

weather report

98° at noon

Today

•Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Tomorrow

•Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

•Sunset, 8:13 p.m.

Midday Conditions

•Soil Temperature 81 degrees

•Humidity 17 percent

•Sky mostly sunny

•Winds north 21-26 m.p.h.

•Barometer 30.01 inches and rising

•Record High 107° (1952)

•Record Low 41° (2001)

Last 24 Hours*

High 100°

Low 61°

Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: mostly sunny with 20 percent chance of thunderstorms until midnight, high lower 90s, low lower 60s. Wednesday: mostly sunny, high upper 90s, low mid 60s.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly clear, high near 100. Friday: mostly clear, high upper 90s, low lower 60s. Friday: mostly clear, high upper 90s, low lower 60s. Saturday: mostly clear, high upper 90s, low lower 60s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.71 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.52

Loan deficiency pmt. — 19¢

Corn — \$2.19 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.14

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.83 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.62 bushel

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$4.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.10 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 59¢

NuSun — \$9.35 cwt.

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Pinto beans — withdrawn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.)

inside today

More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News

B-17 a piece of air history

Rachel Smith of Oakley, daughter of Dave and Sheila Smith of Goodland, had a chance to take a special flight in a B-17 bomber, the Aluminum Overcast, one of the few of these that continue to fly. See story and photos on Page 3.

City manager saves woman's life

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News

A cry for help on the Sugar Hill Golf course brought City Manager Ron Pickman to where Bonnie Hawks had collapsed on the 7th green.

Her husband Dale said they were playing a round on Sunday morning, June 30. Hawks had reached down to mark her ball, said, "Oh, my God," and collapsed.

"He saved my life," Hawks said. "I doubt I would have made it without his efforts. He doesn't like to hear it, but he is my hero."

"His action is a good advertisement for having the cardiopulmo-



Pickman

nary resuscitation training."

Pickman said he was making his second or third shot on the first fairway when he heard the call for help from the nearby green.

"When I got there," Pickman, a former Goodland police chief, said, "she was on the ground. She was not breathing and there was no pulse. I started CPR, and the emergency training just kicked in."

He continued the life-saving ef-

forts until the ambulance, with Steve Evert and Bruce Gleason, arrived to take over.

"I don't know how long I was at it," Pickman said. "I was glad to be in the right place at the right time and could help."

Pickman said Hawks responded to his efforts once before the ambulance got to the scene and started to breath on her own, but then she went into cardiac arrest and he kept the CPR going.

Dale Hawks said Jerry Fairbanks, in-house counsel for First National Bank, was there and used his cell phone to call 911, and to call the clubhouse. Dr. Mohedine Shafei, of

Rural Health Ventures, was playing golf on another part of the course, and came to the scene before the ambulance arrived.

Once the ambulance arrived, they used a portable defibrillator to get Hawks' heart going and got her stabilized.

She was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center and then flown to Porter Adventist Hospital in Littleton, Colo.

"It was one year to the day from when I had congestive heart disease," she said Sunday in a phone interview. "I have been home for a week, and am feeling much better. I am thankful to those who helped

save my life.

"I think this is a good reminder of why everyone should know how to do CPR."

Pickman said he has been checking on Hawks to see how she is doing, and is glad she has recovered.

"I have had several people tell me they are going to look into taking a CPR course," he said. "You never know how you will react in such a situation, but I was glad I had the training and could help."

"I am glad to be back," Hawks said.

"I saw her out on the golf course Sunday afternoon," Pickman said. "It was good to see her back out."

Student-built house has special features

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News

Curved ceilings and lots of woodwork are among the features of the three-bedroom house students of the Northwest Kansas Technical College were showing off Sunday afternoon.

This is the 39th year college students have built home, and it will be sold at public auction on July 26.

Robert Woodrow, carpentry instructor, was showing people through the house along with college President Ken Clouse. Carpentry students Kaylon Jantz of Syracuse and Brett Bittel of Hays had volunteered to help answer questions about the house they had helped build.

Both students will be graduating and Friday will be their last day. They said they were going home to begin their carpentry careers.

"I have a few jobs lined up," Jantz said. "I think most of us are going home to get started. It is easier be-

cause the people know you and they know you have gone to school for the skills.

"I plan to start there and work my way up."

State Rep. Tom Sloan of Lawrence made a special trip to see the house.

