

weather
report

83°
noon Monday

Today
• Sunset, 7:21 p.m.
Wednesday
• Sunrise, 6:15 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:19 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 69 degrees
• Humidity 36 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds southeast 15 mph.
• Barometer 30.18 inches
and rising

• Record High today 102° (1985)
• Record Low today 39° (1944)

Last 24 Hours*
High Sunday 90°
Low Sunday 51°
Precipitation none
This month 1.06
Year to date 13.95
Normal 16.25

The Topside Forecast
Today: mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high near 89, low near 57, winds 15-30 mph.
Wednesday: mostly sunny, high around 89, low around 58, winds south southwest 11-15 mph.

Extended Forecast
Thursday: mostly sunny, high near 89, low around 58. Friday: partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high near 82, low near 53.
(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon
Wheat — \$2.85 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.85
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.29 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.85
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$1.80 bushel
Soybeans — \$6.02 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.87
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10.65 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.90 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection — \$19/\$13 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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Team ready
for Indians

Freshman running back T.J. Hawkins (No. 10) looked for a hole in the defense during the first half of the Cowboy's Soap Scrimmage Friday evening at Cowboy Stadium. Photos on Page 9.

Coach arrested after house fire

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News
Police arrested the Goodland High football coach on suspicion of arson late Saturday after a second fire at his home.

Coach Tony Diehl, 34, 1108 Harrison, was arrested about 12:30 a.m. Sunday, Chief Ray Smee said. Neighbors said the fire was set with gasoline or diesel fuel on the back side of the roof of the house.

The coach had complained of vandalism and at least one arson attempt at his home in the last couple of weeks, after he reported a teenage party to the sheriff's department. He said the windshield was broken out of his pickup, and someone had attempted to set fire to his house.

Police watching for vandals apparently were surprised to catch the "victim" instead.

Lowell Lambrecht of 1109 Harrison, said his brother-in-law Marty Ross of Colorado Springs, who was visiting, awakened him when Ross

saw the flames at Diehl's house/The two men rushed out to put the flames out with a garden hose.



Diehl

"My brother-in-law went to get a glass of water and saw the flames, and woke me up and we went over to help," Lambrecht said, adding that he was surprised to hear that Diehl has been arrested. "I don't understand what happened with him. He is a pretty good guy, and has been a good neighbor. I can't understand it."

"I feel sorry for him. I feel it was an act of desperation. I hope the community goes easy on him. His troubles are just beginning while the people's troubles are over. I can't imagine what might make a person do this."

Lambrecht said the flames were about four feet high when he and his brother-in-law rushed across the street. They had the fire under control before the first fire truck arrived. Firemen were on the scene a minute or two before that, the men said.

Smee said officers arrived quickly and they kicked in the front

Board suspends football coach

After learning that high school football coach Tony Diehl had been arrested, the Goodland School Board met Sunday afternoon and suspended him with pay as both a high school English teacher and coach.

Superintendent Marvin Selby met with Jeff Mason, the school district's attorney, for a few minutes before the board met at the district office. High school Principal Harvey Swager, Steve Raymer, vice principal and activities director, and Jim Mull, principal of Grant Junior High and North Elementary, attended the meeting. Assistant football coach Jon McLean also was there.

Gaylene Shank and Rebecca Musil, from the Goodland chapter of the National Education Association, the teachers' union, were in the audience, as was Dane Scherling, a football parent.

The special meeting was called to order by board President Jane Philbrick at 1 p.m. with five of the seven members answering the roll. Member Dick Short showed up for the hastily called meeting about five minutes after the roll was taken and Fritz Doke within 15 minutes.

Selby said he called each board member Sunday morning to arrange the meeting.

The board, along with Selby, Swager, Raymer, Mull and Mason, went into closed session for 25 minutes to discuss Diehl's situation as a personnel matter. The session was extended three times for about five minutes each. The board asked McLean to sit in during the final period.

