


weather report



47°
10:30 a.m.
Monday

Today
• Sunset, 7:48 p.m.
Wednesday
• Sunrise, 5:39 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 62 degrees
• Humidity 74 percent
• Sky cloudy
• Winds calm
• Barometer 30.35 inches and steady

• Record High today 96° (1934)
• Record Low today 25° (1917)

Last 24 Hours*
High Sunday 69°
Low Sunday 43°
Precipitation .03
This month .03
Year to date 4.00
Below Normal .03 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 69, winds out of the north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 41.
Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 75, winds calm switching to the south at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 48.

Extended Forecast
Thursday: Sunny with a high near 81 and a low around 50.
Friday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 66 and a low around 44.
Saturday: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
(National Weather Service)

Goodland schools to get iPads

By Pat Schiefen

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At a special meeting last Tuesday, the Goodland School Board voted to sign a three-year lease agreement with Apple Inc. to purchase iPads and other technology for the district. The program would allow each student from sixth grade through high school to have an iPad 2 and there would be one iPad for every two elementary school students.

For the grade school the iPads would be kept on a cart for the students to use. From the sixth to eighth grades students would check out the iPads for the day and return them at the end of the day. In the case of high school students, they would check out the iPads at the

beginning of the school year and keep them until the end of the year.

Superintendent Bill Biermann said students would pay a fee that would provide a type of self-funded insurance in case of damage. The school board discussed covers for the iPads and they decided that students would want to purchase the cover that they wanted in the color they wanted.

Biermann said the lease of \$166,000 each year would stabilize the district's technology spending. There would be a down payment of \$150,000. The total amount of the lease would be \$661,422. They would get a discount of \$19,000, which would pay for the interest they would be charged.

Board member Amy Sederstrom commented that the district has previously spent more than that in a year on new technology.

Teachers will get their choice of either a projector or a television adaptor for their classroom. In rooms with Smartboards, the projectors would work with them.

The board talked about iPad apps and decided that it would be decided a case by case basis. Biermann said that each building's apps would come out of their budgets.

Head of technology for the district Ben Coumerilh said they would have 12 terabytes of data storage for each building and that there would be backups every hour.

Board member Mike Cochran moved the

board enter into the agreement with Apple and Jessica Cole seconded. The motion passed 7-0.

The board went on to discuss what they would do with the laptops and other equipment they were replacing. It was decided that it would be offered first to teachers and students in the district and then to the community at large. What was left could be sold to a buy back company. Biermann thought they would recover about \$100,000.

All the members of the board were present including Diane Stiles on speaker phone.

"We are doing something really neat here," said Coumerilh.

May brings awareness, celebrations

By Kevin Bottrell

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Pop quiz. Is it Beef Month, National Hospital Week, Bike Month or Building Safety Month?

If you answered, "all of the above." You'd be correct. It's also Exercise is Medicine Month, National Brain Tumor Awareness Month, Jewish American Heritage Month, Mental Health Awareness Month, Skin Cancer Awareness Month, National Military Appreciation Month and Lou Gehrig's Disease Awareness Month.

Gov. Sam Brownback issued proclamations last week for Bike Month, Beef Month, Building Safety Month and Exercise is Medicine Month last week.

The Bike Month proclamation acknowledges that cycling provides both an "an excellent form of physical fitness, and provides quality family recreation." It also asked citizens to be more aware of bicycle safety.

The governor recognized the \$5.5 billion a year cattle industry with Beef Month. The proclamation said it is in the public interest to advance the beef industry, since Kansas has more than 6.3 million cattle.

Building Safety Month encourages awareness of safe construction and maintenance of buildings. It is sponsored by the International Code Council and International Code Council Foundation. The governor's proclamation asks citizens to consider projects, "to improve building safety and sustainability at home and in the community, and to acknowledge the essential service provided to all of us by local and state building departments and federal agencies in protecting lives and property."

