


weather report

63°
10:30 a.m.
Tuesday



Today
• Sunset, 8:06 p.m.

Wednesday
• Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:07 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 68 degrees
• Humidity 36 percent
• Sky clear and sunny
• Winds east 14 mph
• Barometer 30.11 inches and rising

• Record High today 104° (2003)
• Record Low today 30° (1947)

Last 24 Hours*
High Monday 81°
Low Monday 40°
Precipitation none
This month .44
Year to date 4.41
Below Normal 1.71 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 79, winds out of the north at 10 to 15 mph switching to the east and a low around 52. Wednesday: Partly sunny with a 60 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m., a high near 75, winds breezy out of the south at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 46.

Extended Forecast
Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 69, winds breezy out of the north at 15 to 30 mph and a low around 46. Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 78.
(National Weather Service)



Goodland honors those who serve

Mary Harper (above), president of the Ladies Auxiliary of Veterans of Foreign Wars, laid a wreath at the veterans memorial at the Goodland Cemetery on Monday, Memorial Day. The Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars Rifle Squad marched into position (left) before firing a 21 gun salute. Each year services are held honoring deceased veterans who have served in the military at the cemetery. Father Norbert Diabal was the speaker for the observance. Danny Mangus and Dani Mangus provided music. Brendan Fulcher and Ryan Irvin played Taps. Koons Funeral Home and Jacque's Hallmark released balloons.

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City credits incentives for new jobs

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Goodland staff told the city commission at their meeting last week that the economic development incentive program the city put in place more than two years ago may have helped create 70 jobs.

The program includes several types of incentives such as helping with the cost of moving utility lines or reimbursing some utility costs after the business has been in place for a year. The program is aimed at job creation. Economic Development Director Michael Solomon said the businesses who have taken advantage of the program have

invested about \$3.4 million in the community and created about 70 jobs, all the while costing the city just \$78,000. Some of the jobs are full time and some are part time.

"We need those part-time jobs just as much as those full-time jobs," Solomon said.

Solomon said the incentives are not solely responsible for that growth, but they do help. City Manager Doug Gerber said he didn't think the city would see that much money put back into the community if the incentives weren't there. Mayor John Garcia asked whether

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School board approves new, departing faculty

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Several new teachers were hired at the last school board meetings. Hired were Jana Myers and Heather Spinney as kindergarten teachers at West Elementary, Tiffany Post as a math teacher at Goodland High School and Emmily Blankenship as the 7 to 12 vocal music instructor. Rachel Curry was hired as a third grade teacher at Central Elementary School and Jamie Odum and Kimberly Jacobsen were hired as fifth grade teachers at Central Elementary School. Emily Luckert was hired as the girls health and physical education teacher at Grant Junior High.

The current vocal teacher Randy Berls has accepted a position teaching musical theater at Colby Community College.

The board accepted the resignation of Mary Mills as the Title I reading teacher at Central Elementary

School.

At the last school board meeting no formal vote or action has been taken in closing Grant Junior High School. Superintendent Bill Biermann was making tentative plans to do that in the 2013-14 school year. Before closing a school the board has to make a formal vote, publish a legal and have a public hearing.

Supplemental contracts were approved along with the recommendations for teachers and classified staff.

The head coach for football will be Kent Teeter with assistant coaches Joe Sramek, Devlin Mull, Donald Raymer and Mike Ruhs.

Barb Bedore will be the head coach for volleyball with assistant coach Julie Dautel and another to be hired.

Connie Livengood will coach girls golf and if numbers warrant

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local markets

10:30 a.m.

Wheat — \$6.37 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.46
Corn — \$5.52 bushel
Posted county price — no bid
Milo — \$5.20 bushel
Soybeans — \$12.58 bushel
Posted county price — no bid
Millet — \$12 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$25.20 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 lose in first round

The Goodland High School softball team lost 11-2 to Rock Creek at the state tournament on Friday in Manhattan.

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Northwest Tech board member challenges graduates

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One hundred fifty-six Northwest Kansas Technical College students crossed the podium at the Max Jones Fieldhouse on Friday, receiving diplomas and certificates.

College President Ed Mills welcomed everyone to the ceremony. He highlighted the schools accomplishments during the year, including awards from Apple and the establishments of several athletics programs, something that is unique among Kansas technical colleges.

"That's a point of pride for us," he said.

The featured speaker was Carol Law, a college board member. Law talked about growing up in Leoti and returning there to raise her kids. She spoke about the family atmosphere in small towns like Leoti or Goodland and reminisced about trips down Main Street and knowing everyone she saw. Even so, she said, Main Street has changed.

"It's not all clothing stores anymore," she said. "I believe you graduates will make the new Main Street."

Law listed hardware stores, phone companies, hairdressers, auto parts stores, auto mechanics, newspapers and many types of businesses that you might find on Main Street, and all businesses that would employ graduates of Northwest Tech. Beyond Main Street, she said, there are truck repair shops, farm implement dealers, hospitals and more that are all essential services that the graduates can help to keep open in these small towns.

Law said all these business are the first that local organizations go to when looking for donations. She challenged the graduates to be contributing members of society,



Northwest Kansas Technical College graduates Rosalio Trejo Jr. (left) and Jonathan Garcia moved their tassels to the right at the commencement ceremony Friday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Trejo and Garcia were graduating from the Collision Repair program. They were two of 156 to graduate this May.

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and to get involved in some of these organizations.

She ended her speech by reminding the graduates that the

world is changing fast, and they must remember to always continue learning.

The school administration then

recognized the 15 candidates for student of the year and announced the winner, Patrick Lorens of Stratton, Colo. Lorens was graduating

from the communications technology program.