

weather
report

75°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 72 degrees
• Humidity 34 percent
• Sky mostly cloudy
• Winds north 23-33 mph
• Barometer 29.83 inches
and falling
• Record High 101° (1952)
• Record Low 37° (1947)

Last 24 Hours*

High 95°
Low 52°
Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 50-55,
winds north 5-15 mph. Tomorrow:
Mostly sunny, high 80, low 50s,
winds northwest 15-25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: dry, high 80s, low 50s.
Friday and Saturday: chance for
thunderstorms, high 70s, low 50-55.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.39 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.20
Loan deficiency payment — 25¢
Corn — \$1.78 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.67
Loan deficiency payment — 32¢
Milo — \$2.46 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.31 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.47
Loan deficiency payment — 43¢
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.84 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.96
Confection current — \$13/\$7 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.

Blaze roars
in Colorado

PINE JUNCTION, Colo. —
Driven by gusty wind and feeding on
tinderbox conditions, a fire
raged out of control in the pine-
covered Colorado foothills today
after forcing hundreds of people to
flee their homes.

The fire had settled down during
the night after charring 3,500
acres, but a cold front brought re-
newed wind blowing at 15 mph to
25 mph with gusts up to 45 mph.
“It’s serious,” fire team spokes-
man Steve Hart said. “These fires
in this part of the country move hot
and fast and are usually wind-
driven.”

About 200 to 300 people re-
mained out of their homes Tuesday
in the area near Bailey, some 35
miles southwest of Denver. The
houses are a mix of expensive sec-
ond homes and modest frame and
modular buildings owned by
people who work in Denver.



Passengers got a view of St. Francis from the pilot’s seat of a Boeing
biplane. Pilots offered rides during the Stearman fly-in this weekend.

Skydiver Chris Kennedy (below) ran to help another veteran skydiver land
after a tandem jump.

Photos by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

Fly-in calls
daredevils
to the air

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Your heart beats hard in your throat
and then slips to your stomach as the
wheels leave the ground and wind
rushes in your face.

With only a seat belt to hold you in
and a canvas helmet to protect your
head, you climb higher into the sky. The
wind pulls at your face, the clouds are
so close you could touch them and
houses and cars start looking more like
toys.

It’s like flying.

“It was absolutely delightful,” said
Lee Nichols of St. Francis. The 70-
year-old smiled and laughed as a pilot
helped her out of a Boeing Stearman
biplane Sunday morning onto grass at
the St. Francis airport.

Nichols was one of hundreds who
paid to ride in a Stearman or other open-
cockpit plane this weekend at the 18th
annual Stearman Fly-in.

“I really think she had the most fun
of anyone,” said Juanita Brownd, a
spectator from Texas and the mother of
a Denver pilot who flew into St. Francis
for the fly-in.

Richard and Robert Grace, brothers
who run the airport and own Grace Fly-
ing Service, started the event in 1983.

Richard Grace said their family
owned a 1949 Stearman, which was
mainly used to spray chemicals on
crops. At first, he said, they invited
other pilots to fly in and show off their
older-model planes, but the event grew
and began attracting more and more
people.

It’s also attracting more and more of



the daring sort. A group of skydivers
with Front Range Skydivers in Calhan,
Colo., has been showing up for over a
decade. For a fee, the veteran skydivers
fly novices 17,000 feet in the air for a
tandem jump.

At sunrise each morning, balloonists
fire up their torches, decorating the sky
with rainbow-colored hot air balloons.

They, too, offer rides at a price.

Some of the more daring decided to
mix the two sports this year.

Robert Grace said skydivers jumped
out of balloons instead of planes.

“It’s fun,” said veteran skydiver Jim
Clarke, a 47-year-old from Denver.

“It’s addictive,” added Bob Clark, a
55-year-old diver from Calhan. Both

are members of Front Range Skydivers.

But the Stearman plane remains the
center of the event, said Richard Grace,
although other war-era planes and
home-built planes fly-in every year.

The Stearman is a biplane — which
means it has two wings on each side —

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School board hires teacher, signs agreement to investigate new staff

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board hired a
teacher and filled three athletic jobs
Monday, before saying goodbye to an-
other teacher and three employees who
quit.

At the regular meeting, board mem-
bers also agreed to fingerprint and
check the criminal history of potential
employees who haven’t lived in Kan-
sas for 10 consecutive years, as re-
quired under a new state law.

After a 23-minute closed session, the
board came out to hire James Oss as
high school science and math teacher
and junior-class sponsor. Members also
named Wallace Hansen as head girls
tennis coach and G-club sponsor;
ReNae Farr as assistant girls basketball
coach; and Jona Neufeld as high school
cheerleading sponsor.

