

weather report

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noon
Thursday



Today

• Sunset, 7:43 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:45 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:43 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 61 degrees
- Humidity 68 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds northwest 18 mph
- Barometer 29.51 inches and rising
- Record High today 94° (1965)
- Record Low today 23° (1967)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	88°
Low Wednesday	42°
Precipitation	trace
This month	none
Year to date	2.04
Below normal	1.54 inches

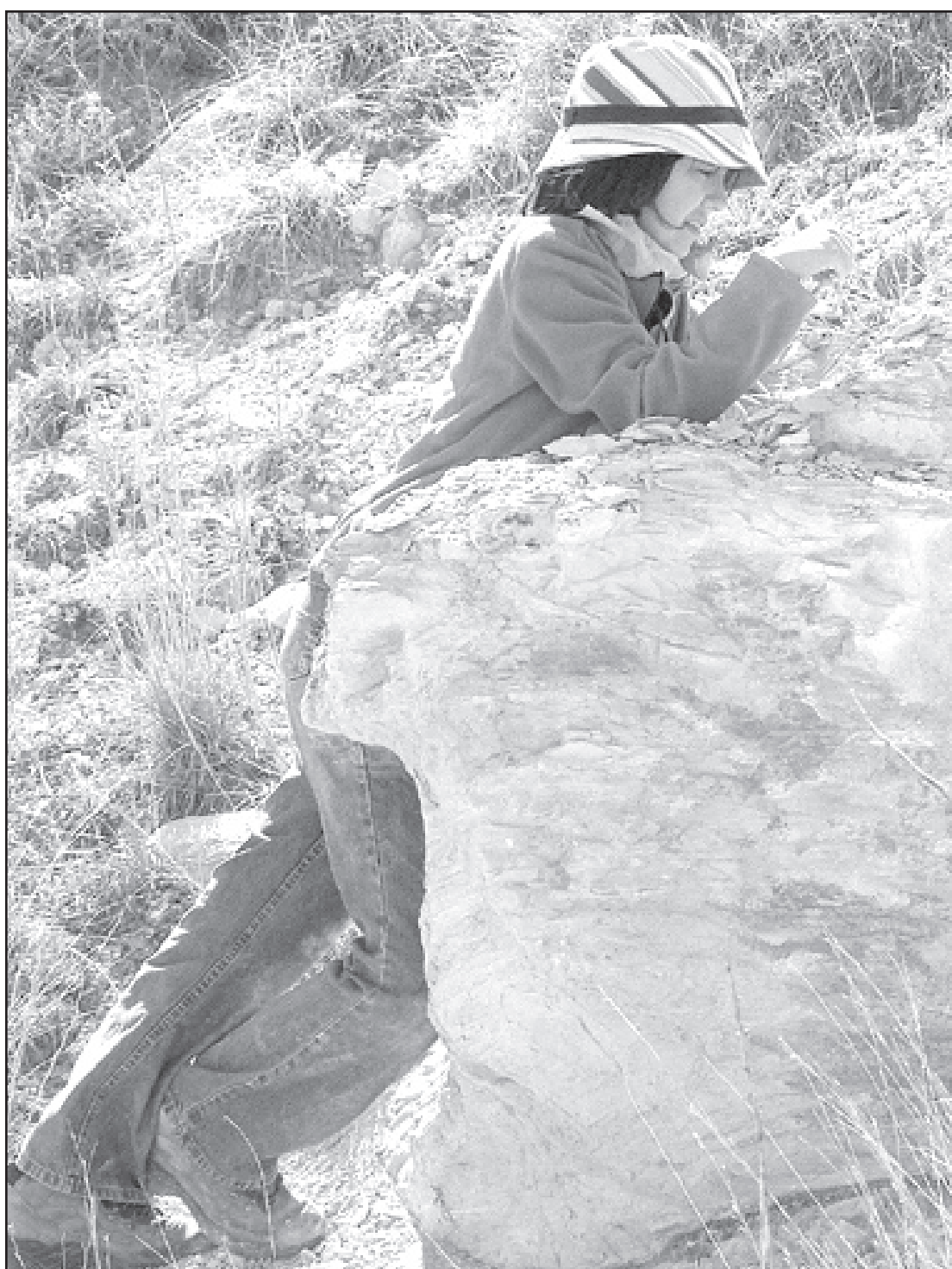
The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers, windy with winds from the northwest at 25 to 50 mph, high near 47 and a low around 32. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 58, winds out of the north at 10-15 mph and a low around 35.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 72 and a low around 42. Monday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Fossil hunters



Raquel Tomsic leaned into the cliff side while she looked for fossils during the fifth-grade Outdoor Education trip to the Smoky Hill River region south of Russell Springs on Friday. See story and more photos on Page 9.
Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

County waives fees for cleanup

By Tom Betz

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The fourth annual citywide cleanup is a week away, but the Goodland Chamber of Commerce and Sherman County commissioners worked out a way Tuesday to extend, the effort allowing people to start on Saturday.

Andi Nelson, Chamber office manager, asked the commissioners to waive fees at the transfer station. She also asked if the cleanup could be extended to give people time to take their trash and debris to the station.

Commissioners Mitch Tiede and Chuck Thomas agreed to waive most of the fees at the transfer station for the cleanup on Saturday, May 10. Commissioner Kevin Rasure excused himself from the discussion because his wife Christie is on the Chamber's beautification committee.

Nelson said the extension would be to allow people to get a voucher from the Chamber to haul trash to the transfer station a week ahead of the actual cleanup day and a week after.

She said because it is a busy time of year, some people may be here for the cleanup day, but if there was a way to extend the cleanup, those people could take their loads to the transfer station some other day.

