

weather
report

67°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 4:53 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:02 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:54 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 32 degrees
- Humidity 14 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds northwest 5 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.82 inches and falling

- Record High 73° (1950)
- Record Low -13° (1935)

Last 24 Hours*

High 65°
Low 22°
Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low 19, winds light and variable. Tuesday: mostly sunny, high 44, low 22, winds northeast 5-10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: mostly cloudy, high 38, low 13. Thursday: partly cloudy, high 46. Friday: partly cloudy, high 44, low 19. Saturday: mostly cloudy, high 45, low 17. Sunday: mostly clear, high 47, low 19.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.34 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.32
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.38 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.20
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$2.15 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.10 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.94
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$10.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.55 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.80 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets 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.

Iraq agrees
to cooperate

BAGHDAD, Iraq — After two days of talks, the chief U.N. arms inspectors and Iraqi officials agreed today on practical steps to greater Iraqi cooperation in the U.N. disarmament program, including Baghdad's encouragement of weapons scientists to submit to private U.N. interviews.

Head weapons inspector Hans Blix and Mohamed El-Baradei, head of the U.N. nuclear agency, arrived Sunday as the United States warned time was running out for Baghdad to comply with U.N. orders to eliminate all its chemical, biological and nuclear weapons or face attack.

Britain, which already has a naval task force headed toward the Gulf, said today it will send a land force of 26,000 troops to the region.

Pioneer Park waiting for approval

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

The long-awaited Pioneer Park project may go up for bid this month or next, pending state approval of plans.

The park, which has been up to a \$600,000 project, has been scaled back to the base project, City Manager Ron Pickman said, but is designed so features can be added later. The project estimate is \$300,000, he said, of which the state will pay \$210,000, and the city \$90,000.

The park encompasses the area around the giant replica of the Vincent Van Gogh sunflower painting and the area across the street. It was born of a need for storm water ponds to prevent flooding from the runoff water from the south extension of Cherry Ave., completed in 2001.

Sunflowers USA Board member Marcia Golden said the organization has an easement on a small portion of land around the easel and will do some brick work in that area. That has to wait until the city's project is done, she said, and there is water and electricity available on the land.

"Our project is in the middle of theirs," Golden said.

As soon as Engineer Darin Neufeld at Evans, Bierly and Hutchinson is done with the plans, Pickman said, they will go to the state Department of Transportation for approval. When the state approves the plans, he said, the job will be up for bid.

Pickman said he would like to have the project finished by August. "It's been too long now," he said. "We would like to have done it a long time ago."

Very little money was collected from a donation drive, Pickman said, but there are some pledges which, if collected, will be used for add-ons. Between \$4,000 and



Plans are moving forward on Pioneer Park, which will include a hike and bike trail and basic landscaping at this entrance to Goodland along Cherry Ave. For now, the giant replica of a Vincent Van Gogh painting stands alone as the only attraction near the new section of the street.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily

\$5,000 has been paid, he said, and is in an endowment trust at one of the banks. That money can be used once the project is underway, Pickman said.

The Goodland Crime Stoppers are paying for a security fence along the west boundary, the city manager said. The Kansas Department of

Wildlife and Parks has pledged \$10,000, and the Goodland Kiwanis Club \$5,000, he said, to pay for a 24-foot gazebo.

The state and city will pay for the basic project, Pickman said, which will include a second dry pond to store storm water, a hike-and-bike trail, trees, shrubbery and lighting.

Plans for the park have included fountains, ponds, an ice rink, a pedestrian bridge, a Goodland sign, a raised planter, a picnic shelter, an information kiosk and bike racks.

Features that won't be paid for with the grant, Pickman said, may be added when money is available.

Chase on I-70 ends after car hits road spikes

By Darrel Pattillo

The Colby Free Press

A man driving an allegedly stolen car made a mistake Sunday when he chased a Kansas state trooper off the road east of Goodland.

The Florida man, Thomas Jacobs, 28, wound up in the Thomas County Jail and the car, it's tires flattened and fenders dented, was towed to Colby.

The trooper, John McMahon, said he had stopped to check on a car on the shoulder just after 11 a.m. The driver of a westbound Chrysler PT Cruiser failed to shift to the left lane, the trooper said, and he had to run to get out of his way.

McMahon gave chase, and the westbound driver took off.

"I literally had to run out of the way to avoid being struck by him," the trooper said. "I gave pursuit, which at times was over 100 miles per hour, and at mile marker 22 (east of Goodland), the suspect lost control of the vehicle at a roadblock



The Kansas Highway Patrol chased a Florida man, Thomas Jacobs, from Sherman County to the Levant I-70 exit Sunday morning, and using road spikes, disabled the PT Cruiser which had been stolen

in Missouri. Jacobs is being held in the Thomas County jail on warrants from Florida, as well as for stealing the vehicle in Missouri.

