


**weather report**



**69°**  
10:30 a.m.  
Monday

**Today**  
• Sunset, 7:54 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
• Sunrise, 5:32 a.m.  
• Sunset, 7:55 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**  
• Soil temperature 59 degrees  
• Humidity 33 percent  
• Sky clear and sunny  
• Winds light and variable  
• Barometer 30.24 inches and steady  
• Record High today 94° (1936)  
• Record Low today 24° (1907)

**Last 24 Hours\***  
High Sunday 71°  
Low Sunday 40°  
Precipitation none  
This month .22  
Year to date 4.19  
Below Normal .38 inches

**The Topside Forecast**  
Today: Sunny with a high near 84, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 51.  
Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 7 p.m., a high near 88, winds breezy out of the south at 15 to 30 mph and a low around 56.

**Extended Forecast**  
Thursday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 87 and a low around 56. Friday: Sunny with a high near 89 and a low around 59.  
(National Weather Service)

**local markets**



**10:30 a.m.**  
Wheat — \$5.67 bushel  
Posted county price — none  
Corn — \$5.60 bushel  
Posted county price — none  
Milo — \$5.35 bushel  
Soybeans — \$12.51 bushel  
Posted county price — none  
Millet — \$11.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$26.70 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.)

**inside today**



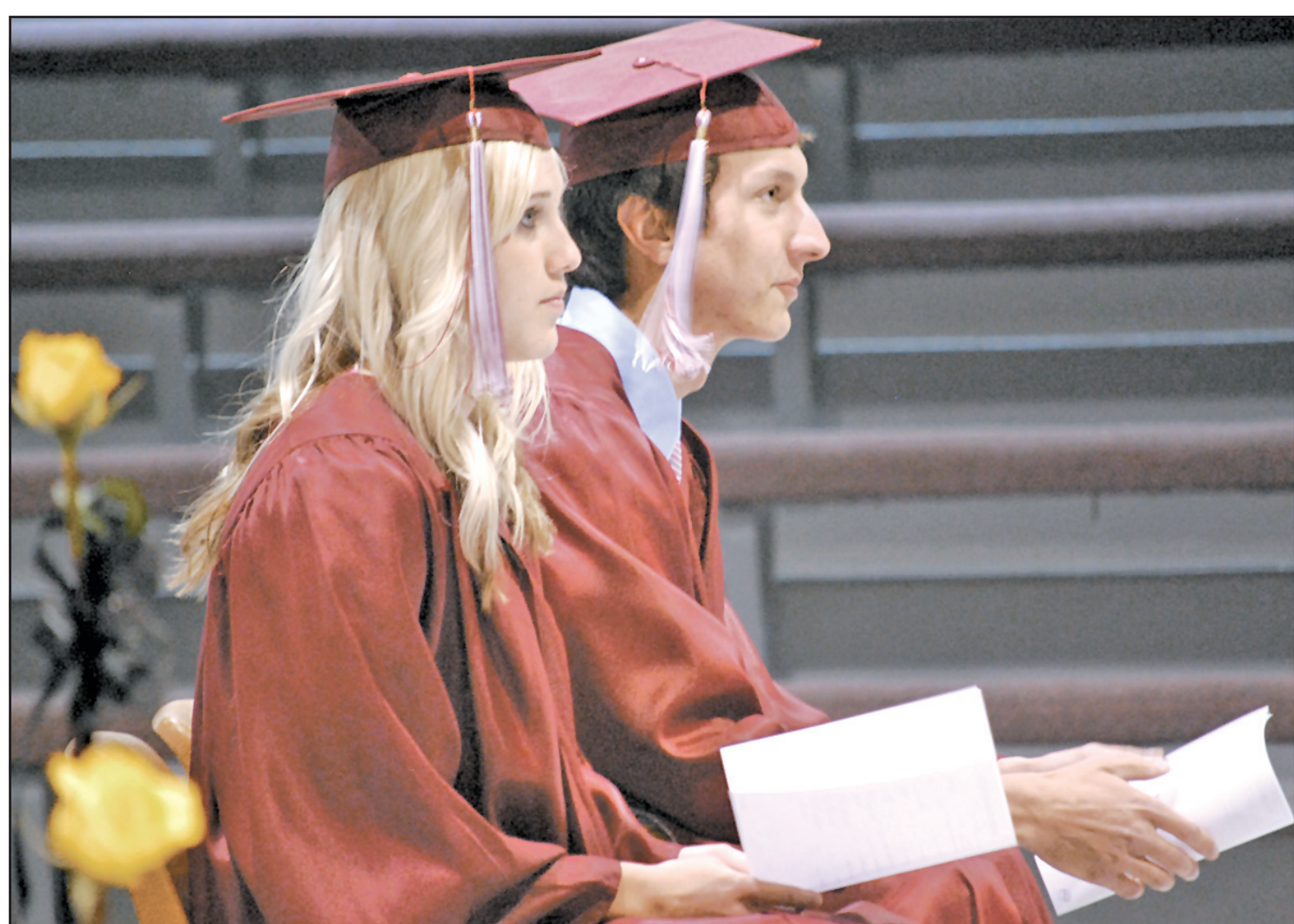
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**Cowgirls excel at meet**

