

weather
report

64°

noon Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 8:17 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:24 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 66 degrees
- Humidity 93 percent
- Sky rain, cloudy, patchy fog
- Winds North 10 mph
- Barometer 30.06 inches and rising
- Record High today 104° (1921)
- Record Low today 46° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	75°
Low Wednesday	62°
Precipitation	.68
June total	3.67
Year to date	8.85

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, warmer, high upper 80s, westerly winds 5 mph, shifting to south in afternoon. Tonight: partly cloudy, low lower 60s, southeast winds around 10 shifting to southwest after midnight.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, high low 90s, south winds 5 mph. Saturday night: Partly cloudy, 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, low lower 60s.

Sunday and Monday: Partly cloudy, high upper 80s, lows low 60s.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.17 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.18
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.60 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.41
Loan deficiency pmt. — 00¢
Milo — \$2.19 bushel
Soybeans — \$8.35 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.69
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0.00¢
Millet — \$5.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10.95 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$0.00
Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt.
NuSun — \$11.20 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$15 (new crop)
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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today

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Wheat thin
in most fields

Steve Raymer ran a combine Tuesday evening on Hugh and Dorothy Armstrong's land. The irrigated wheat field north of Goodland was yielding roughly 20 bushels per acre. Story, photo Page 9.

Sidewalk sale begins weekend fun

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland Star-News

Freedom Fest activities for the Fourth of July weekend kick off today with sidewalk sales from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

"Most businesses are participating," said Courtney Warden, executive director of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce.

The sidewalk sales continue on Saturday and there will be a city-wide garage sale. Warden said garage sale maps will be available in front of the chamber office.

The first-ever Freedom Fest water volleyball and water basketball tournament will begin at 9 a.m. at Steever Park. The finals will be at 11 a.m.

At 10 a.m., the Freedom Pageant begins at Steever. Boys and girls ages 2 through 7 will compete for the title of Mr. Firecracker and Miss Sparkler. The pageant will cost \$1 to

enter and prizes will be awarded to the winners.

The Freedom Fest parade will start at 6 p.m. Saturday on Main Avenue, going south from 10th Street to 17th Street.

The theme is "We Support Our Troops, Red White and Blue."

A free street dance will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight Saturday downtown on 10th from Main to Center Avenue. A deejay will supply music.

Festivities on the Fourth will begin at 5 p.m. when the gates to the Sherman County Fairgrounds open. Admission is \$1 for the night's entertainment.

Rides at the home-owned carnival will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. and entertainment will be provided by the Goodland Area Singers. Rides at the carnival will cost 50 cents per ticket.

The Agriculture Building behind

Fourth on Sunday makes Monday holiday

With the Fourth of July on Sunday, most government offices and many businesses will close for the holiday on Monday to make it a three-day weekend.

State, county, city and federal offices and banks will be closed on Monday, and there will be no mail.

The Post Office will be closed on Monday for the holiday, and that means *The Goodland Star-*

News will be printed on Tuesday for delivery on Wednesday, one day later than usual.

Checking restaurants in Goodland The Butterfly Cafe, Buffalo Inn, Dairy Queen, El Reynaldos, Gambino's Pizza, McDonald's, Pizza Hut, Taco John's, Wendy's, Hanks, Harvester's Cafe at Howard Johnsons, A&W at Total, Subway and the Bowladium Lanes will be open normal hours

on Monday. China Gardens and Picnic in the Park will be closed on Monday.

Gambino's Pizza will be closed Sunday and Dairy Queen and Subway plan to shut down early Sunday night.

Crazy R's Bar and Grill will be open for regular hours on Saturday and then closed Sunday, Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

the grandstands will house a scale model show, where collectors will be displaying their models.

The Chamber board will serve a dinner of hot dogs, hamburgers, buffalo wings, corn on the cob, beans and chips from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. in the

4-H building. At 9 p.m., deejay Andrew Melia will provide music and give away prizes.

The Goodland Rotary Club will provide free watermelon.

The fireworks will start at 10:15 p.m. with a show produced by Joe

Diaz, a Goodland native who has been in charge of the display for several years.

