

### weather report



63°

10:30 a.m. Thursday

#### Today

• Sunset, 8:08 p.m.

#### Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:09 p.m.

#### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 69 degrees
- Humidity 35 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds west 12 mph
- Barometer 30.13 inches and falling
- Record High today 106° (2002)
- Record Low today 34° (1917)

#### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	91°
Low Wednesday	48°
Precipitation	0.01
This month	0.45
Year to date	4.42
Below normal	1.94 inches

#### The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 81, winds out of the southeast at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 54. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 88, winds calm switching to the east at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 62.

#### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 92 and a low around 63. Monday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 92 and a low around 64.

(National Weather Service)  
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# Tornado sighted near Brewster

By Kevin Bottrell

The Goodland Star-News

Wednesday was a wet and wild day, depending on where you live. A large storm passed through northern and eastern Sherman county that afternoon, bringing rain, hail and at least one small tornado.

At 3 p.m. National Weather Service employee Pamela Murray reported a "small land-spout tornado" about five miles northwest of Brewster, near the intersection of County Roads 34 and 70. The tornado may have been on the ground for as long as 20 minutes. Murray said the tornado was fairly weak and didn't do much more than kick up dust.

Landspout tornadoes do not originate from

supercells and are usually weaker, but not always. They typically form along convergence boundaries and are stretched upwards by thunderstorm updrafts. They also originate closer to the ground than supercell tornadoes, making them difficult to detect on radar.

Light hail pelted the areas under the storm. Pea-sized hail fell briefly in Goodland, while other areas reported hail as large as quarters.

The storm also dropped some rain, but only briefly in Goodland. The weather service reports only one tenth of an inch of rain. Local weather observers with the Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow Network reported trace amounts of rain west of town and two tenths of an inch in town.

One observer just over the Thomas County line, where the storm continued after passing through northeast Sherman County, reported .43 inches.

That patchy rain may or may not be good news for wheat farmers. The service has only recorded .45 inches of rain in May, a month that can normally see nearly 3 inches. The area is almost two inches under the normal precipitation for January through May. The hot, dry and windy weather has caused the wheat to mature and dry faster than usual. Even with the storms, the temperature on Wednesday still got up to 91 degrees.

The wind picked up later in the evening, with sustained speeds up to 36 mph and gusts

up to 45.

Wind was a much bigger problem over the weekend. On Saturday, the weather service recording wind speeds up to 61 mph. About 10 p.m. the city lost its feed from Sunflower Electric, and power went down for nearly an hour. The interrupt came from a lost tie near Brewster, likely caused by the wind.

City crews started up the power plant and had the lights back on in about an hour. City Manager Doug Gerber said there have been problems with the Holcomb coal plant, so the city has been running generators for 12 to 15 hours most days. However, the generators

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# Company breathes new life into ethanol plant

By Kevin Bottrell

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For several months, a Michigan company has been working to finish an ethanol plant about five miles west of Goodland, and it's nearly ready to show it off to the public.

NextGen Energy will hold a groundbreaking event for the ethanol plant at 1 p.m. Wednesday, June 13, at the New Goodland Energy Center at 200 Energy Park Drive. Rick Johnson with NextGen said everyone is welcome to come out for the event, adding that after the plant is operational, they would be more than happy to show people around.

The project began life back in 2006 as The Goodland Energy Center, a proposed facility funded by local investors that included eCaruso LLC, the ethanol plant; Kanza Energy LLC, a biodiesel plant, the Goodland Energy Resources Cogeneration Power Plant and a soy crush facility.



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The New Goodland Energy Center, five miles west of town, had started out as a local project, but now, several years after construc-

tion was halted, a Michigan-based company is continuing work on the ethanol plant.

Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

### local markets



10:30 a.m.

- Wheat — \$6.25 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$6.38
  - Corn — \$5.55 bushel
  - Posted county price — none
  - Milo — \$5.20 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$12.15 bushel
  - Posted county price — none
  - Millet — \$12 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$25.10 cwt.
  - Confection — no bid
  - Pinto beans — \$28
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

# Goodland man charged with theft

By Julie Samuelson

The Western Times

A seventy-seven year old Goodland man has been charged with felony theft in Wallace County.

Marshall Hatfield is accused of allegedly stealing eight field housings to electric motors on a sprinkler system from the Lillian E. Harrower Revocable Trust. He is also charged with destruction of property.

