

## weather report

**59°**  
noon  
Monday



### Today

- Sunset, 7:56 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 5:30 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:57 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 45 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southeast 17-26 mph
- Barometer 30.05 inches and falling
- Record High today 99° (1927)
- Record Low today 31° (1976)

### Last 24 Hours\*

- High Sunday 57°
- Low Sunday 30°
- Precipitation none
- This month 0.14
- Year to date 4.00
- Below normal 1.12 inches

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 71, winds out of the south at 20 to 45 mph and a low around 50.  
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 64, winds breezy southeast 15 to 35 mph and a low around 48.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.  
Friday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

- Wheat — \$7.68 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.81
- Corn — \$6.24 bushel
- Posted county price —
- Milo — \$6.08 bushel
- Soybeans — \$12.04 bushel
- Posted county price —
- Millet — \$5 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$31.70 cwt.
- Confection — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$28 (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



## Cowboys win tourney

Cowboy Joel Linin was the top golfer in the cold and windy conditions on Thursday to help the Cowboys win the conference championship. Linin led with a 39 in the shortened tourney. See photos, story on Page 12.

# Board hires man from Holcomb

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board hired William Biermann of Holcomb on Saturday morning the first of July.

Biermann is assistant executive director and chief financial officer for Southwest Plains Regional Service Center of Sublette. He joined them on July 1, 2007. Southwest Plains has been doing teacher development for the Goodland School District as part of the district's effort to meet the requirements of the federally mandated No Child Left Behind. The district is currently on improvement.

Biermann is also the Superintendent of

Schools for the Diocese of Dodge City since 2009. The diocese has seven Catholic schools in southwest Kansas.

Before coming to the Southwest Service Center Biermann was the high school principal at Holcomb for three years and before that he taught high school and middle school math and computer studies for 8 1/2 years.

He received his Bachelor of Science in education in 1995 from Emporia State University and his s of Science in education in 2003 from Fort Hays State University.

At the board's last regular meeting on Monday, May 9, they renewed the contracts for the certified staff, classified staff,

coaching and sponsors.

The head coach for high school football is Kent Teeter with assistants Joe Sramek, Devlin Mull, Donald Raymer and Mike Ruhs. Barb Bedore will be the head coach for volleyball with assistant Julie Dautel and Denise White. Connie Livengood will coach girls golf. Jim Myers will be the head coach for cross country with Traci Price-Waugh as the assistant. Donald Raymer will be the head boys basketball coach with assistant Terry Daise and Jeremy Stefan. Andy Scheopner will be the head coach for girls basketball with assistants Dixie Teeter and Dana Murray. Joe Sramek will be the head wrestling coach with assistants Jonathan Whisnant and Steve Evert. Teeter will be the head coach for track with assistants, Raymer, Jeremy Stefan, Mark

Hagerman, Livengood, Price-Waugh and Travis Witman. Devlin Mull will coach baseball with David Avila as his assistant. Tess Smith will coach girls softball with assistant Joy Braun. Terry Daise will coach boys golf.

Erin Gleason will be the sponsor for cheerleading; Mary Porterfield for AFS; Sarah Short for Family, Career and Community Leaders of America, Livengood for Girls Athletic Association; Raymer and Sramek for G-Club; Whisnant and Aimee Stoffel for STUCO, Chase Topliff for DECA; Brian Coon and Jeff First for Science Olympiad; Stoffel for the Buckeroo; Johnny Mercer for Scholars Bowl, First for art club, Raymer for prom; and First concessions manager.

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Biermann

# Three Goodland WWII veterans take Honor Flight

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Three Goodland World War II veterans were part of an Honor Flight that left Garden City in April to visit memorials in Washington, D.C.

Stanley Wolak, Leonard Kashka, Sr., and Harold VanVleet were on the first Honor Flight to take off from Garden City. The flight was the 13th trip organized by the Central Prairie Honor Flight organization based in Great Bend. Contributing to this flight was the Western Prairie Resource Conservation and Development Council.

The three veterans each had a different military experience, but all agreed the trip to Washington was a wonderful event.

Wolak said it was a tiring trip, but he was glad he got to go.

Wolak and Kashka said they had applied to go on a flight back in 2006, and came up on this flight list.

VanVleet said he had been talking to Greg Nemecheck, county member of the RC&D who said the flight had a few seats open.

Sandy Rogers, president of the RC&D council, said they were able to help VanVleet get things done over the phone to get on the flight. She said there were two or three seats left and VanVleet was one of the last to get on the plane.

"It worked out perfect," VanVleet said.



Veterans and volunteer guardians waited to board the charter flight in Garden City on April 18. Among the group of 95 veterans were three from Goodland, Stanley Wolak, Harold VanVleet

and Leonard Kashka, Sr. The three were in different parts of World War II, but enjoyed the trip to Washington D.C.  
Photo by Harold VanVleet/The Goodland Star-News

"We went together," Kashka said. "It was one trip we will never forget. We had delightful good weather and good tour people who appreciated us and we appreciated them."  
The charter plane left Garden City at 5:35

a.m. on April 18 flying to Baltimore, Md. Kashka said when they got to Baltimore the veterans boarded buses and were give the first of several box dinners as they drove to Washington.

The three buses full of veterans and about 70 guardians, who were along to help push wheelchairs and do anything else the veterans

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# Northwest Tech to graduate 155 on Friday

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Northwest Technical College will celebrate the 46th annual commencement at 1:30 p.m. on Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse where 155 students will receive technical certificates and associate degrees.