"I can see your point," Tiede said.

"It is one day and it can be chaos," said Thomas. "What if we did it starting on Saturday, May 3, through Sunday, May 18, to catch the weekends."

"That is what people have time for," Tiede said.

Tiede asked if the people would have to come to the Chamber office

to get a voucher.

Nelson said she would be available at the office at 106 E. 11th during the week, and would consider being available for a few hours on Saturday to get people the vouchers.

She said the voucher would be for homeowners, not contractors.

"If they pull into the transfer station without a voucher, they will get charged," Thomas said.

Tiede noted that with the tubs for electronic devices, there are few things that homeowners are charged for at the transfer station. He said they are charged for concrete and for tires, but not for trees or metal.

Nelson said she has been talking to the people who are calling in for the cleanup day and telling them the stuff has to be out on the curb. She said in some cases where the people are unable to carry the trash to the curb, arrangements can be made to help haul it out.

"On the day of the cleanup, everyone will have a tag on their vehicle," she said. "If someone has a pickup load, we will give them a tag and send them to the transfer station. They know they have to separate the materials."

She asked the commissioners if they would waive the fees on tires and accept them during the cleanup.

"I would rather do metal and bikes," Tiede said. "Tires get really expensive."

Thomas agreed. The two commissioners decided they would not waive the fees on tires this year.

Nelson said she was also asking for the county help with a loader and volunteers. Tiede told Nelson to talk

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local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$7.85 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.90
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Corn — \$5.66 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.68
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Milo — \$5.26 bushel
- Soybeans — \$12.28 bushel
- Posted county price — \$12.03
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

Planning begins for annual July Freedom Fest

By Tom Betz

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The entertainment has been lined up for the annual Fourth of July Freedom Fest, chairman Brad Schields told Sherman County commissioners Tuesday, and a drive to raise money for the fireworks will begin today.

Schields said the fireworks show last year cost \$5,000, and he is hoping to raise enough to get it back up to the \$7,000 level of the past years.

He said the 4-H Junior Leaders will have a food booth to raise money and the carnival rides will be open with \$5 wristbands. He said the Goodland Rotary Club plans a free watermelon feed as part of the evening.

"We don't have to raise money for the program this year," Schields said, "but we do need to raise money for the fireworks. We had to cut down some last year, and we got

some checks after the July 4 program to help with this year.

"We got some complaints about how short it was. It was not really shorter, but a lot of the fireworks went off all at once, making it seem shorter."

He said the entertainment this year will be the band Piece of Eight and other local talent.

"We have had people tell us how good a program it is," he said, "and that some have heard about it and have stopped while driving through."

"I am here to ask for help with the fireworks."

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked how much the city had given. Schields said he has not been to the city, but was told they had \$500 in the budget.

"Right now we have about \$2,800 for fire-

works," he said. "The county gave \$1,500 two years ago and \$500 last year."

Schields said a mass mailing was going out Tuesday to ask for donations, and letters have been sent to the community organizations asking for their help. He said he was told that the Economic Development Council and Chamber have a little money in their budgets to help with the fireworks.

"I agree it is a good deal," Commissioner Mitch Tiede said, "especially with it being on a Friday this year."

Schields said the carnival raised \$7,000 during the Freedom Fest last year, and that was the most they had ever done.

"That is a lot of wristbands at \$5 a piece," he said.

Tiede made a motion to donate \$1,000 to the fireworks that passed unanimously.

On a related matter, Schields thanked the

commissioners for the new road out to the carnival building. He said someone is donating some light poles to go along the trees on the north side, and they hope to get them up soon.

He said the carnival will have two new rides this year. One is small train ride that mounts on the ground. He said Brad Schick had to find some parts for it from France.

He said the other ride — a round-up ride — has finally arrived and is in position. He said the group bought in Atlanta last year and the guy moving it said it would take him some time to get it to Goodland.

"It was in Chicago for a month and a half," Schields said. "I finally called him and said the committee was getting nervous. He had to cut some supports to get it out because it was frozen to the ground."

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Board agrees 10 can attend tech college

By Pat Schiefen

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Ten Goodland High students will be attending classes at the Northwest Kansas Technical College either full or part time next year after the Goodland School Board gave the OK at a regular meeting Monday night.

The district and the college have been working together to offer this program to students, said Superintendent Shelly Angelos. The students need to keep up their course work to finish high school as well as the courses from the college.

Principal Sharon Gregory said four students would go to the college full time and six part time. All will be juniors and seniors next year, she said, and the juniors would only go a half day.

"Not everyone was accepted who applied," Gregory said. "They had to be on track to graduate, pass an interview, have adequate attendance and recommendations from one instructor and an outside person."

Board President Dick Short asked the parents of the students in the audience if they approved and asked the students how it would be to their advantage.

Sophomore Corbin Townsend said the diesel technology program would help him to get closer

The final piece



Workers from Miller Construction poured the final piece of the new section of Enterprise Road that runs from McDonald's to the intersection at 25th Street in front of the Conoco Travel Shoppe, owned by Service Oil. The street should be open by the middle of next week, said Rich Simon, city public work director. Miller is ready to

begin the concrete extensions at Eighth and Caldwell, which will close the street in one direction for a week to 10 days at a time. Venture Construction of Great Bend has closed County Road 65 west of K-27 to through traffic to begin base work on that project.

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Junior high hosts meets

Alex Nelson handed off the baton to Josh Whisnant in the second hand off of the seventh grade boys 4x200 relay Saturday at the Goodland High School track. They finished third. See photo and story on Page 11.

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