



• Sunset, 8:18 p.m. Tomorrow • Sunrise, 5:23 a.m. • Sunset, 8:18 p.m.

**Midday Conditions** • Soil Temperature 63 degrees

- Humidity 62 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds north 12 mph Barometer 30.28 inches
- and rising • Record High 106° (1970) • Record Low 43° (1985)

Last 24 Hours*	
High	59°
Low	55°
Precipitation	0.95 inch

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 30 percent chance for thunderstorms, low 55, winds southeast 10-25. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 30 percent chance for thunderstorms, high 80, low 60, winds south 15-25.

### **Extended Forecast**

Friday: dry, high 80, low 60. Saturday: dry, high90s, low 60s. Sunday: chance for thunderstorms, high 90s, low 60s.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m



### Noon Wheat — \$2.67 bushel Posted county price — \$2.49 Loan deficiency payment - 0¢ Corn — \$1.73 bushel Posted county price — \$1.66 Loan deficiency payment - 33¢

**By Rachel Miscall** The Goodland Daily News Bright, colorful flashes of light will

explode in the nighttime sky over the Sherman County Fairgrounds on Tuesday, but this year's Freedom Fest will be much more than just fireworks.

Before darkness falls on July 4 and the colorful display goes up, there will be singing, dancing, food, face painting, carnival rides and tons of free watermelon.

The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. Tuesday with the Carnegie Arts Center Children's Theater taking to the stage that will be set up at the fairgrounds.

The Goodland Area Chamber of said Jo Simmons, Chamber office man-Commerce will sponsor the annual fireworks display, which is paid for by donations.

"It is truly a community-wide event,"



ager, adding that organizers still need donations to help pay for the \$7,500 display.

In the past, she said, the activities

Fourth Fest has more than fireworks

committee — which helps organize the event—have focused on the fireworks display and had a few concessions stands.

But last year, Simmons said, organizers decided to bring in entertainers and the year before, they fired up carnival rides that usually sit dormant until fair time.

Tim Renner, a disc jockey with KLOE, KKCI and KWGB Radio in Goodland, is handling the entertainspectators with country and soft-rock hits.

At the same time, the new Kickers Becker, but that wasn't working. restaurant will be grilling hamburgers and serving other snacks and drinks. Ivan Parks will bring out his Snowshak to serve up snow cones, while Cherilyn Bretamayer from Winona makes caramel corn and sells sun hats. The Goodland Rotary Club will sponsor a free watermelon feed.

Squealing kids will provide background noise as they spin around on the carnival rides.

Sherman County Community Services board, said the rides will be running between 6 and 9 p.m., and will include the Tilt o' Whirl, Octopus, merry-goround, swings, roller coaster, Kiddie Carousel and Jeep and helicopter rides.

Before, board members simply asked riders to donate money, said "We had a lot of riders," he said, "but

no donations.'

This year the board has decided to charge 50 cents a ride to cover wages for workers that set up and run the equipment.

When they get tired of the rides, children will have the chance to get their face painted by Melody Hartzler, who will be on the grounds most of the night.

When the lights go out, the explo-Eugene Becker, president of the sions will start. The fireworks display is scheduled to start at 9:30 p.m., or whenever it gets dark enough.

Simmons said the 30-minute display, put on by Goodland native Joe Diaz of Tri-State Fireworks in Denver, has improved each year.

"Last year, it was a much bigger show than we ever had before," she said.

# Cuban boy to go home after battle

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court cleared the way today for Elian Gonzalez's return to Cuba, ending an international custody battle over the boy that lasted seven months.

Elian and his father reportedly planned to leave the United States tonight.

In a brief order, the court rejected a formal appeal filed by the boy's Miami relatives and a separate emergency request aimed at postponing his departure.

The emergency request was filed with Justice Anthony M. Kennedy, but he referred it to the full court.

"The application for stay presented to Justice Kennedy and by him referred to the court is denied," the court said. "The (appeal) is denied."

