



American Legion team in action

Goodland catcher Landon West (right) tried to throw a runner out at third during the bottom of the second inning against Scott City on Thursday in the American Legion zone tournament in Colby. Goodland lost the game 13-2. Brett Lalicker (above right) got to second base before the tag during Goodland's game against Norton on Sunday. Norton won 5-2, eliminating Goodland from the tournament.

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County attorney fits into prosecution role

SELBY, from Page 1

"I hope there's enough information from the cases we see of illegal substances," Selby said, "that teenagers can see that that can end all their dreams for the future. "If we have to have those cases, we hope young people can use it, help them to see it's not a good thing to do."

Selby said one thing her office does to help young people is provide scholarships through the Prosecutor's Charitable Trust. Most of the money comes from speeding tickets, she said.

People ask to have their tickets converted to a non-moving violation, Selby said, to keep it from going on their record. She said they check the driver's history and make sure they don't have a lot of violations. Then, if they weren't going faster than 96 mph, they will change the ticket to a non-moving violation if the driver pas court costs and contributes to the trust.

There's a chart of what size of contributions to give, she said, based on the speed limit compared to the speed they were going. Last year, she said, the trust paid out \$6,050 in scholarships. "That's been fun," Selby said. "It's one of the things we're really proud of."

A lot of counties just offer diversions, she said, but Sherman County tries to be cautious, checking a person's record before converting a ticket.

In continuing in the office, Selby

said she looks forward to coming up with more efficient ways to handle challenging cases and better ways to update statutes.

"It's a learning process for all of us," she said.

As far as long-term goals, she said, they work to keep victims informed and have been fortunate that victims have supported them.

"Our success is directly related to the kind of support we have from the victims," she said.

Victims have to testify and give information to the police and prosecutors, she said, and it may be the first time they've seen how the law works, what its limitations are.

Nobody can ever legislate anything (as punishment) that compares with what they lost, she said; it's so personal.

"We try to do the best we can with that, and realize that part of the healing process is having a chance to vent."

She also credits the success of her office to those she works with, Amy Thorson and Kelly Studer.

"It would have been most difficult without those two," Selby said. "I don't know what I would do without them."

Though Thorson and Studer are not certified as paralegals, Selby said, they do that job.

"It's just a matter of testing," she said. "I have no doubt they could pass with flying colors."

Thorson also provides a service for the community, Selby said, working with businesses to have bad checks prosecuted. Normally,

she said, businesses would have to hire a private attorney to collect checks.

She said the county commissioners have also been helpful in allowing the office to have help from Scott Showalter, who is the court

trustee for child support enforcement and attorney for the state Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services.

"No one in this office could say they've done it alone," she said.

Thunderstorms drench area, cause minor damage

STORM, from Page 1

got a call two miles east on County Road 77, where an out building was on fire.

Rural Fire Chief Kenny Griffith took one fire truck and headed to the scene, driving through the rain and hail as he headed north.

As he turned east, he reported that water was running over the road at two low points. The chief told volunteer Justin Bentzinger to keep the tanker on K-27 at the corner with Road 77.

Sheriff Whitson followed Griffith to the fire and reported water 18 inches high coming across the road.

Griffith said there was no fire, but that the steam coming off the hail had been blowing through the shed and under the door, making it look like the building was on fire.

He said water was running over the road east of the shed and appeared to be about 30 inches deep.

The storm moved southeast, but the winds were swirling to the west and driving the rain in sheets. At times the visibility on North Caldwell was less than 50 feet, causing

drivers to slow to a crawl.

The winds in Goodland were clocked at 60 mph, and were reported to be near 70 north of the city.

Rainfall for Thursday was 1.47 inches, and the storm continued through the night and through Friday with an additional .41 of an inch. A light rain and mist continued through the night, stopping about noon Saturday with an additional .1 of an inch, for a total of 1.98 inches in two days.

Wednesday, the total moisture for July was 2.06 inches and by Saturday it was up to 4.04 inches. The average rain for those days is .11 inches and the normal for the month is 2.78 inches. Last year, when it was so dry, there had been .53 inches for the month.

The three days of rain brought the year to day to 12.89 inches, which is .23 below the normal of 13.12 inches, and 1.32 inches ahead of last year's 11.57 inches.

The forecast for the week is for possible thunderstorms for today through Thursday with warming temperatures.

Crossword Puzzle

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CLUES ACROSS

- Midler
- Competently
- Constructed
- A domed or vaulted recess
- Fastener
- Flightless birds
- Tended
- No-shows
- Amalgamations
- Disposed to please
- An unfledged or nestling hawk
- A collection of things sharing a common attribute
- Sleep gear
- Equalisers
- X X X
- Wrap
- Parts per billion, abbr.
- Wax
- Used to cut and shape wood
- Airs
- Spanish city
- Enchantress
- Playful
- Fires
- Greek portico
- Identity
- In a way, coastal
- Lovin' Spoonful leader, John

- Russian ballet company
- Clabber
- Having essential likeness
- Fill with high spirits
- Greek goddess of youth
- Offered
- Measuring instrument

CLUES DOWN

- Used in medicines and perfumes
- A sword similar to a foil but with a heavier blade

- Russian title
- Ringing sound
- Regard highly
- Arthropod genus
- Founder of Babism
- ___ Hartmann, actress
- Mass of matter
- Aluminum and chromium
- Rhizopodan
- Fights
- Curves
- The ___ Creed
- A shag rug made in Sweden
- Pollen-producing organs
- Nine banded armadillo
- In a way, chopped
- Expresses surprise
- Residue
- Bird genus
- Tell on
- Used esp. of vegetation
- Structure resembling a hair
- Lodgings
- Ho-hum
- Waders
- Volt-ampere
- A ridged fabric
- One of two Houses
- Electrically charged atom
- One who disassembles
- Hieronymous ___, painter
- Apply oil
- Skewered meat
- MT
- Jab
- Small deer of Japan with slightly forked antlers
- Fissures
- Towards the mouth
- Island north of Guam
- At all times
- Type of gift

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