

**weather report**

**92°**  
noon  
Thursday



**Today**

- Sunset, 8:18 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:18 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 77 degrees
- Humidity 26 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southeast 20 mph
- Barometer 29.93 inches and falling
- Record High today 106° (1940)
- Record Low today 43° (1985)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Wednesday	98°
Low Wednesday	62°
Precipitation	.21
This month	1.02
Year to date	4.27
Below normal	5.63 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 87, winds breezy out of the north at 10 to 20 mph and a low around 56. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 84, winds out of the north at 10 mph and a low around 56.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 88 and a low around 57. Monday: Partly cloudy with a 10 percent chance of showers and a high near 93 and a low around 63. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 94 and a low around 64. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**



**Noon**

- Wheat — \$8.92 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.65
- Corn — \$7.03 bushel
- Posted county price — \$6.86
- Milo — \$6.61 bushel
- Soybeans — \$14.23 bushel
- Posted county price — \$14.44
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$29.40 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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**Grad enjoys playing golf**

Tony Workman of Loveland, Colo., 1978 Goodland graduate, played golf with three sons of Lance and Deb Ihrig of Goodland, after he finished the Slice of Life Tournament Saturday at Sugar Hills Golf Club. See photo, story on Page 12.

## No need to kill all those bugs

By Pat Schiefen

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Jo Ann Dawe and Vern Collins from the Butterfly Pavilion in Denver were at the Goodland Public Library last week to teach about 50 kids and a few adults about invertebrates, animals that have their skeleton on the outside of their body.

Dawe told the kids that worms, snails and beetles all are invertebrates. She read the book, "Ugh a Bug," to them, giving kids some basic information about bugs. One point it made is that a person doesn't need to kill bugs if they don't have to.

She pointed out that insects have three main body parts, a head, thorax and abdomen, six legs and two antenna.

The first two insects she showed the kids were hissing cockroaches from Madagascar. They live at the bottom of the rain forest and use their antenna for feeling, smelling and communicating, she said. They breathe through small tubes called spiracles and can live from three to five years.

Some kids had no hesitation in touching the roaches but others weren't too sure about it. Some said that the roach felt like fingernails.

The next insect was a double thorny walking stick from Australasia. Dawe said they had to have special papers to import the stick, as it is considered a pest in Kansas. The animal looks just like a stick, she said, and is thorny because it lives on rose bushes and other thorny plants. Kids didn't get to touch the stick, she added, as it has a tendency to lose legs if it thinks it needs to protect itself.

Millipedes and centipedes came next, and Dawe led the group in a song about the differences between the two. Centipedes are flat and have two legs per segment, she said, and millipedes are round with four legs per segment.

Next, she showed the kids a hermit crab, which is a crustacean. Crustaceans have 10 legs and four antennas, she said. Dawe passed around a container with roly poly



Talon Poulson (top) looked at a millipede at the program given by the Butterfly Pavilion of Denver last Thursday at the Goodland Public Library as part of their summer reading program, which has a buggy theme. Margaux Thompson (bottom left) and Kennedy Shelley (bottom right) looked at the hissing cockroach. Jo Anne Dawe from the pavilion was holding the bugs for both pictures.

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bugs in it. They are crustaceans, not insects, she said, and breathe with gills.

The last thing she showed the kids were spiders. Dawe had a large black widow with her and warned kids about the dangers of being bitten by them.

The kids were really interested and really got a close look as the spider was in an taped-shut container.



## Nitrates in water long term, expensive project

By Tom Betz

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Nitrates have been seeping into Goodland's drinking-water wells, forcing the city to abandon one and think about an expensive plant to treat water from others to remove the contamination.

Any long-term solution, such as a treatment plant, could cost millions, but in the next few years the city might get by with a less-

expensive mixing system which would keep the average contamination below the limit.

Nitrates are part of nature and all plants and animals need at least some to promote a healthy life, officials say, but high levels in drinking water can be harmful, especially to babies under 6 months.

