

## weather report



**84°**

noon  
Thursday

### Today

- Sunset, 8:14 p.m.
- **Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:30 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 73 degrees
- Humidity 45 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds south 18-27 mph
- Barometer 29.96 inches and falling
- Record High today 108° (1954)
- Record Low today 40° (1895)

### Last 24 Hours\*

- High Wednesday 88°
- Low Wednesday 56°
- Precipitation none
- This month 1.94
- Year to date 6.22
- Below normal 5.15 inches

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny, highs upper 90s with south winds 10-15 mph. Friday night mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Partly cloudy after midnight. Low around 60. Winds east 10-15 shifting to northeast 15-20 after midnight.

### Extended Forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny, highs in mid 80s, low around 60. Sunday: mostly sunny becoming partly cloudy. High in upper 80s. Sunday night 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low around 60. Monday: Partly sunny, high in upper 80s.

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

## local markets



### Noon

- Wheat — \$7.67 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.37
- Corn — \$6.33 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.54
- Milo — \$5.88 bushel
- Soybeans — \$14.68 bushel
- Posted county price — \$12.41
- Millet — \$10.75 cwt.
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$29 cwt.
- NuSun — \$17.60 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## inside today

More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News



## Cheerleaders hold camp

Goodland High School cheerleaders showed their moves at a celebration Friday, June 27, at Gulick Park. The cheerleaders taught preschool through seventh grade girls at a camp that week and with a celebration. See photo on Page 12.

# Bidder asks to withdraw curb bid

By Tom Betz

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Plans to have a Goodland contractor handle the curb and gutter work on Main Avenue changed Monday when the contractor asked to withdraw his bid at a City Commission meeting.

Mike Miller of Miller Construction had been awarded the bid for the curb and gutter, valley gutter and Main Avenue curb work in June, but said his work schedule is not going as expected.

Darin Neufeld, the engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who is handling the city projects, said Miller had

asked to withdraw his bid within the 30 days provided in the contract.

"If you would go with APAC of Hays, it would be better for me," Miller said. "I appreciate your business, but the work schedule is not going as I had expected."

"I would be better to go with the other firm and it would allow the city to get more work done. It would help me, as I have some jobs I have to get done."

Neufeld said he had contacted APAC, and the firm was to uphold its bid price for 30 days.

When the bids were approved on June 2, the

commissioners had agreed to accept Miller's bid of \$434,400, which was about 2.5 percent higher than APAC's \$423,995.

Mayor Rick Billinger thanked Miller for his willingness to work with the city on the project.

"If I had to do it, I would have to sub it out," Miller said, "and I am not sure the city would get as much done."

The commissioners agreed to allow Miller to withdraw his bid and approved awarding the contract to APAC.

In other business, the commission:

- Approved an amendment to the Industrial Revenue Bond issued for the Holiday Inn

Express. The owners are renegotiating the interest rate with First National Bank, said City Clerk Mary Volk, and the city had to approve the amendment as the bond agent. The bond issue was approved two years ago for \$5 million. Under the amendment, the bank will be owed \$2,974,923 at a rate of 6.75 percent to be paid back over 240 months.

- Approved a restaurant beer license for Applejack's Restaurant, 1016 Main. Brent Wood is the president and listed on the license as the manager. He said the restaurant, a Chester Chicken franchise, hopes to be open next week.

# Tech college day care open house on Sunday

By Sharon Corcoran

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Hammers have been swinging all summer, playground equipment is in place, and a flurry of activity this week will have tiny furniture set up and children's toys in place and ready to play with.

The Northwest Kansas Technical College will have an open house to show off its new day care and the house built by students in the carpentry, electrical technology and Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning department from 1-3 p.m. Sunday.

The carpentry house has already been sold, said President Ken Clouse, but anyone who wants to come look at the students' work and get ideas for their house is welcome. Representatives will be on hand to explain what has been done, he said.

Peggy Berls, who has had a day care in her home for the past five years, will manage the day care and has been busy setting things up. She plans to use different themes throughout the year with books, games and crafts that fit in with them.

Berls will read stories to children of the college's students, has toys appropriate for their ages, a kitchen play area, plans craft activities and dramatic plays for dress-up. But there won't be a strict schedule, she said.

If they want to color a picture, they can, she said, or if they want to make something, there will always be a box of supplies they can use.

