

weather  
report

86°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:30 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 78 degrees  
• Humidity 39 percent  
• Sky partly cloudy  
• Winds northeast 11 mph  
• Barometer 30.02 inches  
and steady  
• Record High 107° (1954)  
• Record Low 51° (1924)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 100°  
Low 67°  
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance for thunderstorms, low 65-70, winds light. Tomorrow: Sunny, high 95-100, low 65-70, winds light northwest.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Friday: dry, high 95-100, low 65-70.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.45 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.27  
Loan deficiency payment — 18¢  
Corn — \$1.67 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.50  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 45¢  
Milo — \$2.89 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.83 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.15  
Loan deficiency payment — 74¢  
Millet — \$4.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$5.65 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.99  
Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo 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.

Smokers want  
\$196 billion

MIAMI — Smokers in a landmark case asked for up to \$196 billion in punitive damages from the tobacco industry Monday to punish it for ruining the lives of millions of sick and addicted customers.

“This industry has left a half-century trail of deceit which has decimated millions of Americans,” Stanley Rosenblatt said as closing arguments started in the two-year trial. “Never have so few caused so much harm to so many for so long, and the day of reckoning has arrived.”

Each side has two days to summarize the class-action case on behalf of 300,000 to 700,000 sick Florida smokers against the nation’s five biggest cigarette makers. The same six-member jury already decided that the industry makes a deadly, defective product and awarded \$12.7 million.



Kyla Ontiveroz spends an early Monday morning perched precariously on the edge of a fire escape, touching-up the paint at the Central Elementary School.

She was working along with Aileen Cebula to improve the appearance of the school. Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

## Injured woman refuses to let police in

A Goodland woman refused to let police or medics into her home Sunday night, after neighbors reported the woman was ill and may have a concussion.

Police didn’t force their way in because they heard Mary Ann Riley had a loaded gun in the house and knew how to use the weapon.

After trying to coax Riley out of her home at 1306 College Avenue for about

an hour, Goodland Police discovered the woman had left the house. Officers soon found her and took her to the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Police said a doctor found that Riley was in good health and she was released. Police did not file a report on the incident and Riley was not arrested or ticketed.

Sirens screamed to Riley’s home at 9:30 p.m., after neighbors called 911

saying the woman had been at their house vomiting from an apparent concussion she got Saturday after she fell down and hit her head.

Police tried to contact Riley, but she refused to come out and it was reported she had a loaded gun and knew how to use it.

Police called an ambulance and the emergency medical technicians tried to talk Riley into coming out, but she re-

fused.

A police officer said Riley’s father contacted the Goodland Police Saturday asking that they check on his daughter.

The officer said he talked to Riley on Saturday night and she seemed okay despite the injury.

He described her condition on Sunday when he arrived as being glassy eyed and disoriented.

## Professional football player returns home to teach youths

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

Tinker Keck can’t pinpoint when he started to like the game, but says he can’t remember when he didn’t have a passion for football.

“When I went to high school I got to pick which sport I wanted to play,” said Keck, a New York Giants free agent who is originally from Goodland. “I chose football because I enjoyed the sport and there was a lot of potential to go to college with it.”

The 23-year-old returned home this weekend to teach a football skills camp to high school students.

There were 19 participants, who learned defensive back and quarter back skills from Keck and Dave Bertucci, a University of Cincinnati quarterback.

“I did the camp because I wanted to give back to northwest Kansas,” said Keck. “There is a lot of talent here and sometimes they don’t get the same opportunities as the players in eastern Kansas.”

He wished he had a professional



Tinker Keck

player to learn from when he was in high school, said the defensive back.

“Sometimes these kids have to drive six to eight hours to attend a training camp,” he said, “I wanted to give them something closer.

“I enjoyed teaching the camp. The kids listened well and seemed interested. They were a good group of kids.” It was a good opportunity for the kids to get some one-on-one time with the pro football player.

Keck said he would like to do the

camp again.

“Things were put together at the last minute this time,” he said. “I think we will have more participants next time if we plan ahead.”

Keck graduated high school in Goodland in 1995, he also attended school in Colby and Brewster.

He said he has always liked this area. “I like the friendly people here,” said Keck. “Everyone is on edge elsewhere, it isn’t like that here.”

