

weather report



59°

10:30 a.m.
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 8:02 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:25 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:03 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 63 degrees

• Humidity 64 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds north 9 mph

• Barometer 29.68 inches

and rising

• Record High today 97° (1964)

• Record Low today 29° (1992)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 81°

Low Wednesday 50°

Precipitation .15

This month 0.4

Year to date 4.37

Below normal 1.28 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 a.m. and fog before 10 a.m., a high near 80, winds breezy out of the east at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 57. Saturday: Sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 95, winds with winds out of the south at 15 to 30 mph and a low around 64.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 86 and a low around 53. Monday: Sunny with a high near 80 and a low around 55.

(National Weather Service)
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local markets

10:30 a.m.

Wheat — \$6.43 bushel

Posted county price — \$6.46

Corn — \$5.76 bushel

Posted county price — no bid

Milo — \$5.44 bushel

Soybeans — \$12.43 bushel

Posted county price — no bid

Millet — \$12 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$24.80 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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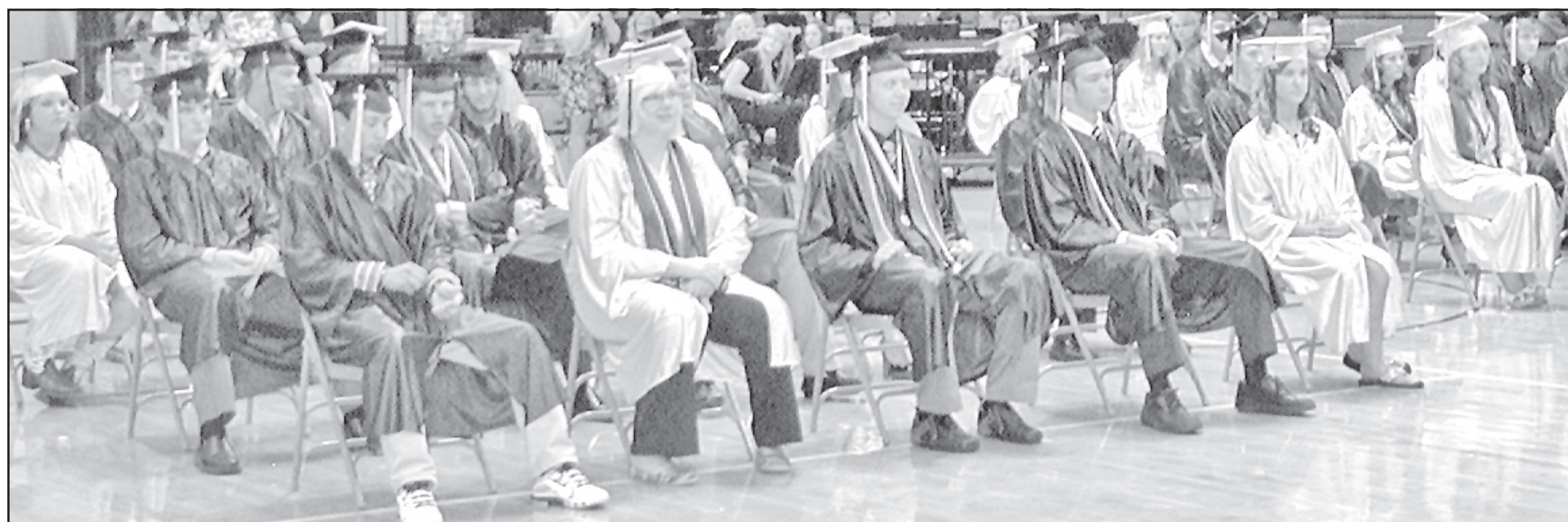
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Hail to the champions

The Goodland High School boys golf team won the Class 3A State Tournament on Monday, claiming three of the top four individual finishes.

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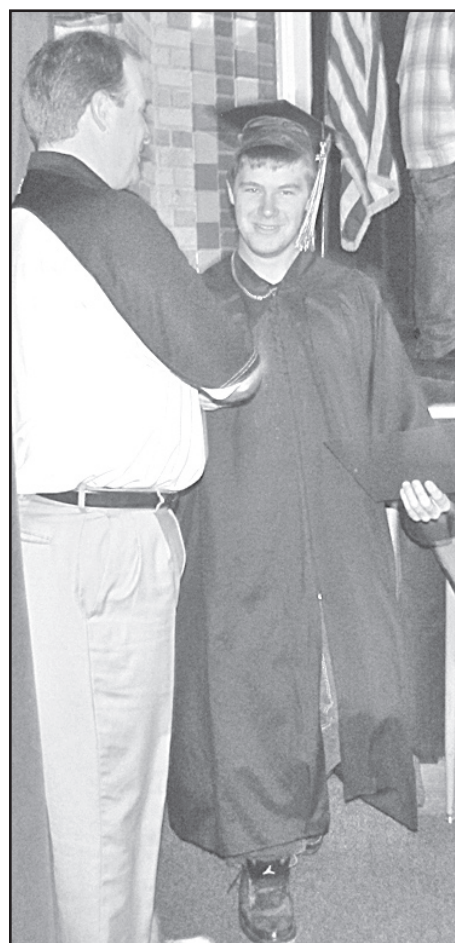
The members of the 2012 graduating class listened to speakers at the commencement ceremony on Saturday afternoon at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The band and the X-Pressos provided music for event with Dr. Julianna Conkright being the main speaker. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Graduations Galore

Fifteen receive diplomas from Learning Center

By Tom Betz

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Superintendent Bill Biermann congratulates Skyler Williams for getting his high school diploma through the Goodland Learning Center. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Parents, children and friends gathered at the Goodland High School auditorium on Monday morning for the Learning Center graduation ceremony honoring 15 people who completed their high school diploma.