The commencement program will include opening remarks by College President Dr. Ed. Mills, and a welcome by Dick Short, vice-chairman of the area board of control.

Frank Otter, chairman of the board of control, will introduce the commencement speaker, Mark Smith of Wallace County.

Smith served on the Northwest Technical College board for 30 years, and was chairman of the board for 10 of those years.

He is a farmer and rancher in the Wallace County and Greeley County area, as well as owner, operator of the famous Pleasant Valley Ranch located in Sharon Springs. Mark is a past member for the

Board of Education for the Greeley County School District in Tribune.

He is a member of Kansas Livestock Association, and was Past President of Kansas Livestock Association. As member of National Cattleman's Beef Association, he was asked to be on the association's Executive Committee.

"We are American farmers and ranchers who believe we need to promote and advocate our way of providing the American consumer with safe and abundant wholesome food," Smith says on his Facebook page. "Send your friends our way to learn about the agricultural way of life."

Smith wrote in the April 2010 Kansas Stockman about his experience in the Masters of Beef Advocacy program that he graduated from in May 2009 at Kansas State University.

"I am amazed at all the positive changes that can happen when someone steps outside their comfort zone. I didn't have much understanding of the Masters of Beef Ad-

vocacy program, but always wanted to learn more about our industry so I could better speak on our behalf.

"It wasn't long before the program got started and we were studying the online courses. The first MBA graduation was scheduled at Kansas State University in May. I remember trying to find time for all the things a farmer and rancher has to do in the spring, and still take the course and spend two days in Manhattan. Like all of us in ag, we saddle up and get it done.

"During the day-long 'graduation,' I remember MBA Administrator and Dean of Students Daren Williams telling us the story of how this program came to fruition and its importance to the future of the beef industry. As Williams responded to misinformation from animal rights groups about livestock and meat production, he came to realize the beef industry needed an army of advocates all across our nation to help tell the story of the American rancher, feeder and dairyman. He told us we all were going to have to stand up and serve as beef industry advocates to combat the millions of

dollars animal rights groups are using to disparage livestock producers and our practices. It sounded like a David and Goliath story to me.

"Following graduation, I attended meetings on social media, studying Facebook, Twitter and blogs. While still a bit confused, I tried to figure out where I 'fit' as an advocate. It didn't matter how many educational meetings I attended, the task of jumping into social media was daunting. I was still reluctant, but I was going to be an asset to our industry, I knew I had to saddle up and join the movement. I found a friend who was a Facebook member to help me get set up, and off on the ride I went.

"With the MBA course material, I had a lot of information to include in posts on my Facebook page. I also use my hobbies of photography and watching wildlife, sunsets and sunrises to tell my story of beef and ranch life. As with most new adventures, the hardest part is not riding the horse, but getting on the horse."

Following the speaker will be a song "The Climb" by Cosmetology vocalists Amber Beougher, Vanessa

Jaynes and Kamisha Nonamaker.

College Counselor Paul Chaffin will present the Students of the Year nominees and announce the Student of the Year winner.

Those nominated include Gregory Justice, Automotive Technology; Christopher Geeseka, Carpentry; Joshua Musgrave, Collision Repair; James Bettelyoun, Communications Tech; Devin Keister, Computer Graphics; Amber Beougher, Cosmetology; Jance McKee, Diesel Tech; Brandon L. Douglas, Engineering Technology; Troy Johnson, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration; Shana Salazar, Medical Assistant - Goodland; Angela Glendening, Medical Assistant - Hays; Kimberly Horinek, Respiratory Therapy; Shane Pfeifer, Telcom Net Analyst; and Matthew Jones, Welding.

Brenda Chatfield, vice president of academic affairs, will present the class of 2011 and will be assisted in handing out the technical certificates and associate degrees.

The alumni speaker will be Christine Smith, associate director of development and career service.

# Goodland to graduate 52 at 2 p.m. on Saturday

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Graduation is fast approaching for this year's class at Goodland High School. The ceremony will be at 2 p.m. on Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse for the 52 seniors.

This year's speaker is Dr. Timothy Leavitt, a cardiologist who lives in Arvada, Colo. He was recommended by the late Milford Johnston, former science teacher from Goodland High School. Dr. Leavitt



Dr. Leavitt

graduated in 1963 from Goodland High School, went onto University of Chicago and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in 1967. He attended University of Colorado Medical School at Chicago and interned at the Cleveland Metropolitan General Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio.

From 1972 to 1974 he worked at the Indian Health Service at Crown Point, N.M. From 1974 to 1976 Leavitt had a residency in internal medicine at Cleveland Metropolitan General

Hospital at Cleveland, Ohio. From 1976 to 1978 he had a fellowship in cardiovascular disease at the University of Texas Health and Sciences Center at Parkland Memorial Hospital.

In the Denver area Dr. Leavitt is associated with Lutheran Medical Center, St. Anthony Central, St. Anthony North, Rose Medical Center, Porter Adventist Hospital, Good Samaritan Medical Center, North Suburban Medical Center and Avista Adventist Hospital.

Dr. Leavitt has participated in studies for cardiology and various cardiac medicines.

His hobbies include fishing, skiing, photography, music from 1770 to 1970 and day dreaming.

Dr. Leavitt's wife, Renee (Roulier) Leavitt, is a 1964 graduate of Goodland High School.

Also there will be music by the band and vocal departments, speeches from the Valedictorian and Salutatorian and foreign students.

The principal of Goodland High School Sharon Gregory is retiring at the end of the year.

