

weather
report

55°

10:30 a.m.
Monday



Today

Saturday

- Sunset, 7:41 p.m.
- Sunrise, 5:46 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:42 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 56 degrees
- Humidity 83 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds southwest 8 mph
- Barometer 30.01 inches and falling
- Record High today 94° (1959)
- Record Low today 21° (1967)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	70°
Low Sunday	42°
Precipitation	none
This month	2.86
Year to date	3.97
Above normal	0.5 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with patchy fog before 9 a.m., a high near 86, winds out of the southwest at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 51. Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 83, winds out of the north at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 53.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 81 and a low around 54. Friday: Sunny with a high near 85 and a low around 57.

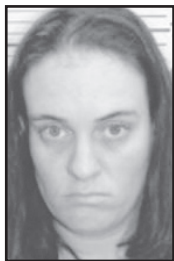
(National Weather Service)

Shooter gets 13 years in prison

A California woman was sentenced to more than 13 years in prison in Sherman County District Court on Thursday, bringing to an end more than a year of proceedings against two people who led law enforcement officers on a high-speed chase through Sherman and Thomas counties last year.

Piper Lacey Stout-Briese, 31, Palmdale, Calif., was sentenced to 161 months – 13.4 years – in the Kansas Department of Corrections by Sherman County District Judge Scott

Showalter. She was charged with two counts of attempted second-degree murder for shooting at Kansas Highway Patrol troopers during a chase on Jan. 16, 2011.



Stout-Briese

Stout-Briese and Anthony Patrick, 31, of Lancaster, Calif., had been parked at the Interstate 70 rest area east of Kanorado in a Toyota Scion when they were approached by Trooper Perry Frey. Frey testified he had run the car's license plate, which came back as registered to a Dodge pickup.

Patrick gave Frey a false name, and when the trooper asked for his license and registration, Patrick started the engine and sped off east on I-70.

Frey radioed for help. Sherman County Sheriff's Deputy Asa Stiles responded, setting up "stop sticks" – devices put on the road to deflate tires – at the west Goodland exit, but Patrick swerved around them, continuing east with Frey and two deputies following at speeds up to 90 mph.

As the chase continued, Stout-Briese began firing a .22-caliber rifle out of the passenger window at Frey, hitting his patrol car. Troop-

ers put down more stop sticks at the Edson and Brewster exits. The car hit the sticks at Edson but kept going at a slower speed. It lost a tire, which cut the speed down to about 40 mph.

Patrick and Stout-Briese pulled off I-70 at Brewster and headed north past the city on County Road 2 with three troopers, three Sherman County patrol cars and at least one Thomas County deputy in pursuit. At that point, troopers were authorized to use "intervention tactics" and "deadly force" if needed.

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Bank branches up for sale

By Cynthia Haynes

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The Bank of Oberlin has made an offer and is asking for state and federal authorization to buy three branches of First National Bank of Goodland.

The Bank hopes to acquire the Colby, Bird City and Quinter branches of First National and has placed legal notices in *The Oberlin Herald*, *Colby Free Press*, *Goodland-Star News*, *Bird City Times* and the *Good County Advocate* in Quinter as part of the purchase process. Publication was to begin today.

The Bank President Gary Walter said that the first step in the purchase was to reach an agreement with First National to buy the assets and liabilities of the three branches.

The second, he said, is to get permission from the state Banking Commissioner and the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., which insures both banks.

The third step, required by law, is to publish a notice in the local newspapers of the three branches – Colby, Bird City and Quinter – and two home offices – Oberlin and Goodland – of the affected banks for four weeks.

During and after the publication period, people have a chance to comment on the sale and say if they have some problem with it, he said.

If everything goes right and there are no huge problems during the comment period, the state and federal agencies will either OK the application or ask for additional information.

Mr. Walter said he couldn't say how long the process will take but

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local
markets



10:30 a.m.

Wheat — \$5.94 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.97
Corn — \$6.08 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.30
Milo — \$5.84 bushel
Soybeans — \$13.46 bushel
Posted county price — \$14.16
Millet — \$11.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$26.95 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 win doubleheader

The Goodland High School softball team won their last home games on Thursday against Holcomb, extending their winning streak to 12 as the regular season winds down.

