


weather report

81°
at noon



Today

Sunset, 7:42 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:01 a.m.

Sunset, 7:41 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 64 degrees

• Humidity 36 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds light and variable

• Barometer 26.39 inches and falling

• Record High 105° (1983)

• Record Low 51° (1978)

Last 24 Hours*

High 88°

Low 56°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 60s, southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, 20-30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 85-90, low 55, south wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast


Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, high 80s. Sunday and Monday: dry, high 85-95, low 55-65.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.51 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.47

Corn — \$2.03 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.92

Loan deficiency payment — 7¢

Milo — \$3.26 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.62 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.64

Loan deficiency payment — 28¢

Millet — \$4.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.45 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$7.50 cwt.

Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.23

Confection current — no bid

Pinto beans — \$16 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire



Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Town braces as fire looms

MONUMENT, Ore. — As darkness fell on this ranching community in Oregon's high desert, a smoky film covered the sky and a ridge of fire could be seen in the distance.

But Gus Peterson remained calm. The 79-year-old has his own fire truck — a red pickup with a 200-gallon tank and a coiled hose — and he's ready for action.

"The gas tank and the water tank are both full, it's ready to go," he said Wednesday.

The blaze creeping toward the 150-person community of Monument is just one of hundreds of wildfires scattered across more than 376,000 acres in 10 parched western states.

The National Interagency Fire Center placed the West at Level Five alert status, signifying firefighters were in danger of running out of manpower and equipment.

People find fun in sunflower festival

By Reagan Smith
The Goodland Daily News

The annual Sunflower Festival in Chambers Park will fill downtown Goodland with people looking for a little fun, whether it's art, excitement, laughs or contests.

The annual Sunflower Celebration kicks off the weekend on Friday, with events for farmers, including tours of sunflower test plots, sunflower production talks and harvesting equipment displays.

The family fun activities begin at 9 a.m. Saturday morning with a Garden Tractor Obstacle Course, sponsored by Northwest Kansas Technical College, at 13th and Main. Tractors will be provided by Goodland Greenline and W-R Equipment. The obstacle course will be run by teams of two, a man and a woman. The driver will be blindfolded and the navigator will have to direct him or her through the course. Cash prizes will be \$30 for first place, \$20 for second, \$10 for third, and \$5 for fourth.

At 10 a.m., antique tractors will be on display at 13th and Main. Prizes of \$30, \$20, \$10 and a Sunflower Spinners T-shirt and hat will be given for first, second, third, and fourth place in a best-of-show contest.

A ping pong ball race, sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce and its Business Promotion Committee, will get underway at 10th and Main at 10 a.m. Ping pong balls powered by water from firemen's hoses will bounce and roll three blocks up Main to 13th. Prizes will be given to the persons whose ticket number matches the number on the first, second, and third place balls across the finish line. The prizes will be determined on the amount of proceeds, 10 percent for first, 8 percent for second and 7 percent for third. The rest of the proceeds will go to help the Chamber buy seasonal banners to hang on Main Street.

The crowning of this year's Sunflower Queen and Princess will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the park. The competition is sponsored by McDonalds and Wal-Mart. Girls ages 2 to 5 are eligible to enter the princess competition, and ages 6 and 10 are eligible for queen. Entries must be turned in by Friday to the Chamber of Commerce. All girls entered will receive gift bags, and the queen and princess will receive a crown and a sash. All money collected from entries will go to the Chamber.

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Victor Del Gado (left) and Vic Crouse, employees of Brock Construction, helped Dick Brock tear down the old Dairy Queen building that Brock built in 1954. Brock said Wednesday that he expects to be finished with the demolition by the end of this week.



Dick Brock operated the backhoe Wednesday morning as he began tearing down the original part of the Dairy Queen. An addition was built on later that Brock tore down on Monday and Tuesday.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Taking out icon

Old Dairy Queen removed

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Daily News

The man who built the original Dairy Queen in 1954 is now tearing it down. Brock Construction is demolishing the building, which has been at 1632 Main for 47 years.

Dick Brock, owner of the firm, said he built the original Dairy Queen and that it later had an addition. The original store served only ice cream, Brock said.

He said he built the restaurant for

Leon Liljegren and his brother, after tearing down the railroad hotel that used to be on the site. He was unable to tear out the basement from the hotel, he said, so he just built the restaurant on top of it.

The building has really held up over the years, Brock said, and doesn't have one crack in it. Brock, who turned 77 today, said learned construction in a time when construction workers were taught the whole job, he said, not just one aspect.

"Nobody builds the way I do anymore," he said. "Construction companies sub-contract everything."

"I can take a weed patch all the way to the point where I hand the owner the keys."

Brock moved to Goodland from Sharon Springs before his senior year of high school, he said, and graduated from Goodland High in 1943. He then went into the Army, where he fought in World War II, but he was injured by a grenade and spent over a year in Army hospitals before returning to Goodland.

Brock said he learned construction

working for Mark Jensen, and then started his own company. He bought the first hydraulic backhoe in Goodland about 1960 and has worn that one and another out and is working on his third. He says he's the oldest construction contractor in town, but he does not want to retire because working keeps him young.

