

weather report

46°
noon
Tuesday



Today

- Sunset, 8:04 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:24 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:05 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 57 degrees
- Humidity 93 percent
- Sky cloudy with fog and drizzle
- Winds north 13 mph
- Barometer 30.21 inches and rising

- Record High today 99° (2006)
- Record Low today 29° (1950)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Monday 62°
- Low Monday 48°
- Precipitation .04
- This month 1.15
- Year to date 3.19
- Below normal 3.25 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Cloudy with periods of drizzle with a high near 59, winds out of the north at 15 mph and a low around 44. Wednesday: Partly sunny with a high near 73, winds out of the north at 5 to 15 mph becoming southeasterly and a low around 54.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 88, winds breezy out of the south at 15 to 20 mph and a low around 62. Friday: A chance of rain. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$7.49 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.19
- Corn — \$5.52 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.47
- Milo — \$5.10 bushel
- Soybeans — \$12.10 bushel
- Posted county price — \$12.64
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
- Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Cowboy first in 4A discus

Goodland High senior T.J. Hawkins broke a school record and won regional at Colby to qualify for state competition in the discus and won the state meet Saturday in Wichita. See story, photo on Page 10.

Crowd honors fallen soldiers

By Tom Betz

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Gray skies and a stiff west wind did not keep people away from the annual Memorial Day service at the Goodland Cemetery, with about 200 turning out to salute those who have served in the American armed forces.

Members of the Goodland American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary participated in the program. Earlier in the morning, volunteers had placed about 700 flags on veterans' graves.

The Rev. Chet Ross, a retired Air Force chaplain, told the crowd that Memorial Day is dedicated to those who have served

and are serving around the world.

He said as a young man, he traveled to New York and saw the Statue of Liberty, and that was a profound experience for him.

"Memorial Day is more than a day to honor those who have served and died," he said. "It has become a day when we honor all of our friends and family who have died."

He said it was a good time to remember those who have served in past wars and are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan today.

VFW Post Commander Bill Selby read the names of 17 are veterans who died over the past



Chet Ross

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Dani Mangus (right), accompanied by brother Devin (left), sang God Bless America at the Goodland Memorial Day service. Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



Flags and flowers decorated graves of veterans and many others at the Goodland Cemetery on Monday for Memorial Day.

Teen plans run for Children's Hospital

By Sharon Corcoran

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If you get winded running up a flight of stairs, you might think he's crazy, but a St. Francis teen plans to run more than 70 miles to raise money for kids with cancer and heart problems.

Robert James Herman III, 15, befriended kids at Children's Hospital in Denver while he was fighting for his life. Now that he is better, he wants to do something to help them and raise awareness of what children with health problems go through and what they are capable of.

Robbie says he plans to run from the park at the Cheyenne County Courthouse in St. Fran-

cis to Gulick Park by the Sherman County Courthouse and then back to St. Francis on Wednesday, June 4.

He's looking for some runners to join him, at least part of the way, and for sponsorships and donations. Call him at (785) 332-2543 or send donations to 320 Webster, St. Francis, Kan. 67756.

When he was in the fifth grade, he said, he went to a Boy Scout camp in Kiowa, where he found a tick on his stomach and was bitten by a mosquito. After he got home, said his mother Jeanie Herman, he got really sick.

He started complaining he had a headache,

she said, and he had never had one before, so she took him to the emergency room at Cheyenne County Hospital. She said they told her to take him home, give him a couple of aspirin and come back if he's not better in the morning. Since he couldn't even hold his head up, she felt it was more serious than that, so she brought him to Goodland Regional Medical Center.

When he had a 104-degree fever and was vomiting, she said, and they couldn't get his fever to go down, she took him to the hospital in St. Francis again and got the same advice. She brought him to Goodland, and he was eventually diagnosed with West Nile Virus and Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever (which is transmitted by ticks.)

He also had a brain tumor and ended up having nine surgeries, Mrs. Herman said, the final one to put a shunt in to keep fluid from building up in the brain. Each time he had surgery, she said, it took six months to recover, and they didn't shave his head for surgery but instead, held his hair down with grease, which takes a long time to remove.

But she's just glad her son is still alive. She calls him a miracle kid.

Doctors said the tumor had been growing since he was born, Mrs. Herman said, and just hadn't been noticed before, but they don't know what caused it. Tumors can be aggravated by headaches and high fevers,

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More than 130 receive degrees from Tech College

By Sharon Corcoran

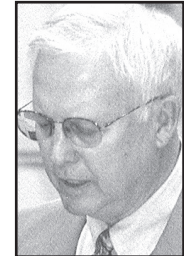
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A sea of blue caps and gowns filled the Max Jones Fieldhouse on Friday as more than 130 students received associate degrees or technical certificates at the Northwest Kansas Technical College graduation.

Toby Hill of Joes, Colo., who graduated with an Associate in Applied Science degree from the carpentry department, was named Student of the Year.

Candidates from other departments were Anthony Banman of Ulysses, automotive technology; Heather Simmons of Las Animas, Colo., business technology; Freddy Resendiz Sanchez of Garden City, collision repair; Jesse Miller of Selden, communications technology; Tyler Biernacki of La Crosse, computer graphics technology; Laura Berning of Leoti, cosmetology; Dirk Vapenik of Wauneta, diesel technology; Nathan Simmons of LaJunta, Colo., electrical technology; Clinton Hansen of Phillipsburg, electronics and computer technology; Matthew Isley of LaCrosse, engineering technology; Francisco A. "Tony" Escarcega of Ingalls, heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration; Tonya Knapp of Bird City, medical assistant; Matthew Nothnagel of McCook, Neb., telecommunications network analyst; and Larry Dwain Dent of Wiley, Colo., welding.

