sky partly sunny
• Winds south 22 mph
• Barometer 30.16 inches and falling
• Record High 72° (1970)
• Record Low -17° (1993)

Last 24 Hours*

High 65°
Low 24°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy and breezy; low 25-30; winds southeast 15-25 mph.
Tomorrow: Partly sunny; high 55; winds southwest 10-20 mph; low 20.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday. Friday: chance of snow; high 30-35; low 10-15. Saturday: dry; high 40-45; low 10-15. Sunday: dry; high 50-55; low 15-20.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.33 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.28
Loan deficiency payment — 17¢
Corn — \$1.77 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.88
Loan deficiency payment — 11¢
Milo — \$2.73 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.28 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.35
Loan deficiency payment — 54¢
Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.75 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$3.80
Confection current — \$13/\$8 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo Co. 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.

Court upholds Koch decision

DENVER — A federal appeals court Tuesday upheld a decision that the chairman and chief executive officer of Koch Industries did not cheat dissident stockholders who sold their interest in the giant Kansas-based firm in 1983.

With the exception of two of the many arguments made by the plaintiffs, the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed a 1998 decision by a Kansas federal jury that found in favor of Charles Koch and his company and against a group of shareholders led by one of his brothers.

“Having reversed the district court on but two of many issues presented upon appeal, we are satisfied the district court achieved fundamental fairness in its presentation of this vast and complex piece of litigation” to the jury, the appeals court said in its 84-page ruling.

Goodland may lose air service to Denver

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Because of pressure from Hays and Salina officials to save air service from Denver to their cities, Goodland may be without commercial air service in April.

An announcement from Washington on Monday said the U.S. Department of Transportation had approved a new agreement with Great Lakes Aviation to provide three daily United Express flights from Salina to Denver, routing them through Hays instead of Goodland.

City and chamber officials who have been dealing with the issue were all out of town today. They are aware of the

federal decision, however, and will be back in Goodland Thursday.

Goodland has been part of the federal Essential Air Service Program, but Dennis DeVany, chief of the program, said the costs of flying into Goodland were way beyond what the government had expected. He said the subsidy cost was running to \$400 per passenger when the program had authorized \$200.

“This was not part of a master plan to eliminate Goodland,” DeVany said. “We’ve been watching Goodland for some time. Some would argue we waited for too long.”

Dick Fontaine, senior vice president of marketing for Great Lakes, said the low passenger numbers and high cost

at Goodland came to light during talks with transportation department officials about the Salina routes.

DeVany said the Goodland-to-Denver service received a subsidy of about \$800,000 last year. Goodland had about 2,000 passengers during that time.

He said that while passengers were paying \$60 to \$80 to fly to Denver, the federal subsidy was about \$400 a head.

Also it appears that Denver International Airport was built a bit to close to Goodland. DeVany said the 198 air miles from Denver means that Goodland is not far enough from the “major hub” to justify continuing the service.

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Newspapers back teeth for records law

TOPEKA (AP) — Newspaper editors from across the state told legislators they want to put more teeth in the Kansas Open Records Act, including a freedom of information officer and fines for violations.

Editors from *The Wichita Eagle*, *The Emporia Gazette*, the *Kansas City Kansan* and *The Kansas City Star* spoke Tuesday before the House Local Government Committee, which is considering several bills to change the law.

Chairman Carlos Mayans, R-Wichita, said the committee probably will not act for another two weeks. He said, though, that he wants a public information officer in the attorney general’s office and fines of at least \$500 for violations.

Jeff Burkhead, editor of *The Gazette* and president of the Kansas



Press Association, also called for fines, noting that current law has none.

“The penalties should be severe enough to deter agencies from not complying,” said Burkhead.

Reporters from 19 Kansas newspapers sought records from government agencies in all 105 counties last fall. Agencies denied 34 requests for records, out of a total of 420 requested and often violated the law by questioning those making the requests.

