

weather report

79°



noon Monday

Today

•Sunset, 7:53 p.m.

Wednesday

•Sunrise, 5:33 a.m.

•Sunset, 7:54 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 74 degrees
- Humidity 40 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds north at 10 mph
- Barometer 29.82 inches and rising
- Record High today 94° (1936)
- Record Low today 24° (1907)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	87°
Low Monday	57°
Precipitation	—
This month	tr
Year to date	5.65
Above normal	.77 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, with a high near 67, low around 44.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high near 68, low around 46. Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near 74, low around 47. Friday: Partly cloudy, high near 80, low around 50. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high around 80, low around 52. Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, partly cloudy, high near 82.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.47 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.03
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Corn — \$3.56 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.60
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Milo — \$3.26 bushel
- Soybeans — \$6.65 bushel
- Posted county price — \$6.75
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- NuSun crop — \$16.20
- Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
- (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Jump wins senior silver

Cowboy senior Nick Angelos took the silver in the high jump at the Northwest Kansas League track meet Friday in Goodland, leaping 5 feet, 8 inches. See photos, story on Page 12.

Dogs sniff nothing at high school

By Tom Betz

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A surprise search of the Goodland High School and a nearby street with three drug dogs on Wednesday turned up nothing, Police Chief Ray Smee said Friday.

"I walked into (Principal) Harvey Swager's office at 1 p.m. and told him the dogs were here and to lock down the school," Smee said. "I had talked to Swager earlier in the year and said we could do a dog search, and said it would be a complete surprise when we did it. He had agreed.

"He was eating lunch when I walked in." Swager said he was proud the dogs did not find anything, and felt it had been a great exercise.

"It will keep the kids on their toes," Smee quoted him as saying.

For three years, Swager said, the school district has contracted with a drug and firearms search company from Oklahoma, which does unannounced searches with dogs twice a year. When the private company comes, he added, they bring one dog and can only do a section of the school. He said nothing illegal has been found in the past year when the dogs have been to the school.

"It was nice to have the co-operation of the police department," Swager said, "and it is good to have a good relationship with the police. I am glad they did not find anything."

This was the first time the police had done a surprise search with the number of dogs.

"I didn't tell anyone," Smee said. "I wanted it to be a surprise. There was a drug dog convention in Colby Monday through Wednesday, and I worked with Bobby Herron, the

Colby Police dog handler, to arrange to have some of the dogs come over to do the search.

"We had two dogs from Newton and one from the Saline County Sheriff's Department. We held Herron's dog in reserve in case any of the other dogs had a hit on something suspicious, but there was nothing found."

Smee said it took about an hour for the dogs to go through the high school and he had a handler walk one dog walk down a nearby street where some of the students park off school district property.

"I was pleased the dogs did not find anything," Smee said. "I hope it means the kids are paying attention, and that maybe we are seeing a drop in the use of drugs in our community."

Smee said Doug Murphy, coordinator of the Quad Counties Drug Taskforce, came over to

assist with the search, and he had two of Goodland Police officers help as well.

Under state law, the police can be invited to conduct a search, Swager said.

"We had a teacher or an administrator accompany each dog in case the dog got a hit," he said, adding that the school representative has the right to conduct a search where a dog indicates something. He said if the police did the search, they would have to get a warrant, but the school administration do not have to wait on school property.

Swager added that if a search by a school representative turned up anything illegal, the evidence would be turned over to the police.

"I hope in the future we are able to organize it again a couple times in the school year," Swager said. "It would be good for us, anyway."

Boy enjoys riding with deputy

By Pat Schiefen

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A Goodland kindergartener got to ride with a Sherman County sheriff's deputy last week and see how the lights, siren and radio in his patrol car work.

Zachary Hunter, 5-year-old son of Bruce Hunter and Wendy Hunter, rode with Deputy Jason Showalter for about half an hour last Monday.

"I was thinking about being a policeman when I grow up," Zachary said.

His father said he talked to Sheriff Kevin Butts to arrange the ride along.

"It was wonderful, and Zach was smiling from ear to ear," the sheriff said. "I encourage people, especially young people, to call and arrange for a tour of the jail or a ride along. We try to do ride alongs when more than one officer is on duty."

A highlight of the adventure, Zachary said, was when they met up with Goodland Police Officer Cary Amos.

"I thanked the officer for the ride," he said. "I want to do it again."

Zachary said he is looking forward to going to first grade at West Elementary School next year.



Five-year-old Zachary Hunter gave thumbs up as he got ready to ride with Sheriff's Deputy Jason Showalter. Riding with a deputy gives kids an idea of what the officers do, said Zachary's father Bruce. Photo by Bruce Hunter

High school to graduate 68 this Saturday

By Pat Schiefen

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Sixty-eight seniors will have the chance to reach one of life's goal posts during Goodland High School graduation at 2 p.m., Saturday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

This year's speaker is Professor Bill Havice, who passed the same milestone 34 years ago, in 1973.

