

weather report



67°

10:30 a.m.
Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 6:54 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:54 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:56 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 46 degrees
- Humidity 21 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds north 16 mph
- Barometer 30.06 inches and rising
- Record High today 82° (1908)
- Record Low today 7° (1928)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	78°
Low Wednesday	37°
Precipitation	none
This month	0.01
Year to date	0.52
Below normal	0.76 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 82, winds out of the south at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 41. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 83, winds breezy out of the southwest at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 46.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 77, a low around 50 and windy at night. Monday: Partly sunny and breezy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 66 and a low around 41. Tuesday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 57 and a low around 37.

local markets



10:30 a.m.

- Wheat — \$6.52 bushel
- Posted county price — \$6.32
- Corn — \$6.43 bushel
- Posted county price — \$6.44
- Milo — \$6.91 bushel
- Soybeans — \$12.26 bushel
- Posted county price — \$12.68
- Millet — \$11.50 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$26 cwt.
- Confection — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$28
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls start season

The Goodland High School girls softball team was scheduled to play its first game on Thursday at Hays. The boys baseball team plays at 3 p.m. today in Burlington.

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Girl killed in fire was former resident

Authorities have identified the woman and three children killed in a house fire last weekend in Scott City. All four had Goodland ties.

Jackie Ann Coberly, 28, and her son Brandon Carter, 4, died in the Saturday morning fire along with her boyfriend's daughters, Terra Renee Murphy, 8, and Cassie Linn Murphy, 6.

Terra and Cassie were the daughters of Jeffrey Wayne Murphy and

Branda Renee Beckner-Murphy, formerly of Goodland. Terra was born in Goodland.

The Scott City Fire Department responded to the call at 7:15 a.m. Saturday. Coberly had called to report the fire, but was unable to get out of the home.

Cassie was pronounced dead at the Scott County Hospital. Terra was flown to Via Christi St. Francis Medical Center in Wichita, where

she was pronounced dead. Coberly and her son were also flown to Wichita, they were pronounced dead on Sunday.

Scott City Police said Tuesday that the fire is still under investigation by the State Fire Marshal's Office, but no suspicious activity is suspected.

Terra Murphy was born in Goodland on July 27, 2003. She had lived in Scott City since 2005. Cassie Murphy was born on Jan. 17, 2006, in Scott City.

The girls were members of the Nazarene Church and the El Quartejo Saddle Club in Scott City.

Survivors include their parents,

brother Clayton Smith of Scott City; grandparents Mike Becker, Goodland, Rhonda Becker, Goodland, and Dennis and Vicky Murphy of Healy; great-grandparents Francis Beckner, Goodland, and Jim Martin, Darcy Wren, Mike Smith and Burton Rose, all of Scott City; uncle Justin Becker, Goodland; and many other aunts, uncles and cousins.

They were preceded in death by their grandparents, Joy Martin, Leo and Eileen Murphy, Ron and Glenda Weehunt and Leroy Beckner.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Terra and Cassie Murphy Memorial Fund at Price & Sons Funeral Home, 401 S. Wash-

ington St., Scott City, Kan., 67871. Condolences may be left online at www.priceandsons.com.

Jackie Coberly was born June 28, 1983, in Jetmore to Jack Dwayne and Stephanie Smith Ivey. She was a lifelong resident of Scott City.

Survivors include her parents; two sons, Justin Hundertmark and Zackery (Coberly) Proctor, both of Scott City; brother Tony Ivey, Goodland; sister Melisa Perez, Cimarron; three half brothers, Michael Noland, Dodge City, and Elvis and Jessie Ivey, Scott City; two half sisters, Pamela Rogers, California, and Lisa

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Terra and Cassie Murphy



West Elementary School student Chisum Goodwin was one of the narrators for the first grade music program, "Singing in the Country," on Tuesday night at the Goodland High School auditorium. A good crowd of parents and friends attended the event. The pigs, chickens, cows and goats got their turn in the spotlight.

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West Elementary students put on country music show

By Pat Schiefen

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About 180 relatives and friends filled the Goodland High School auditorium Tuesday night for the musical extravaganza, "Singing in the Country," put on by West Elementary's first graders.

The pigs let people know how clean they were. The audience really liked the version of the funky chicken the kids did. The cows talked about milk shakes and other dairy treats.

Music teacher Linda Lucas directed the show. Verna Milnes is the principal of West Elementary

School.