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Veterans fill hall to request outreach clinic

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily-News
Extra chairs and tables were setup Friday morning at the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars hall as a standing-room-only crowd of nearly 400 attended veterans forum and asked that a clinic be opened in Goodland or nearby.

The new regional director for the Department of Veterans Affairs promised them he would work on a clinic, but said it will take time to find the money and get it approved. "I can't believe the turnout," said Galen Horinek of Atwood who is a member of the Atwood Veterans of Foreign Wars, looking around the jam-packed room.

Congressman Jerry Moran organized the forum to give veterans a chance to talk with Dr. Larry Biro, regional director in Denver. Rep. Moran said it was the largest turnout of the three forums he had held.

Dr. Biro said it was the largest veterans meeting he has seen in the seven years he has been working for Veterans Affairs.

There were veterans from 18 counties at the forum. From Colorado the vets came from Kit Carson, Yuma, Phillips, Cheyenne, Kiowa and Sedwick counties. Kansas vets came from Sherman, Thomas, Rawlins, Deactur, Logan, Wallace, Cheyenne, Sheridan, Greeley, Hamilton, Gove and Wichita counties.

Biro, an Army veteran, said he has



A standing-room-only crowd (top) of nearly 400 veterans, relatives and community leaders jammed into a forum Friday morning at the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars hall. The meeting, organized by Congressman Jerry Moran, gave the veterans a chance to talk to Dr. Larry Biro, Denver regional head of health services for the Department of Veterans Affairs. Biro (left, above) talked to veterans before and after the forum about their needs and told the audience he would push for an outreach clinic for the Tri-State area.

Photos by Greg Stover / The Goodland Star-News

been in Denver for about 10 months, coming from the Veterans Affairs office in Pittsburgh.

"I have three promises to you," he said.

"First is that the care you receive

in Veterans Affairs will be second to none.

"Second is that we will maintain and expand services as quickly as possible.

"Third that you will be personally

satisfied with the outcome of the care you receive.

"Our mission is to provide health care services. It is earned, deserved and you are entitled because of the service to the country.

"The outcomes we strive for are improved quality of life, improved functional status and satisfaction with the service and experience. In short, do you feel better? can you do more? and are you satisfied?"

"I like to say I am in the happiness busines."

He said the Denver region includes six counties in Kansas, part of Nebraska, Wyoming, Utah, Idaho and part of Montana. Biro said 2.5 percent of the nation's veterans live that region, with 25 percent of the country's land area.

A study of veterans facilities in the region has been completed, Biro said, and the top priority is a new hospital in Denver to be built on the Fitzsimmons campus in Aurora. Groundbreaking for this is expected in the next year. There will be three new community based outreach clinics, with one in Salt Lake City and two in Montana.

"I am sorry that none of these are out here," he said. "I have to get these open, and then look at the next area to add community clinics.

"It will take some time. Immediately, the answer is that the hospital is there in Denver, and we can handle more veterans.

"We're there. We're working on expanding the service."

Veterans from around the area told Biro they needed to have a community clinic because of the dis-

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Volunteer interpreter sees success of family shelter program

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Star-News
A Sherman County volunteer for the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter serves as a translator and interpreter and helps with public education, and she has seen success in helping area victims. Cris Lovington, director of the Regional Prevention Center, has been a volunteer for the shelter for about six years. She and her

husband Art interpret over the phone when Spanish-speaking victims call for help, and Cris translates educational materials.

She has also served as a sounding board for victims.

There have been a couple of success stories in Sherman County, Lovington said.

Things are going well for one woman who has left the family shelter; she recently bought a house and is happy with the way

her life is going.

She shares her experience with others, Lovington said, and encourages them to contact the shelter.

The woman's success, said Charlotte Linsner, program director for the shelter, is not just because of the shelter but also because of the help Lovington gave.

"We help support them in the decision they make," Linsner said. "A lot of times

they have not been allowed to make a decision."

In many cases, she said, abusers make out grocery lists and only allow their partners to buy what is on the list; they also check the odometer on the car, monitor phone calls and call them from work to make sure they're home.

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