Brock has two sons, Robert and Dave, who he raised after getting a divorce when they were 6 and 5. He remarried 11 years later and still lives with his wife Verda, he said, in the home he built with only one man to help him.

Robert and Dave were successful wrestlers at Goodland High, he said, and Dave succeeded in professional rodeo but is no longer with the tour. He is in charge of personnel for a construction company in Springtown, Texas. Robert is a manager for ABF Trucking in Michigan.

Dick Brock has had as many as 12 men working for his construction company, he said, but now has only three because he does not want a big crew. The demolition of Dairy Queen is nearly done, he said, and he expects to be finished by the end of the week.

Man identified; charges filed

By Patty Decker
The Colby Free Press

Charges were filed in Thomas County on Wednesday afternoon against the man believed to be involved in a high-speed chase more than a week ago, but both people are still on the loose.

Kristopher Aaron Lambert, 21, is being charged with aggravated burglary, aggravated assault, kidnapping, one count each of felony theft and misdemeanor theft, and two counts of misdemeanor criminal damage to property, Thomas County Sheriff Tom Jones said today.

The charges stem from the incident in Thomas County on Aug. 8, when the couple eluded authorities in a chase on Interstate 70 just before noon and then

held a teen-age girl at knifepoint and stole her car. Later authorities discovered the girl's vehicle, a black 1998 Ford Escort in Hoxie, and learned the couple allegedly stole a white Jeep Cherokee from a grain elevator there.

A Thomas County sheriff's deputy tried to stop the couple following a report of a gas skip in Grinnell involving a teal-colored 1993 Mazda pickup.

The chase started when Deputy Ken Patton stopped the vehicle, but the driver sped off when asked to get out of the car.

After a short chase, the couple crashed through a fence, driving cross country before stopping at a farmhouse and accosting the girl.

The woman also has been identified, but Jones did not release her name because she has not yet been charged.

Charges are pending on her as the investigation continues, he said.

"Lambert and his female accomplice are still at large and being sought through the combined efforts of local law enforcement and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation," Jones said.

The man is described as white, 5' 11" tall, 150 pounds with sandy hair. The woman is white, 5' 5", 110-120 pounds with long red hair and a heavily freckled face.

"Any information leading to the arrest of these two fugitives will be greatly appreciated by the law enforcement agencies," Jones said.

Jones and other agencies are warning people to stay clear of the suspects since they are considered dangerous.

Board hires new teachers, cooks

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

After going behind closed doors to talk about personnel Monday, the Goodland School Board hired eight people to fill staff, coaching and cook positions and accepted resignations from a brand new teacher and a cook.

Following a 15-minute closed session, the board said goodbye to Toby Ihnken, a high school science teacher who quit before she started, and Karen Walters, eight-hour head cook at North Elementary School.

Members agreed to accept \$937 in damages from Ihnken, a Leoti native who was hired here about four months ago but broke her contract to take a teaching job in Syracuse.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the negotiated agreement between teachers and the district requires new staff to pay a certain percentage of their salary if they break their contract.

The board hired Connie Livengood, a substitute teacher who coaches girls basketball and golf, to take Ihnken's place. They also hired Mike Nelson, a

teacher at North Elementary, as eighth grade assistant basketball coach; Sandy Trachsel, who is not a teacher, as eighth grade head volleyball coach; Dana Murray, speech paraprofessional; Judy Harper, eight-hour head cook at North; Michele Coates, seven-hour cook at West Elementary; Kim Weis, 3.5-hour cook at West; and Ben Brown, bus driver.

The board heard reports from school principals and the superintendent, ac-

Program would swap work and school time

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

A young man determined to make a difference in Goodland approached school board members this week about starting a volunteer program that would reward students' good deeds with time off from classes.

Board members, who heard from Schyler Goodwin during the public forum section at Monday's regular meeting, said they thought it sounded like a good idea and Superintendent

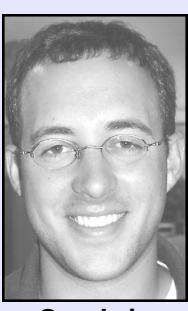
which his parents own — has completed the meeting circuit.

As head of the Goodland Development Corp. and the Sherman County Big Brothers and Big Sisters program — both groups he was a leader in forming — Goodwin has attended sessions of the city and county commissions, school board, Chamber of Commerce and other influential groups.

He and other members of the development group's board talked to city and county commissioners about reviving the "Junk Parade" cleanup program for the weekend before the Fall Flatlanders Festival in September.

City officials supported the idea of having civic groups collect old appliances, yard waste and other trash from citizens and then march it all down Main Avenue to the county transfer station. County commissioners agreed to waive landfill fees for the event.

Goodwin talked to the Chamber of Commerce board about a 110,000-



Goodwin

Marvin Selby suggested that Goodwin talk with students and principals.

The volunteer program isn't the only thing Goodwin, a 26-year-old Goodland native who recently moved back from Denver, is trying to accomplish. He wants to build a sports arena on K-27, clean up the city, organize a city-wide meeting and do other things to improve Goodland.

In his quest, Goodwin — a software programmer and community development officer at Bankwest,

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