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**weather
report**

93°

noon Monday



Today

•Sunset, 8:11 p.m.

Wednesday

•Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

•Sunset, 8:12 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 70 degrees
- Humidity 29 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south 20-25 mph
- Barometer 29.65 inches and falling

- Record High today 102° (1985)
- Record Low today 39° (1996)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	96°
Low Sunday	55°
Precipitation	none
This month	.69
Year to date	5.87

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny and breezy with 20 percent showers and thunderstorms at night, high bear 94, low near 65 winds west 13-32 mph. Wednesday: partly cloudy with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight, high around 88, low around 57, winds south 11-28 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday - Sunday: high 80-90, slight chance of showers.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Slice of Life raises over \$40,000



Former Harlam Globetrotter Larry "Gator" Rivers (above) gave a ball-handling demonstration with a little assistance from Peg Hanke during a break in the bidding. Former Denver Broncos Fran Lynch (left in right photo) and Charly Johnson held up a giant bobblehead of Denver Nuggets star Carmelo Anthony during the "Slice of Life" benefit auction Saturday night at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. Photos by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

By Greg Stover

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People had such a good time mingling Saturday night at the 15th annual "Slice of Life" benefit that, at times, you couldn't hear the auctioneer, but they heard enough to help raise over \$40,800 for the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

"This was a very successful event," said Brenda McCants, one of the benefit's organizers. "The celebrities tremendously appreciated the hospitality of the community."

McCants said last year's benefit mad around \$36,000.

People started showing up at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall around 6 p.m. and a steady stream filed in until about 7, when the auction began. When they showed up, guests had the chance to look over the items up for auction which in-

cluded memorabilia, many autographed, from the sports and entertainment worlds. There were several items featuring the new movie "Shrek 2," such as skateboards and a chess set that used characters from the movie as the pieces brought by Scott McPhail of DreamWorks.

Lupe Manyos and his band, out of Kansas City, provided music as people mingled with friends and celebrities, and took advantage of the snack buffet and cash bar. After a short, while Manyos introduced former Kansas City Chief Walter White, the benefit's honorary chairman in 2002.

After adding his own musical talents to the show, White talked briefly about what it meant to the celebrity guests to be able to have a good time while helping to raise

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Senator's shoes will be hard to fill

By Sharon Corcoran

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Kansas Sen. Stan Clark will be missed by friends, family and colleagues, and State Rep. Jim Morrison said, he will be missed by all of western Kansas.

Clark's death in a car accident Saturday, May 29, leaves an open Senate seat that needs to be filled through mid-January. Republicans will gather in Colby on Saturday, June 19, to select a replacement to serve through January.

Voters will pick a permanent replacement in November. Monday, Rep. Ralph Ostmeyer, R-Grinnell, announced he had filed with the Secretary of State for the 40th District senate seat. Dan Rasure, 21, Goodland is the other Republican candi-

date so far, with the filing deadline at noon on Thursday. No Democrats have filed for the open seat.

Although the seat can be filled, Morrison said, Clark's shoes can't.

Morrison, Clark's friend as well as colleague, described the senator as a go-to guy who was more concerned about getting things done than gaining recognition, a man of his word, as one who loved to serve, who was unique, particularly for a legislator.

Morrison said he knows of a dozen possibilities to fill Clark's senate seat, but declined to name names before the funeral on Thursday. He did say his name is not on the list.

"I love being a representative," he said, "and will stay where I'm at."

The representative said he and Clark had become best friends over the last 10 years. He said they have worked together daily, year around, in session and out.

Morrison, reached at Kennedy-Koster Funeral Home in Oakley, where he was helping with Clark's funeral arrangements, said he has become close to Clark's family as well.

"He's an incredible fellow," Morrison said of Clark. "The thing that most stands out with Stan is his willingness to serve; he had the heart of a servant. It wasn't just a job; he loved to help people."

Clark was formidable, a debater, a go-to person in the Senate, Morrison said. If something needed to be done, Clark was the one to go to.

The president of the Senate needed research on Medicaid, the program which helps low-income people with medical bills, Morrison said, because it has become such a big issue. Clark took the job, had several committee meetings and became very knowledgeable on the subject.

His research and comments are being used nationally, Morrison said, but Clark hasn't gotten a lot of recognition.

It didn't matter to Clark who got the credit, Morrison said, as long as things got done. He believed the best things get done anonymously, the representative said; you get more done if you're not trying to get the

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Two days to filing deadline

With less than two days left for party candidates for Sherman County offices to file and pay their fees, a couple more candidates have finished their paperwork with the county clerk's office.

Late last week, Dee Albers, a Republican candidate for sheriff, and Crystal Wright, a Republican candidate for county treasurer, filed.

With three days remaining, Commissioner Mitch Tiede filed about noon Monday. Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he was completing the paperwork.

There is a chance the primary election on Aug. 3 will be an open primary, meaning a registered voter can choose which party's ballot to vote on regardless of his or her party registration.

The possibility arose from an order by the U.S. 10th Circuit Court of Appeals, dated April 6, which ruled state law cannot limit voter participation in a party's primary to just party members.

Kansas Attorney General Phill Kline issues a statement Friday clarifying that the court's order is not making open primaries mandatory, only saying a state cannot pass a law prohibiting open primaries.

"Kansas law allows each recognized political party to determine whether their primaries will be open or closed," Kline said.

Kansas Secretary of State Ron Thornburg sent a letter May 14 to the state chairs of the Republican and Democrat parties asking them to make a decision by Thursday.

**local
markets**



Noon

Wheat — \$3.46 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.41

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.96 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.88

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$6.75 bushel

Soybeans — \$0.00 bushel

Posted county price — \$8.10

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$6.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$11 cwt.

NuSun — \$11.25 cwt.

Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Hotel reopens with new faces

Waitress Megan Rubio started her morning rolling silverware at the recently remodeled Harvesters Restaurant in the Goodland Howard Johnson Hotel. Story, photos on Page 3.

Statue to decorate library entrance

By Greg Stover

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The front of the Goodland Public Library will have a new look later this month, thanks to the Goodland Senior Housing Corp, which is donating a life-sized version of the statue "More than Words."

The statue reflects a tender moment between a woman and two children as they read a book together. It is the creation of sculptor Greg Todd, who was born and raised in Goodland and created the statue "They Came to Stay" in front of the Sherman County Court House across the street.

Ron Vignery, secretary of the housing corporation board, said the statue is being paid for with excess money gained from the sale of property the corporation bought to build an assisted living complex. Because the agency could not find a satisfactory building contract, it's board decided to sell the property.

Vignery said since the corpora-

tion is a non-profit organization, the excess money realized from the resale had to go back into the community. He said most of the money went for equipment for the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Last fall, Max Alderman, vice president of the corporation's board, went to the library board with the proposal for a statue in front of the library.

Work began to remove an old sign and prepare a place for the statue May 24 said Janet Warren, the library's director. She said it was a coincidence this work and the renovation of the stucco paneling on the outside of the library are going on at the same time.

Warren said most of the gray flagstone bricks from the old sign will be used in the base for the statue, but some were used to replace broken ones in the exterior walls.

Rhoads Construction, 330 W. 17th St., is doing the work at the library.



More than Words statue will be placed at library entrance.