

weather report

80°

noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil temperature 74 degrees
- Humidity 40 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northeast 16 mph
- Barometer 30.03 inches and steady

• Record High today 107° (1952)

• Record Low today 41° (2001)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 91°

Low Sunday 59°

Precipitation none

This month 1.11

Year to date 6.29

The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, high around 91, low near 55, winds south southeast 15-18 mph. Wednesday: partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high around 71, low around 51, winds northeast 11-30 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$3.40 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.28

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.83 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.62

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.50 bushel

Soybeans — \$8.39 bushel

Posted county price — \$8.15

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$11.10 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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Goodland loses 2 games

Wyatt Dautel got back to the base in time to beat the throw from the pitcher during the fourth inning of the first game of Goodland's doubleheader at Scott City, Wednesday. Goodland dropped both games, 9-1 and 13-2. Photo on Page 10.

Three killed in wreck; charges filed



By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

A Colorado woman allegedly driving drunk when she smashed into Goodland family's vehicle faces murder charges in the deaths of a grandmother, her daughter and granddaughter.

The three women were killed in a two-car accident Friday afternoon on I-70 about six miles east of the Edson exit. A funeral service was set for 10 a.m. Wednesday at Max Jones Fieldhouse for all three. A vigil and rosary will be at 6 p.m. tonight at the fieldhouse.

The driver of the other car, identified as Jennifer Adams, 28, Edgewater, Colo., scored a blood alcohol count of .265, according to court papers. In Kansas, a reading of .08 or above is considered intoxicated, so her blood alcohol was more than three times the legal limit.

The victims were Mary Wyant, 55, a paraprofessional at West Elementary School; her mother, Aline Becker, 85, a retired upholsterer and homemaker; and her daughter Christine Williams, 35, a science teacher at Goodland High School.

Wyant was pronounced dead at the scene. Becker and Williams, who was trapped in the wreck for about nearly 45 minutes, were taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Injured in the accident were Williams' daughter Caylee, 5, and son Garrett, 8. Both were taken to the hospital, and Caylee was later flown to Children's Hospital in Denver. She was in good condition Monday morning, said Rachel Robinson, a spokesperson for the hospital.

All passengers in the Ford Explorer were wearing seat belts, according to a report by the Kansas Highway Patrol.

The accident occurred about 4:30 p.m. in the westbound lane of I-70, said state Trooper Troy Smith. A 1998 silver Honda Accord driven by Adams passed a semi-trailer rig, then cut back in front of it and struck the 1994 white Explorer driven by Wyant, in the rear. The impact sent the Explorer into the north ditch, where it rolled several times, ejecting at least one person.

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A 1998 Honda Civic, driven by Jennifer Adams (above), came to rest in the median of I-70 about 14 miles east of Goodland after a two-car accident Friday afternoon. Rescuers worked to free Christine Williams from the 1994 Ford Explorer she had been a passenger in. She was trapped in the vehicle after it rolled several times from the impact.

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Technical college celebrates 40 years

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About 300 people helped the Northwest Kansas Technical College celebrate its 40th anniversary this weekend, including two of its first graduates and members of the college's original board.

However, perhaps the biggest question on everybody's mind was, who won the 1965 Ford Mustang? The vintage car, restored by college students, went to David Nannarone of Garden City. A raffle for the vehicle helped raise over \$9,000 for the college's endowment scholarship fund.

The festivities started at 2 p.m. Saturday with a car show featuring classic cars, trucks and motor scooters. Included was a restored 1956 Ford sedan that was used by a student at the college in 1965.

At 5 p.m., President Ken Clouse gave his opening remarks, then introduced the members of the college board. Next, Clouse thanked state Reps. Jim Morrison of Colby, Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell and John Faber of Brewster for their continued support of the college.

Clouse then called for a moment of silence for State Sen. Stan Clark, another supporter of the college, who was killed in a traffic accident on June 5.

Next he introduced the members of the endowment committee, which he said raised more than \$500,000 for the college and continues to grow.

He read the names the original board, some of whom were at the celebration and others who were represented by family members. Rob Lofton, current board president, showed the guests a plaque from the 2004 board honoring the



original board for their vision. It will be on display in the administration building.

Clouse recognized the members of the Goodland School Board at the time the college opened its doors for their efforts in helping get the school established. He introduced the current staff and faculty, along with some of the original staff and any retired or former staff members in the audience.

He recognized the first graduating



Saturday was a chance for the Northwest Kansas Technical College to look back at the 40 years since it opened. The afternoon featured a car show including this 1956 Ford (above), which was driven by a college student in 1965. The fashion show that evening featured styles from the 40 years, including a kid in the peace sign jacket (left).

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class of business students, two of whom were present.

Clouse then introduced Bonnie Hawks of the career services office and gave her a bouquet of flowers in gratitude for her work in organizing the celebration. He also gave flowers to Inge Sloan and Joann Clouse, who helped Hawks.

In closing, Clouse thanked those providing the entertainment and all the sponsors that helped make the celebration a reality. He then invited all the guests to join in a "hog roast."

After the meal, featuring barbecued pork sandwiches, many of the

guests gathered north of the campus to watch power parachutists fly overhead and to see a hot air balloon take off, but wind conditions prevented the balloon from taking off. About 50 people saw the balloon take off Sunday morning around 6:15 a.m.

The guests were treated to a fashion show on a trailer turned stage on Eustis Avenue, and the day's festivities tapered off around 11:30 p.m.

Sunday morning, some of the guests returned to campus for a light breakfast while others went out to Sugar Hills Golf Club for a two-player scramble.

Sheriff, Senate top races

The primary election ballots for Sherman County are set, featuring races for the Republican nominations for sheriff and county treasurer, where the incumbents are not seeking re-election.

There also are contested races for four of the Republican precinct committee-woman seats and two for committee-man.

The primary will be Tuesday, Aug. 3. In order to vote in the primary election people need to register by July 19. People wanting to change their party affiliation in time for the primary election must do so by the same date.

The Kansas Democratic Party has opened up its primary and invited unaffiliated voters to make their choices on its ballots in its August.

"After consultation with many Democrats across the state, the Kansas Democratic Party wholeheartedly welcomes unaffiliated Kansas voters to participate in the 2004 Democratic primaries," said party Chairman Lawrence Gates at a press conference in Topeka on last Wednesday.

There are no contested Democrat races on this year's

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