The Chamber is billing this year's production as "The Biggest Fireworks Display between Denver and Kansas City."

Murder hearing set Oct. 27

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The preliminary hearing for Jennifer L. Adams, 28, who faces three charges of second-degree murder in the deaths of three women in an accident on I-70 on June 11, has been set back to 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 27.

The hearing had been scheduled for Wednesday, but last week the Wichita law firm of Joseph and Hollander filed an appearance as Adams defense counsel, and the hearing date was changed to allow them to prepare.

Stephen M. Joseph and Christopher M. McHugh were named as Adams' attorneys in documents filed with the district court.

They filed four motions for witness statements, request for discovery and inspection to inspect and copy all the evidence the prosecution has, a request to have a verbatim record of the preliminary hearing and a motion to exclude and separate witnesses during the testimony and to keep them from communicating with each other until all have testified.

According to the Kansas Highway Patrol, Adams, of 5400 S. Park Terrace Ave., Englewood, Colo., was driving west on I-70 about six miles east of the Edson exit about 4:30 p.m. on Friday, June 11, when her 1998 silver Honda passed a semi-trailer rig, then cut back in front of it and struck a 1994 white Ford Explorer driven by Mary Wyant, 55, of Goodland.

The Explorer rolled several times killing Wyant, her mother Aline Becker, 85, and her daughter Christine Williams, 35. Injured in the accident were Williams' daughter Caylee, 5, and son Garrett, 8.

Adams was released from the Bastille on \$100,000 bond after being advised of the charges against her on Monday, June 14.

The complaint alleges Adams was driving under the influence of alcohol and had a blood alcohol level of .265. A sixth charge is transporting liquor in an open container. The information with the charge said Adams had an opened bottle of Smirnoff vodka.



Smelly science

Tina Goodwin, director of the Carnegie Arts Center, gave children in the Art Institute summer program "Sloppy, Slimy Science" baking soda wrapped in tissue paper. Instructor Alyssa Mason gave the students vinegar. The ingredients were combined in a film canister "bottle rocket" and set on the ground to "explode," sending the canister flying. In line are Dayne Webring, Braelyn Hoelting, Maddy Stoltz and Kristina Stasser. The name of the course failed to list "smelly" — Kristina Stasser held her nose while she and Raquel Tomsic stirred the ingredients for crystals. Despite having surgical masks, several of the students were bothered by the smell of the ammonia

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County wants changes in the grantwriter program

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The two-year-old grantwriter program appeared to be on shaky ground Wednesday as Sherman County commissioners discussed pulling out unless some changes are made.

The commissioners agreed, however, to wait until after a meeting Thursday of the program's board to make any decisions. Some changes could come out of that session, which will include representatives of the four sponsoring agencies and

two citizen members.

Commission Chairman Mitch Tiede said he did not feel the county was getting a lot out of the program, and said they might opt out this year or pay for any service on a commission basis.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said that was his feeling, too.

"It has not been worthwhile for the county," he said.

"I don't want to see this fall apart," Commissioner Kevin Rasure said. "I do agree there needs to be some changes.

"I think all four partners need to re-evaluate how it is set up and re-define what the program is supposed to do. If we step out now, it may fail."

Thomas said he and Dan Hayden, of Bankwest, and Linda Knott, owner of Knott Just Books, volunteer members of the grantwriter committee, agree the program needs more definition.

Penny Nemecheck, who has been the grant writer for the first two years, has been paid \$36,000 divided among the partners. She said the program has brought in about

\$400,000. She agreed most of the money has been for the city (\$210,000), the community services group (\$87,500) and \$30,000 for fire equipment.

Thomas said he felt the cost of the grantwriter should be based more on the hours worked on grants for each partner, and there could be a percentage commission if the grant was approved.

Rasure asked the commissioners to consider giving the four partners — the city, school district, hospital and county — a chance to meet and

review the program to see if they can recommend some changes.

"I feel the four groups need to sit down and review what it is we expect of the grantwriter program," he said.

Rasure made a recommendation that the county wait to make a decision until the grantwriter committee can meet on Thursday to review the program.

Thomas asked Nemecheck if any of the other three sponsors had asked