

weather
report

93°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 8:00 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:47 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:59 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 74 degrees

• Humidity 29 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds south 11 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.03 inches
and steady

• Record High 107° (1938)

• Record Low 45° (1995)

Last 24 Hours*

High 87°

Low 55°

Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms through early morning, high lower 90s, low lower 60s, winds east 15 m.p.h. Saturday: partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms mainly in the evening, high near 90, low lower 60s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high mid 90s. Monday: partly cloudy with slight chance of showers at night.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.97 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.86

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.12 bushel

New crop — \$1.94 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.95

Loan deficiency pmt. — 1¢

Milo — \$1.76 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.93 bushel

Millet — \$0.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.50 cwt.

NuSun — \$8.75 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 92¢

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Pinto beans — Withdrawn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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Shores wants
to be reporter

Andrew Shores practiced his piano solo for an upcoming performance. Shores had to make a video of clips showing his talents and interests for the second phase of the contest to be a *Time for Kids* reporter. See story and photos on Page 10.

Shorts to lead fair parade Saturday

By Shannon Davidson

The Goodland Star-News

Dick and Sarah Short will lead the line down Main Street as marshals of this year's Northwest Kansas District Free Fair Parade at 6 p.m. on Saturday.

The Shorts were chosen from about a dozen nominations, fair officials said. He is the long-time president of the Goodland School Board; she is the home economics teacher at Goodland High School.

"We are not sure who nominated them," said Jan Lohr, Sherman County 4-H Ambassadors leader. "We received 10-12 nominations this year, and the Shorts were chosen because they both have had many years of community involvement and leadership."

"It is an honor to think we were chosen this year out of all the Goodland citizens, it really was a surprise," Sarah said.

Dick Short, a life long Goodland resident, married Sarah in 1969, and she has lived in Goodland ever since. Dick's parents came to Goodland and in 1929 and started a truck-



Dick and Sara Short

ing business in 1934. He said he remembers attending the parade and fair as a kid and having lots of fun. He said he never participated in 4-H but he was a Boy Scout.

The Shorts said they took their three children to the parade while

they were growing up.

"Our kids were all a part of 4-H and did almost every activity you could think of," Sarah said. "The summers were busy with 4-H and sports activities. We enjoy doing anything we can to support the chil-

dren of the community."

They agree that helping children has always been a strong point of the community in Goodland.

Sarah has taught what is now called family and consumer science at Goodland High School for 27 years, taking six years off when the children were younger. This year, she was named FCCLA State Advisor of the Year. She recalls growing up in the 4-H program in Riley County and later being a leader in the Sherman County program.

This year, Dick is serving as president of the Kansas Association School Boards. He has served 21 years on the school board and nine consecutive years as president, along with three years in the 1980s.

Short and Son Trucking Co. has contributed to the livestock sale and the transportation of animals for the fair, along with having a truck in the parade for a long time.

The Short's children are all active in education and all graduated from Kansas State University. Daughter Amy is a middle school teacher and lives in Salina with her husband

Mike. Angie is a fourth-grade teacher and lives in Natoma with her husband Ben. Their son Andy recently graduated from Kansas State and is going to become a teacher.

The Shorts say they look at the parade as a way to get the community together.

"After the harvest, then the parade and fair are a chance to drop everything and come together," Dick said. "It is nice that the 4-H Ambassadors are putting on the parade this year."

"The hometown community needs to be congratulated for keeping the fair going. It is the people of Goodland that make the fair and parade happen."

The Shorts enjoy every booth at the fair. This year Sarah's students will have two booths and the PEO Sisterhood which she is a member of will also have a booth.

"It is a fun week," she said, "and we spend a lot of the time at the booths and visiting all the other attractions." "Goodland has been good to us," Dick added, "and we want to make sure we give something back."

A prize-winning feline



Cy Paxton, 8 1/2 showed, his 3-year-old cat to judges during the competition held at the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center as part of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. He is the son of Camron and Lisa Paxton of Goodland. The results will be

announced and plaques given out Thursday night at the fair. The main fair activities begin Saturday, with the dog show at 8:30 a.m. and the parade at 6 p.m. The fair will run through next Saturday.

Photo by Shannon Davidson/The Goodland Star-News

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Thomas County is among the five added Wednesday to the state list of counties in Kansas that have tested positive for West Nile Virus this year.

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment announced the addition of five counties — Ford, Jefferson, Nemaha, Stevens and Thomas — all because of positive tests from birds. That brings the statewide total to 21 counties, 17 with birds, one mosquito pool and three with positive tests on horses.

Due to the number of positives already collected, the state said, people in Ellis, Johnson, Reno, Riley, Russell and Shawnee counties shouldn't bother to send any more birds in.

Reports of dead birds from these counties may be added to the University of Kansas website for data purposes at: <http://www.nhm.ku.edu/birds>.

Friday, the health department announced more positive West Nile results had been confirmed. Two horses tested positive from Kearny and Woodson counties. In addition, birds tested positive that were collected from Comanche, Saline and

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Plan calls for county to buy bait

Sherman County commissioners took the first step Thursday morning to put a prairie dog control plan into effect beginning today.

The county plan was developed following a public discussion of the prairie dog problem July 24, in the county courtroom. A group of citizens from several townships volunteered to work with the commissioners and Daryl West, head of the county noxious weed department, which also handles prairie dog control.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede made a motion "to have the county cost share up to 75 percent of the cost of the prairie dog bait, not to exceed \$55,000 by Dec. 31."

He said the prairie dog control program would run from today until the end of December, and West should buy only as much bait as he needs.

"Any township money used for

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Traveling youth group helps out at thrift store

By Shannon Davidson

The Goodland Star-News

What do a toy singing hamster, miniature cowboy boots and nine young people have in common?

They are all part of a traveling Catholic youth group from Cheyenne, Wyo. Equipped with camping necessities, the spinning piece of a Twister game as a compass and lots of laughs, these young adults are out to make a difference in the world one random place at a time.

Their trip is scheduled to last a week, but they have no plan on how many places they will visit.

"We call it a spontaneous mission trip," said Sean Meenan one of the two youth ministry leaders on the trip. "We don't know where we are going next, or even where we are going to sleep."

They left Cheyenne on Monday morning, stopped in Greeley and Yuma, Colo., and kept going south east.

They landed in Goodland for lunch, went to the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and saw in last week's bulletin notice that the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop was looking for volunteers to help sort out the boxes in the back storage room.

"We are very grateful to have their help," said LaVaughn Becker, the thrift shop's treasurer. "God works



A Catholic youth group from Cheyenne, Wyo., came to Goodland on a spontaneous mission trip. They helped the Goodland Churches Thrift Shop sort through donations on one stop of their trip.

Photo by Shannon Davidson/The Goodland Star-News

in mysterious ways, like the fact that they read last week's bulletin and not this week's.

"We thought we got a handle on the back room last Friday, and over the weekend, the room was full again."

Box after box of clothes and other household items had been sorted though in 45 minutes, with laughter and conversation filling the air as the

young missionaries worked.

The group said they plan on collecting random items from each place they visit to put on the dashboard as a memorial to that town and the work they did. They will take the small porcelain pair of cowboy boots they found in one box as their reminder of Goodland.

"Meeting random people and helping them out," has been the

highlight of the start of the trip for Riana Perez.

The group said their main mission for the trip was to help a community any way they could and attend Mass at each location. Goodland was grateful for the help, and wherever the Twister board needle takes them surely, the next community surely will be equally grateful to meet such a nice group of people.