The board accepted resignations
from Wendy Richmeier, high school
teacher’s aide; Tamra Bowen, district
nurse; Tim Renner, district technology
assistant; and Eleanor Elliott, Edson
School custodian. Elliott’s job won’t
end until July 1.

Board President Dick Short signed
an agreement saying the district will
pay \$41 for a background check of ev-
ery future employee who has lived in
another state.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the
Legislature passed a law this year
requiring all Kansas school boards to
start making the checks.

“I don’t know if we have an option,”
he said. “We have to do it.”

Selby said the new law will begin on
July 1, so anyone hired before that will
not be fingerprinted.

The law will “sunset” next July, he

said, and lawmakers will decide before
then whether to change or repeal the
law.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug
Whitson will fingerprint potential em-
ployees, Selby said, and the prints will
be sent to the KBI and FBI for criminal
history checks.

Teachers’ results will be sent to the
state Board of Education, he said, and
the Goodland board will receive other
results. It can take months to get the
results.

Selby said in the meantime, the board
can hire an applicant but must fire them
if the results show they have commit-
ted certain felonies.

“Sheriff Whitson said it’s not that big
of a deal,” the superintendent said.

The sheriff said National Weather

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Sheriff race
has four
candidates

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Before the noon deadline Monday,
Republican Richard D. Miller, 210
Cherry, filed a petition for the county
sheriff position, becoming the fourth
person to seek the office.

Miller joins incumbent Sheriff Doug
Whitson and former Sheriff Jack
Armstrong in seeking the Republican
nomination in the Aug. 1 primary.

The winner of the three-way race will
face Undersheriff Arthur (Dee) Albers,
who is the lone Democrat seeking the
sheriff’s office.

There will not be a contest for either
of the county commissioner positions
held by incumbents Kenneth E. Davis
and Gary Townsend. Davis is a Demo-
crat from the 2nd District, while
Townsend is a Republican from the 3rd.

Primary races are set for county clerk
and treasurer, but the winners won’t
face opposition in the general election.

Incumbent Clerk Janet R. Rumpel is
to face Judith A. Siruta in the Republi-
can primary while incumbent Treasurer
Shelby Miller faces Deedi Hoss in the
Democratic primary.

County Attorney Bonnie J. Selby,
Republican, is seeking her first full
term, having been appointed to the of-
fice in the fall. She is unopposed.

Incumbent Carol S. Armstrong, a
Republican, is unopposed in seeking
re-election as register of deeds.

Filings were also closed for county
township offices and precinct offices.
Randy Daise, a Republican, filed to
be a trustee in Grant Township.

Jan E. Lohr, Republican, filed for
trustee in Logan Township.

Joyce Purvis, Republican filed for
trustee, and Marie T. Moore, Republi-
can, filed for treasurer in McPherson
Township.

Marie E. Johnson, Democrat, filed

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Storms skip
through area;
no damage

Though several warnings were is-
sued for eastern Colorado and western
Kansas Monday night, only one tor-
nado touched down, and there was no
damage.

In Yuma County, a “land spout,”
which is the rotation going from the
ground up to the clouds, touched down
for three minutes. The spout was spot-
ted at 3:29 p.m., said Bob Wile, a spe-
cialist with the National Weather Ser-
vice in Goodland.

Another tornado was detected by
weather service radar in Sheridan
County at 8 p.m. but it never touched
down, and rotation in a wall cloud was
reported by a dispatcher in Graham
County at 8:18 p.m. but nothing ever
developed from it either.

There was severe weather in many
counties last night. Thunderstorm
warnings were issued for Rawlins,
Thomas, Decatur and Wallace coun-
ties, as well as for Cheyenne County in
Colorado.

One-inch diameter hail was recorded
in Sheridan county.

District ends year down 38 kids

The Goodland School District
ended the year with 38 fewer students
than it had in September, Superinten-
dent Marvin Selby said Monday.

He told school board members that
most districts in Kansas are facing
declining enrollment.

Some districts are struggling to
stay open, he said, because as enroll-
ment dwindles, schools get less
money from the state and the com-
munity must make up for the short-
fall.

“We’re concerned, of course,” he
said.

On the first day of school there
were 1,194 students, Selby said later,
on the last day there were 1,156. He

“We’re concerned, of
course.”

- Marvin Selby

Goodland superintendent

said the students either dropped out
or moved away.

“You never know exactly where
they are going,” he said.

The biggest drop was at the high
school, he added, where enrollment
went from 365 students to 338 — a
difference of 27 students.