The incident happened sometime on March 19 in rural Wallace County. Hatfield has also been charged with criminal damage to property in the incident. Losses

are estimated at more than \$1,000 but less than \$25,000. It is thought that Hatfield was after the copper in the housings, since the price of copper is so high.

First appearance proceeding have already been held in the case and a preliminary hearing was scheduled for Tuesday. Wallace County has filed a Motion for Continuance in the case, however, so it has not yet been rescheduled.

If found guilty, Hatfield could spend from 17-19 months in jail and incur a \$100,000 maximum fine.

# Museum holds weekend events

The High Plains Museum is kicking off its "First Week" activities with several events on Friday and Saturday.

• The first Movie on the Wall of the summer "Men in Black" will be starting at 8:30 p.m. tonight at the Goodland Public Library.

• On Saturday, the Family Fun Trail will be from 1 to 5 p.m. at the Carnegie Arts Center, the Goodland

Public Library and the High Plains Museum. Each location will have fun family activities.

• Saturday evening, the High Plains Museum will hold two Night at the Museum events. The first is Bedtime at the Museum, with storytime and crafts for kids ages 7-12 starting at 6:30 p.m. Late Night Fright for ages 12 and up will begin at 7:30 p.m. Bring a flashlight and

go on a hunt through the museum until 11 p.m.

The museum is also expanding its hours. It will be open from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays in June, July and August. The First Week program series is held the first week of every month during the summer. For information, call the museum at 890-4595, the library at 899-5461 and the arts center at 890-6442.

# State to repave 13-mile stretch of K-27

Beginning on or around June 4, the Kansas Department of Transportation will begin repaving a 13-mile section of K-27 from Goodland to the Wallace County line.

Workers will perform a conventional asphalt/chip seal. The resurfacing project fills surface defects that can shorten pavement life. Workers will spread a thin layer of asphalt over the pavement then coat it with a layer of rock chips that is pressed into place with heavy

rollers. The process is an economical method in order to extend the life of the roadway.

Flaggers and a pilot car operation will guide one-lane traffic through the work zone during daylight hours. Delays of 15 minutes or less will be expected throughout the construction time frame. The public should plan their travels accordingly.

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# Goodland girls talk about etiquette, good choices at program series



By Pat Schiefen

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The last Girl Talk program ended with a meal of chicken parmesan at Bible Baptist Church, 12th and Main. Girl Talk is a program where high school girls mentor junior high school girls to let them know that there is life after junior high and to share their experiences and support.

A group of 25 had a program on etiquette at meals. The girls had picked the topic. Kelly Hendrich gave the program. To illustrate, she had a formal setting of china, crystal and silver set up. She talked about the different types of silverware from salad forks, soup spoons, dinner knives, forks, spoons as well as a pastry fork and a dessert/oval spoon. Knives and spoons are on the left side of the plate with forks on the right. The pastry fork and dessert spoon are above the plate. In a formal meal you start with the silverware the furthest out. A small plate is above the knives and spoons with a small, flat knife is to spread butter or jam on bread or pastries.

She said, once a piece of silverware is used it is always placed on the plate whether from the bottom at an angle with the knife and fork separated if the diner is not done

eating. When done both pieces are placed together across the plate.

The napkins is placed in the lap and if the diner needs to get up from the table the napkin is left on the chair to signal the waitstaff when you are done. Sneezing or blowing your nose into your napkins shouldn't be done. When finished the napkins should be placed on the table beside the place setting, she said.

Hendrich said the girls got to practice what they had learned at the dinner.

The dinner was provided by Mothers of Preschoolers.

Girls Talk's mission is to improve the self esteem of young teens. Programs which last about an hour can be on bullying, sexting, body image as well as hair, clothing and etiquette.

The sponsors for Girl Talk are Brenda Linin and Mary Elias. A questionnaire was given to each girl attending asking for suggestions for next year. Girl Talk started in January and met once a month.

The programs gives high school girls the opportunity to share their experiences with younger girls and let them know that they are not alone. The goal is to help girls feel better about themselves and not to get into eating disorders, cutting, bullying, smoking or drinking.

A few of the Grant Junior High and Goodland High School girls involved in Girl Talk. At their last meeting of the year Kelly Hendrich talked about dinner etiquette and then the group ate a dinner of chicken parmesan provided by the Mothers of Preschoolers. The program pairs a girl from high school to mentor a girl from junior high.

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### All-League results out

The Great West Activities Conference has released the All-League teams for baseball and softball, including many Goodland players.

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