

weather
report

78°

at noon



Today

•Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

Tomorrow

•Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

•Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 67 degrees
- Humidity 49 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds west 7 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.88 inches and steady
- Record High 101° (1952)
- Record Low 37° (1947)

Last 24 Hours*

High 87°
Low 55°
Precipitation .08

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: mostly cloudy with 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high mid 70s, low mid 50s, winds light and variable. Saturday: mostly cloudy, high lower 80s, low mid 50s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly clear becoming mostly cloudy, high mid 80s. Monday: partly cloudy, high upper 80s, low mid 50s. Tuesday: mostly cloudy, high near 90, low upper 50s. Wednesday: mostly clear, high lower 90s, low upper 50s. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$3.13 bushel
New Crop — \$2.99 bushel
Corn — \$2.47 bushel
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$2.20 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.76 bushel
Millet — \$6 hundredweight
New crop — \$5
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.45 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 44¢
New Crop — \$9.70 cwt.
NuSun — \$9.80 cwt.
NuSun new crop — \$10.08
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.
New crop — \$17/\$10 cwt.
Pinto beans — withdrawn
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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today

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Xpresso men
dance in tights

“Men in Tights” was a highlight of the Goodland High School Xpressos’ “Route 66” guest night on Saturday, May 24. The show choir’s boys did their impression of a chorus line. See photo on Page 3.

Events for everyone on Saturday

You can start early with breakfast in St. Francis, have lunch in Wallace and have a wide choice for dinner with all the activities in the area scheduled for Saturday.

•The 21st annual Stearman Fly-in will be Saturday and Sunday at the Cheyenne County Airport. Breakfast will be served both days, and Robert Grace of Grace Flying Service said hot air balloons will launch at sunrise on Saturday and Sunday, wind permitting.

Skydiving demonstrations and Stearman flights will take place throughout the day, he said. The fly-in ends Sunday after lunch.

Amelia Earhart impersonator Ann Birney will perform at 8 p.m. Saturday at the city park.

•The Goodland Elks will hold their annual Flag Day ceremony at 10 a.m. Saturday at Grant Junior High. It will include presentation of a U.S. flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol building. Music will be provided by Rusty Renner, an honor guard by the Girl Scouts, and Ben Waugh, Allan Alanis and Heidi Lawson will read their Americanism Essays.

•At 11 a.m., the Fort Wallace Museum in Wallace will hold a re-opening of the expanded and improved museum. There will be a barbecue at noon, and a fund raising dinner at the Clark Roubidoux House in Wallace.

In the afternoon, there will be a program at 1 p.m. with Amelia Earhart and Calamity Jane presented by history re-enactors Birney and Joyce Thierer. At 3 p.m., artist Jerry Thomas will unveil his new work “Get ‘em, Boys,” which portrays the Fort Wallace 7th Calvary battle of June 26, 1867.

•The Cruise to the Past Rod Run begins Friday night at Fike Park in Colby. Prairie Heritage Daze will be held at Fike Park beginning at 9 a.m. on Saturday.

A Show and Shine of more than 200 top-notch cars will be Saturday morning, and at the Heritage Daze there will be children’s activities and an outdoor craft show. An Early Prairie Iron Tractor Show will be part of the events, and at 3 p.m. there will be a free watermelon feed

•Thirty-six basketball teams, 350 kids and parents, descend on Goodland today for a Mid America Youth Basketball Tournament.

There will be so many teams and games, they’ll have to use both gyms in the Max Jones Fieldhouse, the Goodland High School gym and the Edson gym to get all the games in.

A team of seventh and eighth-grade girls from Goodland will compete. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit Project Gradua-



Summer fun is what Steever Water Park is all about, and Tuesday there was a good crowd enjoying the water (above). The slides were kept busy (below left), and Margoux Thomas and Braelyn Hoelting

(below right), both 4 and born on the same day next to each other in Colby, were having fun “painting” the rim of the pool with water.

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tion 2005. Spectators can buy tickets for one day or for the whole tournament.

The Goodland team, the Elite 8, will play five games Saturday, the Northwest Kansas Sparks from Colby at 11 a.m. in the high school gym, the Dundy County, Neb., team at 1 p.m. in the Edson gym, Burlington I at 4 p.m. in the Max Jones junior high gym, Burlington II at 6 p.m.

in the Max Jones main gym and St. Francis at 8 p.m. in the fieldhouse.

The first games of the tournament will be at 5 p.m. Friday, and Saturday and Sunday’s games will be scheduled in tournament brackets. Other teams are coming from Oberlin, Tribune, Sharon Springs, Weskan, Liberal, Garden City, Winona, Menlo, Syracuse, Grinnell, Leoti, and Quinter and Bethune and

Calhan, Colo.

•The Goodland Swim Team will host its first meet at the new water park on Saturday. Teams from St. Francis, Colby, Oakley and Oberlin and Burlington, Holyoke, Limon and Wray, Colo., along with mothers, brothers and sisters, aunts and cousins, will swarm into town.

The opening flag ceremony will be at 8 a.m. and the meet will con-

tinue through the day. The pool will be closed for public swimming.

•Sherman County Speedway will hold its fourth race night of the season Saturday beginning at 6:30 p.m. The gates will open at 3 p.m., and practice laps will begin at 5:30 p.m.

•The Goodland K-18 baseball team will be on the road Saturday in Imperial, Neb., to play Imperial and Wray, Colo.

Board raises pay for all substitutes

By Tom Betz

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Substitute teachers are hard to find, and the Goodland School Board approved a raise of \$10 per day Monday to try to keep those the district has been using.

“I am not sure a raise will help that much,” Superintendent Marvin Selby told the board Monday, “and it is hard to find substitutes, but we have some good ones and this might help keep them.”

The board unanimously approved raising the substitute pay for the next school year from \$60 a day to \$70 a day for those with an emergency certificate, and from \$70 to \$80 for those with a full teaching certificate.

Board member Kathy Russell asked if there was as restriction on how many days a person with an emergency certificate can substitute, and Selby said there used to be tougher restrictions. He said the limit now is 90 days per semester for those with the emergency certificate.

The board reviewed the financial status of the district. Selby said the transportation fund was \$87,000 in the hole, and he would recommend a transfer at the next meeting to cover this.

“This includes the two busses we bought,” Selby said. “The costs were less than last year and included the new Suburban.”

He said the district in-service training fund will be zeroed out this year, and that next year each building will have money for training in their budget.

“We should be able to pay everyone without a deficit,” Selby said.

Teachers can request their summer check in one lump, and Selby said there was some concern that with the delay in the state money this might make it questionable as to whether there was enough cash to make the payroll. However, he said it appears they will be able to make the payroll with the cash available.

“We are not a rich district,” Board President Dick Short said, “but we have a well managed school district.”

The board approved checks totaling \$62,985, and a transfer from the local option budget of \$16,500 to the food service budget.

Selby handed out enrollment charts that showed that over the year the district enrollment went from 1,055 in September to 1,021 in May.

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Fire investigation continues



Investigation continued today into a fire at 1606 Texas which was reported at 4:52 a.m. on Wednesday. The house apparently caught fire when paint cans in a nearby pickup owned by Mastec began to explode. The house was severely damaged before the fire was brought under control. The house, owned by Marilyn Bohl, was being rented by three Mastec employees. A state fire investigator from Salina was called in by Chief Ray Smee and Fire Chief Dean Jensen.

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