Photo by Darrel Pattillo/Colby Free Press

which had been set up by the KHP." McMahon said struck the vehicle

with the front right side of his patrol car, but the driver turned around and

fled back to the east on I-70. Troopers and Colby police set up another roadblock at the Levant exit. The driver avoided one set of road spikes, but couldn't avoid a second set, which flattened the tires of the Cruiser and forced him off of the Interstate.

McMahon said Jacobs surrendered and was taken by Colby Police to the jail. He said that traffic was light, and there was little risk to

the public during the chase.

Jacobs was charged with fleeing or eluding, reckless driving, criminal damage to property, obtaining control over property known to be stolen, driving while suspended, failure to maintain single lane and failure to yield to emergency vehicle. Jail officials said the car was reported stolen out of Missouri, and Jacobs was wanted there for felony stealing.

E-mail service hits a slowdown

Customers of the **nwkansas.com** Internet service probably noticed that e-mail service slowed to a crawl over the weekend.

The **nwkansas.com** server started bogging down about Wednesday, running as much as two days behind in delivering mail by Friday.

Efforts to fix the problems began Friday. Tom Betz, director of Internet services, and Evan Barnum, systems administrator, spent Friday afternoon, most of the day Saturday and part of the night trying to pinpoint the cause.

The system was stashing mail in it's database files, but fell woefully behind in dishing it out.

It took until Sunday to isolate an apparently faulty disk drive on the main server. After the drive was isolated, it took most of the day for the server to catch up. By midnight, though, it was no more than an hour

behind.

Over the weekend, customers say some messages come in at odd times, often a day or two late. Some messages were doubled up. Others may not have come through at all.

Steve Haynes, president of Nor'West Newspapers, said at least twice in the process, the server turned on itself and began rejecting the stored e-mails. Senders then got a message saying the address was not known, even though it was valid.

"We know this may cause our customers some problems," Haynes said. "For the most part, the sender just resent the message, so the mail was not lost. If it was unwanted spam, though, it likely won't come back."

As of Monday, the mail server was working as intended, with no delay. Barnum said there might be a few short outages later in the week

as he replaced the faulty drive and reconfigures the server.

Customers who are still having problems should call Betz at 785-899-2338.

Moran brings tour here Wednesday; to be at Western State Bank 8-9 a.m.

U.S. Rep. Jerry Moran will stop at the Western State Bank in Goodland from 8 to 9 a.m. Wednesday as a part of his seventh annual "Big First Listening Tour."

Each year since 1996, when he was first elected to Congress, Rep. Moran has traveled to all counties in the 1st District, holding a town-hall meeting in each. Moran says the tour gives people a chance to ask questions and give ideas on

national issues.

"With so many challenges in Washington, and such difficult times in Kansas, common-sense advice from the people of Kansas is more important than ever," the congressman said. "It is essential to my job in Congress that I hear the thoughts and concerns of the people I represent."

During the next few months, Moran will travel over 5,000 miles

and meet with thousands of citizens in courthouses, cafes and city halls while visiting all 69 counties in the Congressional district, including the newly added counties of Geary, Greenwood and Nemaha.

"It's an honor for me to continue the tradition of the tour, and I look forward to meeting with you when I am in your county," Moran said.

Students arrested for guns

By Michelle L. Hawkins

The Goodland Daily News

A security contractor made an unannounced search of Goodland High School Wednesday, and a canine search turned up two guns, marijuana, a knife and some shot-guns shells.

Two students were arrested and one was sent home for the day on Wednesday, while a third student was arrested on Thursday.

The school district employs the firm to make random searches for drugs, alcohol and explosives. An inspector with a search dog visited the high school on Wednesday and Thursday.

Goodland Superintendent, Marvin Selby said today school officials hadn't been told when the searches would take place, but knew they would be coming sometime in the school year. As the handler searched through the parking lot, Selby said, the dog indicated that three vehicles had suspicious items inside. In one, two handguns were found, while marijuana was found in another. In the vehicle of another student, shotgun shells were found, which are not illegal without a fire-arm, along with a hunting knife.

Selby said the inspector came back on Thursday to search a different part of the parking lot and found a shotgun and pellet pistol in the car of a fourth student.

School officials refused to release the names of those involved. However, names of juveniles are no longer protected under Kansas law. Other sources listed Gage Cloyd as having the two handguns in his ve-

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