Under the Federal Clean Water Act, the Environment Protection Agency says that water with nitrate levels less than 10 parts

per million is safe. When the nitrates exceed that level, the agency says people should be notified to be careful about letting babies drink the water.

High nitrate levels in water can cause methemoglobinemia, or blue baby syndrome, a condition found especially in infants under six months, according to the EPA. The stomach acid of an infant is not as strong as in older children and adults. This causes an increase

in bacteria that can readily convert nitrate to nitrite. The EPA recommends infants should not drink water that exceeds 10 ppm of nitrate. This includes formula preparation.

The most obvious symptom of this condition is a bluish color of the skin, particularly around the eyes and mouth. Other symptoms

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## Good show for Slice of Life

By Sharon Corcoran

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Despite having fewer celebrities than in past years, organizers told the Goodland Regional Medical Center board, this year's Slice of Life golf tournament and gala had a good turnout, drew many positive comments and raised about as much as last year.

A new format drew a lot of positive responses, Tina Goodwin, director of marketing and volunteer services, told the board at its regular meeting Monday. Although several celebrities cancelled at the last minute, she said, the 11 who came did well at the auction and raised about as much money as the event has raised with 21.

There was a scheduling conflict with the Kansas City Chiefs Ambassadors, said Dale Schields, director of human resources, so the retired players weren't able to come out in the numbers they usually do.

"Hopefully, we'll find a day next year that doesn't conflict like this year."

The overall turnout was good, he said, and the money raised should compare to past years. All the expenses haven't been figured yet, he said, and not all of the sponsors' money is in yet, but the event's final take should be around \$75,000.

Thirty-eight teams signed up for the golf tournament, Goodwin said, adding that organizers aim to have about 40, so they were pleased with that.

There were 55 hole sponsors compared to 41 last year, Schields said, and nearly double the bronze sponsors, 12 compared to seven.

The event had tremendous volunteer support, Goodwin said, from hospital staff and from the community.

"I think that's something we can be proud

of," she said, "the connection between the staff and the community."

Tom Bell, president of the Kansas Hospital Association, who was at the gala Friday to present the hospital with the association's Community Connections Award, said he had heard about the event and wanted to come, Administrator Jay Jolly said, but had always had conflicts. One of his staff was able to play golf this year, Jolly said, and he hopes to play next year.

"He said he had no idea what we had going on here," Jolly said, "and thought it was very impressive."

Three premier sponsors gave \$5,000, Schields said: Centura/St. Anthony Health Foundation, First National Bank and S&T Communications. One platinum sponsor, Ballard Aviation/Eagle-Med Air Ambulance, gave \$2,500.

Goodland Greenline Inc. and owner Ron Lucas bought a gold sponsorship for \$1,500, and two silver sponsors, Healthone Outreach Services, Bruce Russell, and Wal-Mart Super Center of Goodland, Laura Pope, gave \$1,000 each.

There were 12 bronze sponsors at \$500 each: Aquila Inc. (Larissa Long), Bergsma Farm/Kevin and Randy Rasure, Frontier Ag/Brian Linin and Brad Cowan, Fry Eye Associates, Dr. Steven Gulevich, Health Facilities Group, JMC Engineering/John McCullough, KansasLand Tire (Willie Weems, manager), Lobo Production Inc. (John and Carol Sanders), MOPEB Benefits/Kerry Kisslinger, Shared Service Systems and Wilkens Truck and Trailer/Chuck Wilkens.

The 55 hole sponsors each gave \$100, and 31 contributing sponsors each gave \$25 to \$99.

## Something's missing



The stoplights at Main Ave. and 12th were blinking on Sunday, and when Charlie Bandel, city utility supervisor, went to fix the lights on Monday he found out why they were blinking. Someone had cut a set of red, yellow and green lights and the walk/don't walk lights off the pole on the northwest corner. Bandel said he thought it was done sometime on Saturday night. He said he does not have a set to put back up at this time.

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