

weather report

52°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:08 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:59 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:07 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 47 degrees
- Humidity 31 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south 18
- Barometer 30.29 inches and rising
- Record High 93° (1991)
- Record Low 19° (1966)

Last 24 Hours*

High	52°
Low	29°
Precipitation	.18

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low mid 30s, wind south 10-15. Tomorrow: sunny, high 80, low upper 30s, wind south 5-15.

Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: mostly sunny, high 65-70, low mid 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Station switches formats

Rock replaces oldies; evening show added

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

To please listeners and advertisers, Goodland's KKCI-FM switched its format from oldies back to light rock on Sunday night, and added an evening news talk show which will give people a chance to voice their opinions on the air.

"We don't really see it as that big of a deal," Marty Melia, owner of KLOE, KKCI and KWGB radio stations in Goodland, said of the music change. "A lot of people enjoyed the oldies for awhile, but felt it was too repetitive."

When KKCI, 102.5 on the FM radio dial, went on the air in 1990, it had a light rock format, he said, but station heads decided to change that last year when the contract ended with the station's music provider.

"We decided to go to a different company for a music source," Melia said, noting that the oldies format started on Labor Day 2000. Many people liked the oldies, he said, but a majority of listeners and advertisers said they wanted the station to switch back to light rock.

"They told us they'd like to have more variety," he said. "(Oldies) was a limited format and we didn't feel like it was appropriate for our listeners."

Melia said the music change won't affect the other two stations, adding that KKCI is planning to play oldies and music from the '70s on Saturday nights and early in the morning.

The big deal, he said, is the new hour-long evening talk show, which will be broadcast on KKCI and KLOE, 730 AM, at 4 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Melia said he is hosting "The Evening Show," which first aired on Monday, and will be joined by a different guest co-host each night. He said he and his co-host will talk about local and national issues and take calls from listeners.

"It will give local listeners a chance to call in and talk about the day's topic," he said.

Monday's topic was the terrorist attacks and people who have been infected with anthrax, Melia said, and the co-host was Jerry Fairbanks, First National Bank's lawyer.

This evening, he said, he and Gerald Fulwider, the director of the Colby Chamber of Commerce, will talk about economic issues. Other co-hosts will include Ron Vignery, a lawyer in Goodland, and Tom Dreiling, publisher of *The Colby Free Press*, who worked for *The Goodland Daily News* for many years.

"We strive to give people what they like to hear," Melia said. "Formats are meant to be changed."

Search on for source of anthrax

NEW YORK (AP) — City officials conducted environmental tests at ABC offices today, trying to find the source of the anthrax that infected a network news producer's infant son.

In Washington, authorities closed a wing of an eight-story Senate office building a day after a letter sent to Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle tested positive for anthrax bacteria.

The diagnosis of the 7-month-old child marked the second anthrax case involving a major news organization in New York in four days, following one at NBC in which a female employee was infected by a letter carrying anthrax.

ABC News President David Westin said Monday the boy developed the skin form of anthrax after spending time at the newsroom last month. The child is taking antibiotics and is expected to recover.

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Pilin' it high

Dan Duell, a Frontier Equity Exchange elevator employee in Goodland, helped unload corn out of a grain truck onto a conveyor belt this morning at the elevator. The belt carried the corn to an auger that spit it out into a wooden bunker, filled with about 280,000 bushels of corn. The bunker will hold about 480,000 bushels of corn and the elevator has already taken in over 600,000 bushels this fall harvest.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News



Attorney General to defend predator law

TOPEKA (AP) — For a second time, Kansas Attorney General Carla Stovall is preparing to defend the state's sexual predator law before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Stovall will present arguments Oct. 30 defending the state's practice of keeping sex offenders locked in treatment programs after their release from prison.

In 1997, the justices ruled 5-4 in an earlier Kansas case that the sexual predator law does not violate criminals'

constitutional rights.

That case involved convicted pedophile Leroy Hendricks, who testified that he couldn't control his impulses to molest children.

He remains in the state's sexual predator treatment unit at Larned State Hospital.

The latest challenge involves Michael Crane, convicted of exposing himself to a tanning salon employee in Johnson County in 1993. Initially, Crane also was found guilty of at-

tempted rape, aggravated sodomy and kidnapping for a second incident involving a video store clerk. The Kansas Supreme Court overturned those convictions.

State justices said the law violates the due process rights of people who are capable of controlling their behavior.

At issue in Crane's case is whether the Constitution limits a state's ability to detain sex offenders to only those who can be shown to be mentally ill and incapable of controlling their behavior.

Committing an offender under the act "is unconstitutional absent a finding that the defendant cannot control his dangerous behavior," Justice Donald Allegeucci wrote for the Kansas court in July 2000. Stovall immediately asked the U.S. Supreme Court to review the ruling.

"If the Kansas Supreme Court opinion is adopted, the sexual predator program would be obliterated," Stovall said in a recent interview with *The Topeka Capital-Journal*.

Family takes patriotism to new heights with flag

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press

A Colby family is taking patriotism to new heights with the addition of a big American flag on one of their barns.

The Shawn Fromholtz family, who live about one and half miles east of Red River Commodities on College Drive (County Road R) east of Colby, decided to show their support for the country following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks by painting Old Glory near the very top of the 30-foot structure.

The flag, which faces north, measures 9 feet wide by 6 feet tall, said Fromholtz.

"We wanted to do something," he said, "and, at first, I thought about making a flag pole to fly a flag."

However, after talking it over with other family members, they decided to paint a flag on the barn.

"It was a good place for a flag," he said, "and something we thought a lot of people would be able to see."

The project took six hours and required the use of one of his tallest ladders and, in some cases, the hood of his pickup, Fromholtz said.

For the past week or so, he has been contemplating the thought of painting a British flag as well.

"They (the British) have been behind the United States 100 percent," he said, "and I think it's something we might do."

Two of Fromholtz' children, Mason, 8, and Chann, 9, said they thought the flag was a great idea and provided moral support by picking out the stencils to make the 50 stars.

Shawn said he has lights attached to the barn, so that the flag will be illuminated at night.

Shawn Fromholtz and two of his children, Mason and Chann, pointed proudly at the American flag painted on the north side of their barn east of Colby. The painting project took about six hours, they said.



afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Missionaries' captors at bay

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines — Government troops said today they had trapped a unit of Muslim extremist rebels holding two Kansas missionaries in dense jungle and appealed to them to surrender.

Col. Francisco Gudani said his men fighting the guerillas could see the Abu Sayyaf rebels holding Wichita missionaries Martin and Gracia Burnham on the southern island of Basilan.

"There is heavy fighting right now in Basilan and we have visual contact with the enemies," Gudani said. "The Burnham couple are with the gunmen, whom soldiers are now fighting in the hinterlands."

The fighting comes a day after the Abu Sayyaf threatened to behead the Burnhams if the military does not stop its assault. The Burnhams were taken hostage from a beach resort May 27.