Graduates who earned membership in the National Technical Honor Society are Cynthia Salmans and Heather Simmons, business technology; Jeremy Steimel, collision repair;



Grier



Hill



Findley

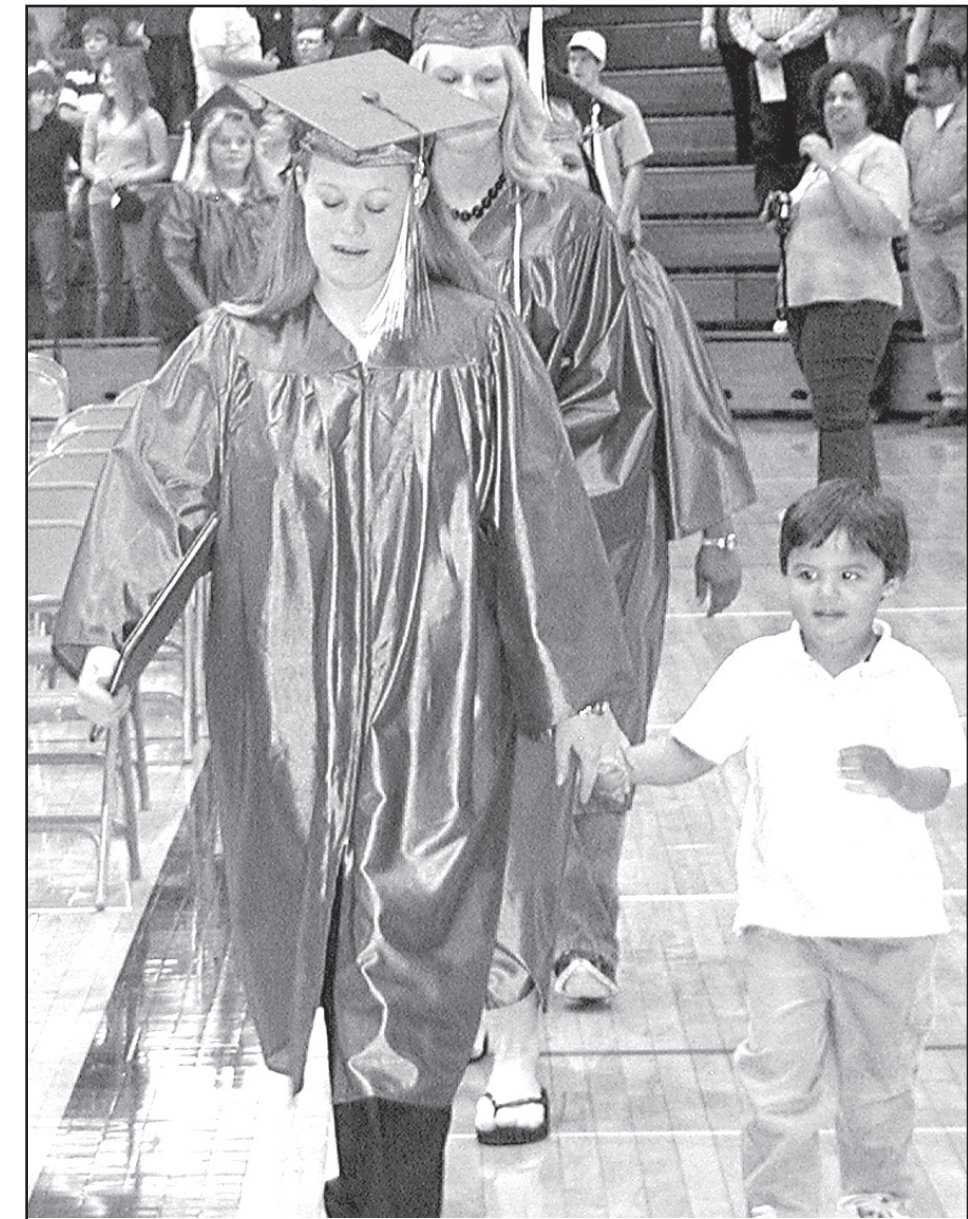
Biernacki; Laura Berning and Karissa Hill, cosmetology; Blaine Harvey, Juan Miguel Hernandez and Nathan Simmons, electrical technology; Skylor Flaska, Jonathan Hawkins and Isley, engineering technology; Mindy Cooper, Sharona Lander and Lillian Sigala-Medina, medical assistant; Nothnagel; and Dent.

Nathan and Heather Simmons are the college's first married couple to be both student of the year candidates and in the honor society, said Ramona Sanders, publication and events coordinator for the college. They're 21 and raising two children, Sanders said, so it's quite an accomplishment.

The college also had its first female graduate from diesel technology, Sanders said — Joey Lynnette Findley of Denver.

The college presented an honorary degree for Rex Bagley, who was a student in the heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration department when he was killed in a single-car accident in October. His mother Sandra Bagley, cafeteria manager at the college, accepted it.

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Jaelynn Andrews of Colby was joined by her son Deagan, 3, as she left the Northwest Kansas Technical College graduation Friday. She graduated from the medical assistant program. Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News