"I am the head of the Higher Education Committee," Sloan said, "and if I expect the college and university people to do certain things, I figured I needed to know what they are doing."

Clouse took Sloan on a tour through the house and then took him on a tour of the rest of the campus.

Sloan talked to the two students about their education, and they told him about the work they had done on the house.

The 1,600-square-foot house features a large living room and adjoining dining room. The roomy kitchen has custom oak cabinetry, and the pantry has a canned good storage which features interchangeable

"lazy susan" shelving.

The house has three bedrooms with closets, and the master bedroom includes a private bath and a walk-in closet.

The open house was from 1 to 4, and there was a pretty steady stream of people Sunday afternoon.

Woodrow said each of the 15 students who worked on the house had different tasks, and were involved in the design decisions as the house was developed and as it was built.

The sale will be held at the house site at 10 a.m. on Saturday, July 26 with broker Terry Richardson handling the auction.

If anyone missed the open house, they can drop by this week as the students will be doing finishing work and painting the outside, Woodrow said.

Contact the college business office at 785-899-3641 for information or log on to www.nwktc.org to view building specifications and plans.

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Wichita County horse confirmed West Nile case

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment confirmed Wednesday that a horse from Wichita County is the third report of the West Nile virus in the state this year, and the first involving a horse.

Health Department spokesperson Sharon Watson said the horse, which had not been vaccinated, is recovering at the Sourk Veterinary Clinic in Scott City and being treated by veterinarian Corbin Stevens.

A blue jay from Shawnee County confirmed on June 27, and a mosquito pool in Crawford County was con-

firmed to have the virus on May 28.

The Center for Disease Control in Atlanta lists positive West Nile Virus results this year from bird, mosquitoes or horses in 30 states, and positive human cases in Texas and South Carolina.

Kansas State University has a contract with the state to perform West Nile testing this year on birds and horses. No human cases of West Nile Virus have been reported so far.

Public health officials recommend precautions to minimize contact with mosquitoes and exposure to West Nile Virus:

- Use insect repellent containing DEET (according to label directions).
 - Limit outdoor activities during dawn/dusk when mosquitoes are most active.
 - Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants when outdoors.
 - Eliminate any stagnant pools of water on your property. Standing, stagnant water is a common habitat for mosquitoes.
 - Repair screens or other areas where mosquitoes might enter.
- West Nile virus is primarily a disease of birds that is transmitted by

mosquitoes on to other birds, horses and humans. Last year, Kansas had 22 human cases with no fatalities, and 794 cases involving horses and mules. More than 300 birds were tested. One hundred three of the 105 Kansas counties reported having the virus in either humans, horses, birds, or mosquitoes.

West Nile virus can cause severe illness, even death in rare cases, most people who become infected will never know they had the virus, because the disease usually produces few symptoms or health complications in humans.

Symptoms are usually mild and include fever, headache, and body aches, occasionally with a skin rash on the trunk of the body and swollen lymph glands. The symptoms of severe infection (West Nile encephalitis or meningitis) include headache, high fever, neck stiffness, stupor, disorientation, coma, tremors, convulsions, muscle weakness and paralysis.

The state will closely monitor potential cases of West Nile Virus throughout the summer. A toll-free hotline has been set to report dead birds at 1-866-452-7810.

Superintendent wants to have police officer for district

School Superintendent Marvin Selby reported on a workshop he attended during the first school board meeting of the 2003-2004 school year held Monday, July 7, at the district office.

The conference, in Alexandria, Va., main focus was finding ways to keep consistency in the classroom and ways to keep children off drugs and out of trouble. The main event dealt with police officers, known as resource officers, stationed at schools.

Selby said he would like to look for a grant for a resource officer in this district.

Selby also gave an update on the reroofing project at the high school.

"Great progress has been made over the vocal room," he said. "The company working on the roof hopes to be done with part of the science wing and west side before Aug. 15. They have been working from 6 a.m. until well after 4:30 p.m., and with that determination, I think they will reach their goal."

The board decided the price of school lunches will remain the same as last year. Elementary students will pay 75¢ for breakfast, with lunch set at \$1.35. Junior high students in grades 7-8 grades will pay 80¢ and \$1.45, while high schools students will pay 80¢ and \$1.50. Adult prices will be \$1.15 for breakfast and \$2.50 for lunch.

An 1,116-hour calendar was adopted for the upcoming school year. *The Goodland Star-News* will remain the official district newspaper.

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