The Outstanding Educator Award will be presented, foreign exchange students honored, scholarship winners announced, and of course, the valedictorian and salutatorian will address their classmates, parents and community.

Havice was in the top 25 percent of his class and lettered in three sports, football, wrestling and track, for three years. He was a member of the 1972 state championship wrestling team. He attended Fort Hays State University, earning a Bachelor of Science in 1977 and Master of Science in Education in 1979.

Havice was a member of the Tiger wrestling team



Havice

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Tech College to graduate 151 on Friday

Commencement for 151 graduates of the Northwest Kansas Technical College will be at 1:30 p.m. Friday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

State Sen. Janis K. Lee, a Kensington Democrat, will speak, and the Student of the Year and National Technical Honor Society inductees will be announced.

Graduates receiving Associates of Applied Science Degrees and those earning Technical Certificates will be honored. Sen. Lee attended Kansas State

University, graduating with honors in 1970.

She was elected to the Kansas Senate in November of 1988 and represents the nine counties of the 36th Senatorial District, directly east of the 18-county northwest Kansas 40th district.

She serves as chair of the Use Value Advisory Committee for the Kansas Department of Revenue and on other committees including Assessment and Taxation; Education; Utilities; Natural Resources;

Agriculture; Capitol Restoration; Joint Interim Committee on Internet Technology; and the Family Law Advisory Committee.

Lee received the Kansas Farm Bureau Distinguished Service to Agriculture Award and the Kansas Agribusiness Association Jim Widrig Award for Legislative Achievement in 2002.

She was appointed by the governor and Legislature to the Special Technical Education Commission.

At home, she is involved in the family farm operation. Her husband Lyn also is a computer programmer for F&A Food Sales.

Their three children, David, Brian, and Daniel, are college graduates.

Included in the graduating class are 24 from Goodland: Brenda Welch, receiving a certificate in Auto Technology; Abby Martin, associate's degree in Business Technology; Heather Bryce, Jill Corcoran, Marty Cress and Shanail Stewart, certificates in Business Technology; Julian Walls, certificate in Carpentry; Jedediah Snetten, associate's in Computer Graphics; Angie DeLano and Tyler Selbe, certificates in Computer Graphics; Katie Baird, Brittney Espinoza,

Shasta Dawn Potterf and T. Weiss, certificates in Cosmetology; Heath Mannis, associate's in Diesel Technology; Troy Laughlin, associate's in Electrical Technology; Timothy Scott Matheson, II, certificate in Electronics and Computer Technology; Pablo Hernandez, associate's in Engineering Technology; Chantel Thornburg, certificate in Engineering Technology; Garrett Lee Smith, certificate in Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; and Sara Diane Ayers, Amber Galiardo, Servando Hernandez and Leandra Johnson, certificates in Medical Assistant.

Slice of Life event theme to be 'stars'

By Sharon Corcoran

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They're rolling out the red carpet for a gala event, with a Hollywood theme for this year's Slice of Life benefit auction, "A Walk With the Stars."

The event will be the "Academy Awards" of rural health care, said Brenda McCants, director of marketing and volunteer services at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

McCants said theme was chosen in honor of Scott McPhail, a film maker and actor with DreamWorks and longtime Slice supporter, who is this year's honorary chairman.

McPhail will be bringing Hollywood to Goodland, McCants said, celebrity guests representing the film industry.

"We'll have the red carpet and all. It will be Oscar night in Goodland, but for a good cause," she said, adding that it'll also be a chance to dress

up or dress Hollywood-style.

Autograph and photo opportunities will be available all weekend, McCants said. The auction, sponsored by the Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation, will begin at 6 p.m. Saturday, June 23, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

Admission is \$35 for those not participating in the golf tournament, she said. Some items will be sold in a live auction and others in a silent auction.

The tournament will begin at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, June 24, at the Sugar Hills Golf Club. Entries fees are \$130 per person or \$390 per team. Three-person teams will be sorted into flights after playing. Teams of men will be sorted into "Acute" and "Chronic," based on score, with "Acute" being the top flight. There will be three winners in each. Mixed teams will be in "Malingering" with

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Intersection nearly finished



A crew from Midland Contractors of Great Bend worked on corners at 17th Street and Main on Friday. The last strip of concrete for the street was poured Monday. Traffic will be able to go east and west by the end of the week, said Darin Neufeld of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, and turn onto Main by next Monday. The section of 17th in front of the Antique Warehouse and Hank's Cafe is open. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News