The Goodland High girls track team had six top-three finishes at the Great West Athletic Conference meet last week.

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Brewster graduates Kasey Hoyt and Aaron Luckert listened to speaker Janci Mills at the commencement ceremonies Saturday. Hoyt was valedictorian and Luckert was salutatorian. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

## Brewster graduates four on Saturday

By Kevin Bottrell  
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Two Brewster High School students and two foreign exchange students received their diplomas at the school's commencement ceremony Saturday.

The local students were Kasey Mae Hoyt and Aaron Luckert. Hoyt is the daughter of Keith and Christina Hoyt. She will be studying secondary education at Colby Community College. Luckert is the son of Wayne and Debbie Luckert. He plans to study diesel technology at Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland.

The foreign exchange students were Luiz Fernando de Arruda from Brazil and Corinna Hanisch from Germany. de Arruda has been staying with Peggy Ohlrogge and plans to go to law school. Hanisch has been staying with Jim and Jessica House and plans to be a flight attendant and study hotel management.



Luckert, Hoyt and exchange students Corinna Hanisch and Luiz de Arruda moved their tassels to the left side.

The guest speaker was Brewster Superintendent and Principal Janci Mills, who began by acknowledging the Mother's Day holiday.

"You're giving your parents the best gift you can give them," she told the graduates. "Earning your diploma. That diploma, she said, is an opportunity and a commitment to go forward and continue a lifetime of learning.

Mills said the students should never underestimate the small school they came from, because the teachers and staff and Brewster have given them everything they need. She used her father as an ex-

ample. Her father grew up in Riverton, Neb., and attended school in a two-room schoolhouse. Despite that, he went on to invent a lawnmower safety device that is marketed around the country.

Turning back to graduation, Mills said it is an emotional day. She noted that Hoyt and Luckert have been together in the Brewster School District for 13 years. She said they were likely feeling sad to leave their home away from home, but most of all feeling proud of their accomplishments.

"You are leaving your comfort zone," she said. "I'm sure what you discover will be wonderful, and what you discover will be yourself."

Mills concluded by reminding the audience that the worth of any school is measured in its graduates.

Luckert, the salutatorian, and

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## Biologist to speak at Goodland graduation ceremony

By Pat Schiefen  
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The speaker for the Goodland High School graduation on Saturday is Julianna Johnson Konkright, a 1991 graduate of Goodland High School and valedictorian of that class.