A federal appeals court's stay on Elian's departure was to dissolve at 2 p.m. Mountain Time, and plans were being made for a nighttime arrival in Havana aboard a chartered flight from Washington Dulles International Air port. The 6-year-old boy would be accompanied back home to Cuba by his family and an entourage of Cuban compatriots, including classmates who joined him here in April. Cuban officials said the plans were being coordinated by Gregory Craig, the lawyer for Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez. Elian survived a boat journey from Cuba that claimed the life of his mother. and since his rescue from the Atlantic Ocean on Thanksgiving Day he has been at the center of a bitter custody battle between his Cuban father and his Cuban-American relatives in Miami.



proper part of their heads to hit a ball with to avoid injury. Costas Constantinou, director of the camp, watched as children ran

ment this year, rounding up 11 singers from Sherman County to entertain Renner will be spinning compact discs between 5:30 and 6:15 p.m. before he takes the stage to sing. Later in the evening, he and his father, Rusty Renner, will sing a duet.

Milo — \$2.28 hundredweight Soybeans — \$4.09 bushel Posted county price — \$4.38 Loan deficiency payment — 52¢ Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$5.80 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. - \$3.83 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. )



WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court on Wednesday struck down a state law banning the so-called "partial-birth abortion"—a decision sure to escalate the nationwide legal, political and moral war over abortion.

By a 5-4 vote, the justices said the Nebraska law violates women's constitutional right by imposing an "undue burden" on their decisions to end their pregnancies.

The ruling did not appear to immediately affect similar laws in 29 other states, Kansas among them. But their supporters are likely to have a harder time defending them in lower courts.

Partial-birth abortion is not a medical term. Doctors call the method dilation and extraction, or D&X, because it involves partially extracting a fetus, legs first, through the birth canal, cutting the skull and draining its contents.

### through their drills. Photos by Dana Sulsberger The Goodland Daily News English coaches love job

#### By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News As a boy, Costas Constantinou didn't need money to play the sport he loved, just a few friends, a soccer ball and a shirt for a goal.

The British man has come a long way from kicking a ball around the streets of London. Now he teaches his passion in America.

Constantinou is the director of the British Challenger Soccer Camp, which the Goodland Activities Center has brought to town for two years.

The director is joined by three other English coaches, Gareth Carnes, John Whitley and Justine White.

The camp started on Monday and runs through Friday. Forty-six kids signed up for morning or afternoon classes.

When he was 6, Constantinou said, his family didn't have much money. Soccer was the perfect sport because all he really needed was a ball.

His first job, mainly office work, bored him, the coach said, so he started teaching soccer. He has been coaching for five years.

"The office job was relentless," said Constantinou, "but this job is rewarding to myself and gives me a he said. chance to do something positive for the kids."

While the camp was held here last year, this is the first time in the United States for Constantinou.

"This is a quiet town where every-



one knows everyone," he said. "It is one of the coaches.

areas like this that soccer is really growing as a sport. It grows in areas where kids don't have much to do.'

The program's first day went great,

"Kids really appreciate you being here," he said. "It is like a highlight in their lives."

All the coaches are staying with host families. Children could get a scholarship to the camp if their families hosted

"One thing I like about this program is that you get to stay with host families rather than in a hotel," said the director. "You become a part of the fam-

Constantinou said he likes working with kids because of their energy and enthusiasm, and also how amusing they can be.

"I feel like a kid again when I am here until Sunday, and will be in the working with them," he said "I have to U.S. for another seven weeks.

be brought down to their level, and that is fun."

Being a role model to the children, he said, and seeing that they are learning something is very satisfying.

"If the kids learn something and get better," said Constantinou, "then everyone has succeeded, the kids and the coaches, that is the real goal."

Constantinou and his crew will be

## Loan office will close in late July

The First Commerce of Goodland loan office will be closing on July 31 as its parent bank in Nebraska is being bought up by Wells Fargo and Co.

Loan customers won't see much change, bank officials say, though the bank's automatic teller machine will be removed. All accounts will remain with the First National Bank of McCook, officials said in a letter to customers.

The closing depends on acquisition completion. If Wells Fargo doesn't acquire First Commerce Banc, parent of the McCook Bank, the office will not close.

It will be open until the end of July and then customers can bank out of McCook through the mail or online.

Mark Jepson, president of the First National Bank, was unavailable for comment. Merlyn Stasser, manager of the Goodland office, was not in either.

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