Graduates Patrisha Schnug and Brittany Medrano each gave a short speech about their graduation.

Schnug said she wanted to thank everyone who was present who helped the graduates, that was what made their success possible. She said she was proud to have gotten her diploma and felt it was a great accomplishment. She said it was with the help and support the people at the Learning Center and her family and friends that made it possible to achieve the goal and change her life.

She said it was not just for her but for her beautiful daughter and she was glad to be a 2012 graduate.

Medrano gave an emotional speech about how she had overcome obstacles to reach her goal of getting her diploma. She said it was not an easy journey, and was glad she had been able to reach her goal.

She said she had been discouraged, but with determination and dedication she was able to achieve her goal and get her diploma. She said she had learned you must never give up or quit, and that success comes from goal setting and being a strong minded person with a mission to get it done.

"I believe if you have faith you can achieve

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Cassie Battistoni (left) and M'Lynn Hinger gave a thumbs up as they got ready and waited for graduation ceremonies to begin. There were 46 seniors graduating. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Goodland alumn featured at high school graduation

By Pat Schiefen

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A cooler day was appreciated by graduates and audience alike on Saturday afternoon for the Goodland High School graduation ceremony at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The main speaker for the ceremony was Julianna Johnson Conkright, 1991 graduate of Goodland High School. She said that with 15 years of post high school education she qualifies as a professional student.

Conkright asked the graduates, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" and

offered three things to help them. They need to find their passion, first of all, because she guaranteed there would be frustration. Next they shouldn't be afraid to change course if things are not working. Finally they need to be thankful to those that support and encourage them.

Conkright said the smartest thing she ever did was to start research right off when she went to college. If it takes volunteering then do it, she said. The first jobs a person will

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Logan County prairie dogs get their day in court

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The fate of 9,000 acres harboring prairie-dog towns in Logan County — and dozens of endangered black-footed ferrets living among them — was argued Tuesday in Larned in front of three judges of the Kansas Court of Appeals.

The three-judge panel had convened to hear several appeals from western Kansas, including Haverfield and Barnhardt v. Logan Coun-

ty Commissioners, which concerns a fight over what to do about prairie dogs spilling over onto other ranches from the "Haverfield complex," the site of a federal reintroduction program for the endangered ferrets.

Jim McVay, attorney for the Logan County commissioners, went first, followed by Randy Rathbun, who was representing the Larry and Betty Haverfield and Gordon Barnhardt.

Judge Michael Buser, a 2005 appointee of Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, presided. With him

were Judge G. Gordon Atcheson, an appointee of former Gov. Mark Parkinson, and Senior Judge David Knudson, a former district judge and retired appeals court judge.

Buser said the court has been sending out these panels more often lately, but it hasn't been in Larned since the 1980s. The court has come to Colby twice in the past several years. The court makes an effort to have cases from the region assigned to these traveling panels, Buser said, so attorneys and the par-

ties involved don't have to travel all the way to Topeka.

Both sides in each case prepare a brief for the court, and the court staff prepares a Memorandum of Law for each case, which covers any statutes that might apply. At the hearing, each side got 15 minutes, though the appellant's attorney can ask for rebuttal time. McVay went over his allotted 15 minutes, so

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Goodland Rotarians attend convention in Thailand

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The long effort to eliminate the crippling disease polio worldwide is within reach with the announcement India was declared polio-free in January, and Rotarians attending the 103rd International Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, cheered the news.

Rotary International began an effort more than 25 years ago to stop the spread of polio and eliminate the disease from the Earth. Dr. Bruce Aylward, assistant director general for polio at the World Health Organization made the announcement during his speech on the third day of the convention held at the Impact Center in Bangkok.

Aylward said the great news from India means the largest hurdle to the goal of ending polio has been crossed and 99.5 percent of the world is polio free. He reported three countries continue to have

cases of polio, Afghanistan, Pakistan and Nigeria, plus he said Chad had an outbreak of cases in the past year.

The announcement was made to the 35,000 Rotarian delegates, officers and members from nearly 200 countries representing the more than 1.2 million Rotarians. End Polio Now is the slogan Rotarians are using as the final push moves ahead.

To defeat polio Rotarians have raised more than \$2 billion over the 25 years to provide technology and develop a special two-drop vaccine to be given to children around the world.

"Through all my travel, my personal belief Rotarians are optimists has been reinforced," said John F. Germ, chairman of Rotary's \$200 million challenge. "After all, we persuaded the world global polio

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Thousands of Rotary International convention attendees gathered at an arena at the Impact Center in Bangkok, Thailand on May 7, and donned blue and yellow raincoats to create the world's largest smile as part of a special effort for Ripley's Believe it or Not. Photo by Barbara Henigin/The Goodland Star-News