Konkright received dual bachelor degree in 1995 in biology and microbiology from Kansas State University at Manhattan. She was a Howard Hughes Medical Institute predoctoral intern during her senior year. At

Cincinnati's Children's Medical Center, she studied surfactant biology and neonatal respiratory distress as part of her doctoral thesis and received her Ph.D. in molecular and developmental biology from the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in 2001. After completing a postdoctoral fellowship in Bill Balch's laboratory at The Scripps Research Institute in LaJolla, Calif. Then she moved to Florida to manage the Cell-based Screening Facility at The Scripps Research Institute in Jupiter, Fla. Konkright



**Konkright**

aided investigators in genomic and compound screening in small molecule probe development as part of a center-based initiative in the NIH Molecular Libraries Program. In 2010 she was recruited to the Stowers Institute in Kansas City, Mo., to establish an advanced screening core that can handle a wide array of high content imaging and biochemical technologies in Mammalian and non-mammalian systems.

She has developed primary and secondary assays for cell-based screening of complementary DNA, new libraries for cell-based screening and a mammalian genome collec-

tion of complementary DNA.

Conkright is the daughter of Susan and Maurice Johnson of Goodland and granddaughter of Sparkey and Eilene Nolan of St. Francis and the late Irene and Harold Johnson of Goodland.

The Sherman County Alumni Association will announce the Outstanding Education.

Each of the foreign students will talk about their year in Goodland High School. Also speaking will be the valedictorian and salutatorian for the 2012 class. The band and choir will sing. The graduates will have their awards and scholarships announced.

## Area cases to go before appeals court in Larned

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Two local cases will get their day before the Kansas Court of Appeals today and Wednesday when a panel of three judges convenes in Larned.

The Appeals Court often sends out panels of three judges to cities around the state to hear oral arguments in cases from that region. The three judges coming to Larned this week will be Michael Buser, G. Gordon Atcheson and retired appeals judge David Knudson.

Attorneys in each case submit briefs to the court before the hearing. Oral arguments are limited to 15 minutes for each side, though some time can be reserved for rebuttal. The docket also includes summary cases that will not have oral arguments.

The judges do not decide the case

on the day of the hearing; they issue a ruling later, which can be accessed at www.kscourts.org.

The judges will begin hearing the cases at 9 a.m. Tuesday and will continue into the afternoon, then pick things up again Wednesday morning.

**Barnhardt and Haverfield v Logan County Commissioners**

This case was originally filed in 2007 in the district court. According to a brief submitted by the appellee, the case involves a dispute between the Logan County Commissioners, the Kansas Farm Bureau and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service over the extermination of prairie dogs on a property in Logan County.

That property, known as the Haverfield-Barnhardt Complex, consists of about 9,000 acres of

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## New trees for the park



Harold Gillihan held one of two new trees donated by Black Hills Energy for Arbor Day. The two trees, along with several provided by the city, were planted at Rosewood park in a ceremony with Goodland elementary students.

Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

## Police and sheriff encrypt radios traffic

By Kevin Bottrell

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Goodland citizens won't be hearing police or Sherman County Sheriff's Office radio traffic on their scanners, and Chief Cliff Couch doesn't mind explaining why.

The two agencies encrypted their transmissions when they recently upgraded to a new 800 MHz radio system.

"We went back and forth on this," Couch said. "There was a lot of discussion."

There were ultimately three reasons why Couch decided to go with the encryption: operational security, officer safety and victim privacy.

People listening in on scanners are people who are interested in what is going on, he said, whether it's a hobby, or because they like to stay informed. Some, though, are criminals who have the scanners to get information on police activity.

Back in Tallahassee, Fla., Couch said that when he was a new narcotics officer and being shown around the department, he saw an entire box full of scanners seized in drug raids.

"The odds are always against us," he said. "We're always reacting whenever we get a call, we don't want to make it harder."

Being able to hear police transmissions allows criminals to know where officers are heading, he said, so they can vacate the area, whether its two people drag racing or someone who opened fire in a school.

"The last thing I need in that scenario is someone listening to what I say and where I tell my officers to go," he said. "A person who has put that much thought and planning into something like that might also have brought along a scanner."

Those are extreme scenarios, he said, but there have also been examples right here in Goodland. Just recently, a caller said they were afraid their phone would be taken away if their report was heard over the scanner. When an ambulance was dispatched — over an open channel — their phone was indeed

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