Exercise is Medicine Month, sponsored by the American College

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Goodland high School trumpeter Brendan Fulcher performed "Heroique," the piece that earned him a I rating at state. He played "Legende

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Top student musicians perform for locals

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Junior and senior instrumental and vocal students from Goodland High School gave perhaps the last performance of the solos that they had worked so hard on for music contests. They sang or played Sunday night for an appreciative audience at the First Christian Church - Disciples of Christ, 711 Arcade.

At KSHSAA State small ensemble and solo competition Chantel Coates on flute earned a I—the highest rating—Jacob Schnabel, I on low brass (trombone); Cheyenne Stegeman, I on clarinet; and Brendan Fulcher, I on trumpet.

Abby Jolly received a I in her vocal solo and Ian Bonsall, Caleb Fugleberg, Brooke Lockhart

and Parker Sieck received a II.

The X-Pressos show choir and the senior vocal quartet received IIs.

The recital is a yearly project done by the Goodland Federated Music Club in observance of National Music Week.

Goodland High School Senior Caleb Fugleberg sang his vocal solo "Dry Bones" by Mark Hayes. He was accompanied by Carol Jolly.

Junior Schnabel played his trombone solo "Concert Piece, No. 5" by B. M. Blazewitch. His accompanist was Dana Inloes.

Junior Lockhart sang "Se Florindo a Fedele" by Alessandro Scarlatti with Carol Jolly accompanying.

Senior Coates played "Gigue" by L' Clair on

her flute with Inloes accompanying.


Senior Fulcher played "Legende Heroique" by Jules Mouquet on the trumpet with Inloes accompanying.

The final performer was Abby Jolly singing "Rejoice Greatly" from "The Messiah" by G.F. Handel and "O Mio Babbino Caro" from "Gianni Schicci" by G. Puccini. Carol Jolly accompanied her.

Teachers of the students included Goodland High School band instructor Deanne Langness, Goodland High School vocal instructor Randy Berls and private teacher Carol Jolly.

After the music punch and cookies were served.

local markets



10:30 a.m.
Wheat — \$5.75 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.72
Corn — \$5.91 bushel
Posted county price — none
Milo — \$5.66 bushel
Soybeans — \$13.33 bushel
Posted county price — none
Millet — \$11.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$26.80 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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Golf team wins tourney



The Goodland High School golf team won the Colby Invitational last week. They will travel to Lakin next week for regionals.

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A good day to fly



Saturday morning was a good time to be out flying, with little wind and warm temperatures. The wind picked up Saturday night and Sunday, gusting as high as 47 mph. The National Weather Service is predicting clear skies and highs up to 81 degrees this week.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

State to give money to violence shelters

TOPEKA — Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services Secretary Phyllis Gilmore announced Thursday that the agency will offer \$2 million in grants directly to the state's community domestic violence centers to fund the services they provide to clients of SRS' Temporary Assistance to Need Families (TANF) program who have been victims of domestic violence.

This will be an effective increase of \$600,000 for the local programs.

"Funding domestic violence programs directly through the community providers will allow us to deliver services and support straight to the victims," Secretary Gilmore said. "In addition to increased funding, the community programs will have more flexibility and be able to better tailor their programs to individual needs."

The grants will go into effect July 1, which marks the beginning of the state's fiscal year.

The community programs pro-

vide support and a safe haven for victims of sexual and domestic violence, focusing primarily on women and children. The Kansas Coalition against Sexual and Domestic Violence decided to withdraw its bid to oversee case management for the local providers this week. SRS's current \$1.7 million contract with the coalition will expire June 30.

"We are not surprised that KCSDV is backing away from providing services for the approximately 450 TANF clients in the domestic violence program," the Secretary said. "KCSDV had been struggling to meet our new accountability standards for several months."

"We tried to work with them, but in the end the bid that KCSDV submitted did not meet even the minimum performance standards set in the request for bid, and they were the only bidder. As a result of their withdrawal, we have decided to take the program in house, manage it ourselves and provide direct funding to the community programs," she said.