The day care can take children up to age 11 and have up to 12 children, Berls said, depending on the age of the children. At the moment, she said, the children who will be in day care when classes start Aug. 14,

are ages 3 months to 4 years. There are four infants and four toddlers, she said, and there are no openings, since four are infants.

The more infants you have in a day care, Berls said, the fewer children you can have overall, since infants require so much attention and care. It's hard to have time for the older children, she said, when you are rocking a baby and changing diapers.

The college takes children on a first-come, first served basis at \$12 a day, making it affordable for students. It could be open to staff, Berls said, if there are openings, but right now it is full.

Mostly it's a service for students, she said, so that they can enroll and know they have day care for their children at the college and not have to look around in the community. It is hard to find day care in Goodland, she added; all the providers are full.

Berls is working to get the day care ready and is looking forward to providing the service there. She wants to continue to provide day care for children but is glad to be able to do so on campus rather than have a day care out of her home.

It is a lot of wear and tear on your house, she said, and you have to have things a certain way to meet state regulations. And having people coming and going from your home is stressful, she added.

"Our home can be how we want it," she said, "and this way, I can do what I want to do and then go home at the end of the day."

She and her husband Randy, who teaches vocal music at Grant Junior High and Goodland High School, have been in Goodland eight years. They have four sons, ages 8, 5, 2 and 2 1/2 months.



Kids played on swings and a slide at the Northwest Technical College day care center at 1311 Harrison

# Internees return to camp to explore, remember, honor

By Tom Betz

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The two older men are standing at a fence around a Japanese fish pond and they are remembering when this camp a mile southwest of Granada, Colo., was their home for three years from 1942 to 1945.

Terry Matsumoto was about 5 when his family was brought to the camp and Gary Ono was a tender 2 when he arrived on a train from California.

The men were part of a chapter in American history many people would like to forget. The United States was attacked 67 years ago at Pearl Harbor, and 66 years ago 120,000 Japanese Americans were rounded up along the west coast and taken to internment camps as far inland as Arkansas. Camp Amache was the one in Colorado where more than 7,300 people - mostly farmers - were brought and held behind wire fences surrounded by guard towers.

Matsumoto said he went to first

grade at Amache before the family was allowed to leave, and remembers climbing through the wire fence at night to run around outside the camp. He said his sister said she was scared by one of the guards one night, but he does not remember having any trouble with the guards.

Ono said he does not have many memories of the camp, but does remember a long train ride and watching snow fall outside where he had built a small snowman. He said he remembers it being very cold in the winter and hot in the summer. Ono said he did not spend all the time in the camp because his father was recruited to work in Denver for the British Propaganda Ministry broadcasting to Japan in Japanese.

Ono worked as a photographer for the Department of Veterans Affairs after he grew up and retired in Los Angeles where he volunteers at the Japanese American National Museum.

About two months ago Ono met University of Denver anthropologist Bonnie Clark who was researching Amache in preparation for an archeological dig at the site. She invited Ono to come back to Amache and be a volunteer with the graduate students field school from June 16 until today.

Ono and his 16 year old grandson Dante Hilton-Ono drove from California and have been working at the site digging up the historic and cultural artifacts left by those who lived there.

One said he had done some research on Amache and looked at the photos his grandparents and aunts had from those days. By looking closely he found one of him and his brother sitting on a porch, and one of him running with a kite up in the air.

He said he tried to talk to his mother about those years and she would not talk about it.

Ono stopped at Amache in 1977 when he and his family were mov-

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# Closed sessions upset city manager

By Tom Betz

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City commissioners and the city manager squared off on Monday after the commissioners returned from a closed session without Manager Wayne Hill.

The manager offered to quit after the third meeting in a row where the commissioners had gone into a closed session to talk about personnel and not included him. The implication was they were talking about him, but they took no action after the closed sessions.

When they came out of the closed session on Monday without taking any action, Hill offered his resignation. After three more closed sessions lasting about 55 minutes, with the manager this time, Hill agreed to continue under his contract.

Under the Goodland system of

government, the commissioners hire and fire the manager, and he normally would be the only person they can talk about in a closed session without his presence. If they have a concern about any other city employee, they talk with the manager.

When Hill offered his resignation, Mayor Rick Billinger immediately asked for a closed session for 20 minutes to include the commissioners and manager. At the end of that 20 minutes, the commissioners returned to the room and Billinger asked for another 20 minutes.

The third time, Billinger asked for 15 minutes, with Hill to come into the session after 10 minutes.

When the commissioners returned after the last closed session, Billinger asked Hill to make

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Hill

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