

**weather report**

**80°**

10:30 a.m.  
Thursday



**Today**

• Sunset, 7:26 p.m.

**Saturday**

• Sunrise, 6:11 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:24 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 76 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south 24-30 mph
- Barometer 30.16 inches and steady
- Record High today 106° (1926)
- Record Low today 42° (1906)

**Last 24 Hours\***

- High Wednesday 98°
- Low Wednesday 57°
- Precipitation none
- This month 3.12
- Year to date 15.81
- Above normal 0.38 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 97, winds out of the north at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 65. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 94, winds out of the northeast at 5 to 10 mph switching to the southeast and a low around 66.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 92 and a low around 61. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 85. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**



**10:30 a.m.**

- Wheat — \$7.86 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$7.75
  - Corn — \$7.38 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$7.27
  - Milo — \$7 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$12.94 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$13.15
  - Millet — \$5 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$31.55 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.)

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## Driver in trooper chase sentenced

By Tom Betz

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The driver of a car that tried to elude state trooper in January and gave rise to a chase and the trooper being shot at pleaded guilty to two charges on Monday in Sherman County District Court and was sentenced to 13.4 years in prison.

Anthony Douglas Patrick, age 31, of Lancaster, Calif., plead guilty on July 5, to two counts of attempted second-degree homicide, and the sentencing hearing was held at 10 a.m. on Monday in the Sherman County District Courtroom.

Sherman County District Judge Scott Showalter sentenced Patrick to a total prison term of 161 months for the two crimes.

The charges alleged that on Sunday, Jan. 16, Patrick was the driver in a parked vehicle at the east rest area on I-70 near Goodland. State trooper Perry Frey, had previously testified he noticed a Toyota Scion parked in the rear of the rest area with fogged windows. Frey said he ran the license plate, but it came back to a Dodge pickup and not the Toyota.



Patrick

Frey said he approached the driver's side of the vehicle and asked the driver to roll down his window. Frey said the driver was a male who said his name was Cy Devlin when he rolled the window down about four inches. When Frey asked about the license plate Devlin said the Dodge belonged to his friend, who was apparently in the back seat.

Frey asked for driver's license and registration, but instead the driver started the Toyota and drove away.

During the ensuing chase Patrick's passenger, Piper Lacey Stout-Briese, shot at the state troopers. The troopers were not hit, but bullets struck two of the troopers' vehicles.

Trooper Frey was given permission to use deadly force and fired on the Toyota hitting Patrick in the back shoulder area ending the chase north of Brewster.

The attorney general is pursuing criminal charges against the passenger, Stout-Briese, and trial in that case is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, Sept. 7 in Sherman County District Court. Stout-Briese is represented by attorney Lawrence A. Taylor of Colby.

Patrick arrived in the courtroom first accompanied by a sheriff's deputy in handcuffs and a

striped red and white jumpsuit with Sherman County Jail in big black letters on the back and wearing red crocks. He was represented by attorney Doug C. Spencer of Oakley.

Assistant Attorney General Nicole Romine handled the prosecution side of the case. She said Patrick had entered a plea of guilty to count one for attempted second degree murder and for count two for attempted second degree murder.

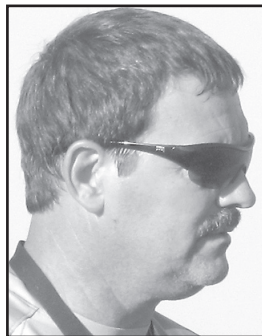
District Judge Showalter asked Attorney Spencer and Patrick if they agreed with the plea agreement and the pre-sentencing investigation.

Spencer said he had no problem with the report.

In her statement on sentencing Attorney

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## Cowboys display team talents tonight



With temperatures hovering around 100 degrees the Cowboys practiced on Tuesday afternoon. Coach Kent Teeter (above) had them working on running plays and punt coverage. The team will show their talents at 6 p.m. tonight at Cowboy Stadium. The Black and Gold barbecue will begin at 5 p.m. The cross country team will have a demonstration run.



## School board approves budget, hires staff

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board at its regular meeting on Monday night passed its proposed budget for the 2011-12 school year and finished hiring staff for the school year.

Monday was also the first day of school for the district, said Superintendent Bill Biermann, and he said he struggled with the decision to run a heat schedule for the first week. Students get out at 1 p.m. on

the heat schedule. Superintendent Biermann attended the meeting via speaker phone from the hospital. His daughter had been admitted earlier in the day.

Superintendent Biermann said they hired two more paraprofessionals than last year. One of them will be for kindergarten which will start with 15 more students than expected. He said they had enough to have four classes instead of three. Without a teacher and a place to put

another class it was decided to leave the class sizes at 25, 25 and 26 and hire an extra paraprofessional.

The other additional paraprofessional, Biermann said, would be used for special education at Central Elementary School. Central is expected to have an increase in special education needs.

Tentatively, he said, the school enrollment is up from last year.

Under the budget Superintendent Biermann said in the budget that the

district would max out its local option budget at 21.467 mills. A mill is one thousandth of the total county assessed valuation set by the state. Last year the rate was 20.983 mills. The school district also gets another 20 mills for its general operating budget.

The proposed expenditures for the district for the 2011-12 school year would be \$13,619,000. Last year was \$12,458,824. The taxes levied for the district is expected

to be \$2,521,356 for this year. Last year it was \$2,436,622.

The total district debt is \$1.5 million that is for the window replacement for Goodland High School. The district had not debt in 2009-10.

Board Member Amy Sederstrom moved the board accept the budget and Board Member Jessica Cole seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

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## Gulick has Wi-Fi hotspot



The Rotary shelter at Gulick Park is now a Wi-Fi hotspot thanks to a cooperative effort between the city and Eagle Communications to bring power to the shelter. Tuesday Marty Melia (right) showed City Manager Doug Gerber how well the Internet connection does at the shelter.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Sen. Roberts to stop in town on Monday

As part of the August congressional work period, U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts (R-Kan.) will make stops in 11 towns across the state including Goodland and Colby during the next week.

Sen. Roberts will speak at 6 p.m. on Monday to the Sherman County Farm Bureau at the Northwest Tech College Student Union.

Sen. Roberts will speak at 8:15 a.m. on Tuesday with Colby Chamber of Commerce and Thomas County Farm Bureau at the Thomas County Office Complex meeting room.

The trip began Wednesday in Kingman and Reno Counties where Roberts was to tour drought stricken areas and visit with local farmers and ranchers. Thursday he was in Wichita

for the U.S. Senate Agriculture Committee Field Hearing.

Today Sen. Roberts is to be in Salina to tour Great Plains Manufacturing.

He will be in Hays for a Rural Healthcare Summit, and he will address the Hays Rotary on Monday before coming to Goodland to speak with the Sherman County Farm Bureau at 6 p.m. at the Northwest Tech Student Union.

Tuesday he will speak with the Colby Chamber of Commerce and Thomas County Farm Bureau at 8:15 a.m. at the Thomas County Office Complex.

Sen. Roberts will make stops in Russell and Cloud County on Tuesday. He will make stops at Ft. Riley and Leavenworth on Wednesday to conclude his tour.

## Volleyball scrimmage

Seniors Sydney Winston practiced with M'Lynn Hinger to get ready for the volleyball season. The scrimmage is 6 p.m. Tuesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Admission is a sports drink or water. See photo on Page 12.