Students in Katie Fulwider's class are Elisa Ayers-Hernandez, Kade Belden, Jonathan Brown, Natalie Chapin, Jason Colby, Jarek Crow, Lindsey Cure, Peyton Finley, Mehki Frederick, Grant Hines, Strid Loudon, Lexus McCord, Sarah McIntyre, Shadd Miller, Mya Nemechek, Conner Purvis, Hayden Terry, Dalton Vallejo, Tyke Weber and Caden Wright.

Emily McQuitty's students are Harrison Bhend, Brennan Blake, Melanie Conda, Ashton Erhart,

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District to hire seventh track coach

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Goodland High School Activities Director Greg Ferguson reported on the number of kids going out for spring sports at the regular school board meeting on Monday night. There were 14 going out for baseball, 16 for softball, 58 for track and 11 for golf.

With a total of 131 kids from the high school and junior high in track, Ferguson said, Coach Kent Teeter would like to hire another track coach. Currently when there is a track meet four coaches go and two remain for the team that does not have a meet. Another coach would give them three coaches for the practicing team. The high school and junior high have track practice together. Teeter suggested Laura Biermann who is qualified to coach in track.

When asked, Superintendent Bill Biermann said there is money in the budget. Board member Diane Stiles moved to hire the additional track coach and Gennifer House seconded. The board passed the motion 7-0.

Ferguson said that he had been contacted by Dale Shields and was asked if a plaque honoring former wrestling coach Alvin McCall could

be put up in Max Jones Fieldhouse. Shields said they did not have the approval from the family yet. The board thought that installing a plaque would be OK.

In other business:

- West Elementary School Principal Verna Milnes said next year teachers will be co-teaching in classrooms with both a special education and regular teacher in each room. She said her staff supported the move. She thought that it would not cost the district more as fewer paras would be required.

That would mean almost no pull outs for special education, said Milnes. Only West would be doing that next year.

- The calendar for next year had school starting on August 20. Biermann said they may plan for half days at the beginning of the year due to the heat in August. Enrollment would be different with a combined enrollment for the district on Wednesday, Aug. 1, at Max Jones Fieldhouse. There would be a two-week break at Christmas with school starting on Jan. 7. There would be no school after Memorial Day.

- Board member Mike Cochran reported on the Northwest Kansas

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Brewster Marine sailing on Enterprise

A Marine from Brewster was aboard as the Navy's first nuclear-powered aircraft carrier departed on its final deployment Sunday with three Norfolk-based destroyers to follow Monday.

Lance Cpl. Spencer Holm was to join his squadron of F/A-18 Hornets. He is a member of the Marine Fighter Attack Squadron 251 Thunderbolts, stationed at Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort, S.C. Holm, graduated from Brewster High School in 2010, is an electronics technician working on the fighter jets.

The Enterprise is part of a strike group which includes the guided-

missile destroyers Porter, Nitze and James E. Williams, and the guided-missile cruiser Vicksburg, which deploys Friday from Florida.

While most of the 5,500 sailors and Marines composing the strike group are less than half the age of the Enterprise, Captain Bill Hamilton said, "The crew understands what's at stake and I think we'll do just fine."

The Carrier Strike Group is needed in the Strait of Hormuz to answer threats from Iran too close to the vital shipping lane, which connects Persian Gulf oil and trade centers

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College to hold endowment event

Northwest Kansas Technical College is preparing for a "Wild, Wild West" bash fund raising event scheduled for 6 p.m. Saturday, March 31, at the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars post

Admission is \$25 per person. Seating is limited, so all guests must RSVP by Friday March 23.

The event includes a tasty chuck wagon barbecue, live music from the infamous disc jockey Paul Heskett and exciting trivia and games. There will also be a mechanical bull contest with all contestants having the chance to win one of a kind Tres Rios Silver belt buckle custom made for this event.

Money raised will go to benefit the Northwest Kansas Technical College Endowment Association, a non-profit corporation that provides financial support for the college's students and programs.

"With our 23 percent increase in enrollment, we are going to need 23 percent more scholarship money," said President Dr. Ed Mills, "Our endowment auction is about raising scholarship money, it is extremely important to raise enough money to keep up with our

Big crowd for Ducks Unlimited



The tables were full at the Ducks Unlimited banquet and fund raising event last Saturday night at the Goodland Elks Lodge. People got a chance to bid on wildlife art, food items and other things at the auction.

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