

weather
report

56°

noon Monday

Today

•Sunset, 6:04 p.m.

Wednesday

•Sunrise, 7:02 a.m.

•Sunset, 6:04 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 74 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds southeast 13 mph
- Barometer 29.69 inches and falling

- Record High today 92° (2003)
- Record Low today 19° (1925)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	74°
Low Sunday	35°
Precipitation	none
This month	2.08
Year to date	19.26
Normal	18.04

The Topside Forecast

Today: mostly sunny, high near 66, low near 40, winds north 5-9 mph. Wednesday: mostly sunny, high near 71, low around 40, winds south southwest 9-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high near 53, low around 34. Friday: partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers, high near 58, low near 35. Saturday: partly cloudy. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.05 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.20
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.71
Loan deficiency pmt. — 24¢
Milo — \$1.58 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.50 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.49
Loan deficiency pmt. — 19¢
Millet — \$4.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10.85 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.95 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$25
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls win
league title

Frazier served six straight times in Goodland's first game against Colby to increase the Cowgirls' lead from to 18-8 Saturday at the Northwest Kansas League tournament in Oberlin which the Cowgirls won. Story, photos on page 12.

Flu vaccine scarce here this year

By Kathryn Gurfinkel

The Goodland Star-News

Stock up on hand wash and use it regularly, stay at home if you are sick, avoid contact with the sick and cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing.

If you do, says Dorendo Harrel, a registered nurse and administrator of the Sherman County Health Department, you'll have a better chance of staying healthy if you have to go without a flu shot this year.

"Just these few precautions can help," she said.

The federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reports that a hold on the Chiron Corp., one of the two manufacturers of influenza vaccine, will leave hospitals and clinics throughout the county in short supply of flu shots this year.

Harrel said the health department here has not gotten any flu shots yet this year, except for vaccinations through the children's program.

"Seventy-five percent of my vaccine was ordered through Chiron," she said. "We won't be getting any of it."

She added the childrens' vaccine

is available to children with a medical card, on First Guard or with no insurance.

About 25 percent of the order was placed through Aventis, the other vaccine provider, but Harrel said she has yet to receive any. Both firms operate in Europe; no U.S. manufacturer makes the vaccine.

The state Department of Health and Environment said last Tuesday it is attempting to locate vaccine and redistribute it throughout the state.

The state's redistribution plan asks providers to go online and request or offer the vaccine to help

with the redistribution.

"We're trying to do what we can," Harrel said, "to try to secure some vaccine."

She said even if they get some of the vaccine, they will only distribute it to high-risk patients according to federal guidelines.

Candidates for doses include:

- Children 6-23 months.
- Seniors 65 and older.
- Anyone with a chronic medical condition.
- Pregnant women.
- Residents of nursing homes and long-term care facilities.

•Children 6 months to 18 years on chronic aspirin therapy.

•Health care workers.

•Out-of-home caregivers and household contacts of children 6 months and younger.

Harrel said since the department does not have any vaccine, she advises people to check with their doctor. She added that with a limited supply, the clinics are following federal guidelines.

"Everyone's going to work hard to try to follow highest risk guide-

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Kids have fun learning about fire safety



Four and 5-year-olds at Judi's Preschool had a treat Thursday as two firefighters from the Sherman County Rural Fire Department taught the group fire safety. Judi Vignery, owner and operator of the preschool at the First Christian Church, 8th and Arcade, prepared for the visit by showing the students a video and a reading book about fire safety. Firefighters William McK-



night and Troy Green showed off their gear, letting the kids inspect the hat, Demi Mitchek (right) checked out the coat and gloves. Blaine Sedestrom, with the help of Green got to try the fire hose, and the other kids took turns trying out the fire hose, climbing inside the truck and honking the horn.

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Abandoned puppy now blue ribbon winner

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Don't give up on abandoned puppies — they could be champions in the making.

When the Guyer family found a litter of puppies on their porch Thanksgiving morning six years ago, they weren't sure it was something to be thankful for.

They turned the puppies in to the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter and later adopted one. When the pup left a puddle on the kitchen floor, said Bryan, the dog's 12-year-old master, they sure didn't think he was something to be thankful for. He said his father, Barry, was ready to send him back to the shelter.

Once training was complete, though, things got better. And now the errant, abandoned pup is a member of the family, sleeping under the covers with his master.

The "pup," P.J., has grown up and is now a Kansas State Fair blue-ribbon winner. The schnauzer/terrier mix could have been the grand champion, Bryan said, if only he had walked a straight line.

There were just too many things to look at, Joni, Bryan's mom, said; his eyes and attention wandered.

"We call him our drunk dog," she joked.

All joking aside, Joni said P.J. is a good dog, very calm, one they get a lot of compliments on. She said people tell her he's such a good dog and ask where they got him. She tells them he came from the shelter.

The Guyers have two dogs — P.J., short for Patches Junior, is named



The Guyers' dogs, P.J. (left) and Pepper, made themselves comfortable on Bryan's lap Wednesday. The dogs both have competed at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair. Bryan and P.J. won a blue ribbon in dog showmanship at the Kansas State Fair.

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after a dog who died two years ago at age 16. Pepper, his companion, they decided to get last year, since P.J. was lonely without his namesake.

Bryan has shown both dogs in 4-H. He said after years of doing arts

and crafts projects, he got bored and wanted to try something else.

"I like dogs," he said, "and wanted to work with them."

Now, Bryan said, he would like to have a future in dog showmanship.

"I would like to be in a big dog show on TV," he said.

But Bryan admits he had some help to get where he is.

"Terri Richardson is a great teacher," he said. "She helped me

get to state."

And she has helped other students as well. About 10 people from Goodland went to state with dogs, Bryan said, out of about 50 showing at the fair here.

But even champions aren't perfect. P.J. got all blue ribbons his first year, Bryan said, and got all purples (grand champion) this year. Last year, he said, P.J. had an attitude and got all whites.

The dogs compete in obedience, he said, agility and showmanship. In agility at the fair here, he said, P.J. ran out of the pen.

The dog got another chance, he said, because the people working at the show forgot to shut the gate. Bryan said he learned to watch such details at the state fair, but he decided not to have P.J. compete in agility there.

He might have walked out of the ring again, Bryan said.

The judges at state are strict, he said; P.J. was docked because his toenails were too long. Other dogs lost points because their haircuts weren't even. He said their teeth had to be brushed, and the judges pet them to see if there are any bumps.

Bryan said he takes P.J. to Paw Wash to be groomed. With help from Richardson, Bryan has taught P.J. to sit, stay and roll over, but the dog's favorite trick is to beg.

He seems to do it effectively. The vet at the state fair said P.J. needs to go on a diet, Bryan said. His winnings from the fair didn't help. Dogs

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