Nebraska fugitive gives up

Alleged killer held after manhunt ends

CHEYENNE, Wyo. (AP) — A disheveled fugitive accused of killing a farmer and wounding two law officers in Nebraska made his initial appearance in federal court today.

A public defender was assigned to Texan Charles Lannis Moses Jr. and a hearing was set for Friday to determine whether Moses will be sent to Nebraska.

A three-day manhunt ended Tuesday evening when Moses walked into a Lusk, Wyo., farmhouse and peacefully gave up his gun to a man and his son, officers said.

“It doesn’t sound like there was a struggle of any substance,” said Sgt. Perry Jones of the Wyoming Highway Patrol. “It sounds like maybe he was cold and tired and ready to give up.”

Moses had outrun authorities first by pickup truck, then on foot, in the soggy hills just over the Nebraska-Wyoming state line. He was caught around 8:40 p.m. Tuesday after surrendering a gun to Justin Kremers and his father, Jim.

Earlier in the day, Moses sped away and dozens of state troopers, county deputies and the FBI joined in pursuit until he crashed his stolen pickup into a ditch. He then fled into a remote, rocky area dotted with ranches, and police expanded the manhunt after first creeping up on his empty pickup.

Rancher Carol Geisinger, whose property borders the Kremers’, said she was in her barn when a mud-covered pickup truck sped past. Her dogs barked and gave chase. “I can’t believe he got as far as he did. It was unbelievable how fast he drove,” she said.



Josh Vignery (left) was the first of six members of the Goodland High Student Council to give “a positive report” on how the year is going Monday. Others were Jara McKee, Luke Stone, Danny Rasure, Curtis Swager and Bryce Abbey.

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School board honors piano students

By Tom Betz

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As part of the effort to recognize arts and academics as well as student athletes, the Goodland School Board honored six students at its meeting Monday who attended the regional piano contest, and congratulated the four who will be traveling to the state competition in Wichita on Saturday.

Board Chairman Dick Short introduced the four students who received I ratings, and are qualified for the state contest: Nick Parker, Jill Sowers, Erinn Hardy and Amanda Hoffman. Also introduced were Timothy Kafka and Brad Larson who received II ratings.

Music teacher Shelly Cole said the state competition will be held at

Wichita State University. Piano teachers are GERALYN PARKER and PAT ZIGGLEMEYER.

“I congratulate you on your efforts, and believe it will be something you will enjoy for many years to come,” said Board member Ben Duell. “I took piano lessons for six years, and really enjoyed it. My fingers aren’t very good now, but I can appreciate your efforts.”

Short and the other board members congratulated the students and wished them well at the next contest.

Six members of the Goodland High School Student Council appeared to give “a positive report” on how the school year is going.

Josh Vignery, Jara McKee, Luke Stone, Danny Rasure, Curtis Swager

and Bryce Abbey each talked about the programs the students have been involved in during the year, and how well the students feel the year has been going.

“We wanted to provide you with a positive report,” Vignery said as he began the report. He talked about the many special programs the students are working in such as mentoring and the clean up of the trash around the school — which he said was less than it had been last year.

One of the things the students said they wanted to try was creating a pep club called “bleacher creatures” to encourage students to attend and support athletic events. They said the student activity tickets seem to be working and

that there had been an increase in the number of students attending the games. The “bleacher creatures” is a voluntary organization whose members will be identifiable with special T-shirts for those who choose to purchase them.

The board thanked them for coming and thought that it was good to hear a good report about how the school was doing.

Superintendent Marvin Selby reported that the new gym floor at Max Jones Fieldhouse should be completely laid by Tuesday and that sanding would begin on Wednesday. He said the upstairs restrooms have been completed.

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Thanks for buckling up



Goodland Police Officers Brad Parker (left) and Dave Becker joined Kansas Highway Patrol officers checking to see if drivers had their seat belts fastened on Tuesday at 13th and Caldwell, part of National Child Passenger Safety Awareness Week. Lt. Kevin Winston of the patrol said they were giving away a child safety seat to a motorist with a child who either didn’t have one or couldn’t afford one.

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