Keck said he enjoys knowing everyone and being able to say “Hi” when you see them on the street.

He started playing football in high school because of the college opportunities and it eventually paid off.

Keck went to a junior college for two years because he was offered a football scholarship. He then transferred to the University of Cincinnati where he played for one year and then was hurt in his second year.

During his second year with Cincinnati, professional teams started to show interest, and that is how Keck ended up with the New York Giants.

## State staff teach campaign finance to officials, candidates

By Jay Kelley

Colby Free Press

OAKLEY — Kansas Governmental Ethics Commission staff last week explained to party officials from eight Kansas cities the correct way to file campaign finance reports.

In a teleconference meeting, Carolyn Williams, chairperson of the ethics commission, outlined procedures laid out in the Campaign Finance Act. She met with candidates, treasurers and party officials from Oakley, Lakin, Pratt, Dodge City, Emporia, Hays, Greenbush and Junction City.

Williams said candidates must file the first campaign finance report by

July 24. It should cover contributions and expenses for the primary election, she said. The second report, due Oct. 31, will cover the general election. A third report must be filed in January to complete all figures for the entire election.

Williams said the purpose of the meeting was to clear up misconceptions or mistakes before reports come in.

The commission will send out a written warning for a first offense, Williams said. The second time, there will be a fine. She said the purpose of the commission is to help campaigns stay within the law.

Two things that cause candidates problems are a lack of a separate ac-

count and not identifying the campaign on literature, she noted.

“Be sure an account is opened to handle donations and use for expenses,” Williams said.

All campaign literature or ads must have a disclaimer stating the name of the campaign or treasurer.

Yard signs, bumper stickers and campaign buttons are exempt from the law, but Williams advised discretion: “The law has some hot button words, vote for, elect, re-elect, etc.”

In order to help campaigns understand the purpose of the reports, Williams explained the laws concerning contributions and expenses.

“There is no prohibition on the amount of money a candidate or spouse

may donate to his campaign or party,” she said, “but any donations over \$50 or payments in kind must be tracked, the same as other donations.

“For the House of Representatives, county offices and judges, the limit for contributions is \$250 in the primary and \$250 in the general election, per contributor. Senatorial candidates may receive up to \$500 per election cycle.

“State and party committee contributions are unlimited, unless the candidate is in a contested primary. In a contested primary, state and party committees are limited to whatever help they may give all candidates.

“No contributor may give more than \$100 in cash, and anonymous contributions are limited to \$10 per contribu-

tion, with a \$250 or \$500 limit on total anonymous contributors, depending on the race.”

One source of confusion, Williams noted, was the difference between anonymous contributions and regular contributions of less than \$50. According to the law, candidates are not required to list the names of contributors of less than \$50 on their finance report.

“They may report the aggregate of these contributions,” Williams said. “But they must still keep the names of the people who contribute.”

Contributions cannot be given in another person’s name. Williams said many times contributors don’t want their name used. If the contribution is more than \$50, the name must be listed.

## Fishing better at lake

### Man reports on status of Smoky Gardens

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Fishing is improving at Smoky Gardens says Kenny Sanderson, but there are still a few things he wants to discuss with the county commissioners Tuesday.

The Sherman County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. in the commissioner room at the Sherman County Courthouse.

Sanderson, head of the Smoky Gardens Commission, said he will give the commissioners an update on what has been accomplished over the past year.

He will report on the status of the Community Lake Assistance Program grant.

“I have seen some very nice bass over the past few weeks,” Sanderson said.

He said the efforts seem to be paying off in improved health and size of fish, but that he will recommend the bass limit be dropped to two per day, and increase the minimum keeping length to 18 inches.

“I have seen several people taking under-size fish,” he said, “and I will also be asking the commissioners if we can provide some enforcement about people taking these undersize fish. We are not going to spend any money to stock fish, except for trout, which won’t usually live through the summer.

“It is important for people to pay heed to the legal limits so the fish populations of bass and channel cat can continue to improve,” Sanderson said.

Commissioners will also:

- Receive budget requests for next year from the County Extension Council, the Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council and the Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas.

- Decide what to do with the bushels of county owned wheat stored at Collingwood.