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Students compete in various events

Northwest Tech pair place first, advance to national SkillsUSA

Two Northwest Kansas Technical College students placed first at the state Skills U.S.A. competition, earning them a spot in the national competition.

Patrick Lorens, from Stratton, Neb., placed first in cabling and

Sarah Barela, from Goodland, placed first in prepared speaking. These two will attend the national competition on June 23-27 in Kansas City.

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Goodland High freshmen excel at drafting competition

Goodland High School freshmen Ricky Milke and Makayla Kennedy took the top two spots in their class in the drafting competition at the Western Kansas Technology fair in Hays on Friday.

Milke won the top freshman award, with Kennedy coming in second. Goodland High also had two medalists each in the junior category, Asger Nickelsen and Jacob Becvar; and one medalist in the senior category, J.J. Farris.

Receiving Superior ratings (blue ribbons) at the competition were Nickelsen, Becvar, Ryan Hillmer, Seth Stramel, Garrett Geist, Jacob

Garcia, Alex Rangel, Farris, Isaac Backes, Spencer Smith, Tanner Helton, Jake Anderson, Kennedy, Milke and Thatcher Jones.

Receiving Excellent ratings (red ribbons) were Nickelsen, Xavier Colby, Cristian Dominguez, Jonah McClung, Josh David, Tyler Amthor, Dominic Rogers, Matthew Minchow, Tyler Jones, Hiram Hendrich, James Dinkel, Cameron Snyder, D.J. Glassman, Jaime Ross, Britney Brown and Matthew House.

Receiving Good ratings (white ribbons) were Brook Bahe, Coy Johnson and Bobby Niles.



Central Elementary School third graders performed in a music program on Thursday in the high school auditorium. The songs

covered a range of topics from diversity to pizza.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Third graders sing for crowd on Thursday

By Pat Schiefen

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An enthusiastic audience watched and listened to Central Elementary's third graders sing, act and perform on Thursday night at the Goodland High School auditorium.

The kids sang about diversity, parties, pizza and the freedom to follow their own path. They sang about needing the coming summer vacation. The program ended with a patriotic number. Char Avila was the group's music instructor.

Joy Boyington's class includes Valeria Al-

manza, Ryan Berls, Ralph Brighton, Jamijo Buster, Jackson Daise, Jacob DeLaRosa, Kiefer Eberhardt, Tiffany Flores, James Gensheer, Sharid Goodman, Mathew Gould, Anna Gutierrez, Chelsey Knitig, Jordan Madden, Cutler Mayer, Destiny Miner, Sarah Moyer, Genesis Ross, Kain Scott, Skyler Urban and Delanie Vrbka.

The members of Tara Mull's class are Atalee Amthor, Titus Beringer, Mikayla Biermann, Leyton Cure, Ryan Fife, Jenitsabeth Garza, Mary Kate Gerber, Truman Hooker, Keyly Jarrett, Sibraim Lopez, Caleb Mason, Ashtin

McClung, Mason Neal, Kylie Nelson, Vonna O'Brien, Isaiah Rubio, Vivian Solomon, Riley Stewart, Caden Thomas and Saul Vargas.

Students in Janet Davis' class are Leah Carter, Trevor Daise, Andy Edwards, Jazlyn Fenner, Bryant Garza, Lorena Gill-Shaw, Nathaniel Gomez, Sydney Hahn, Bryson Ihrig, Jazzman Jones, Annika Linin, Courtney Miner, Mason Miranda, Brock Mull, Daniel Munoz, Mason Murray, Isaac Rodriguez, Ezequiel Sanchez, Riley Vallejo, Makayla Wolak, David Wood and Alexis Wynn.



Students get send-off events

The Goodland Ambassadors and the Booster Club held two send-off ceremonies last week for Goodland High School students who were heading to state and national competitions. Musics students (above) under band director Deanne Langness and choir teacher Randy Berls were headed to the state solo and ensemble contest in Andover. Three students Mikail Freeman, Josh Whisnant and Corey Davis (right) were headed to DECA Nationals in St. Lake City, Utah. The sponsor for DECA is Chase Topliff.

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