

weather report

79°



noon Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 7:47 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:57 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:46 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 79 degrees
- Humidity 57 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds northwest 13 mph.
- Barometer 30.06 inches and rising

•Record High today 106° (1934)

•Record Low today 47° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	92°
Low Wednesday	65°
Precipitation	.43
This month	.57
Year to date	10.32
Normal	14.84

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before midnight, high near 83, low near 58, winds southeast 8-11 mph. Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high near 73, low around 58, winds north northeast 6-13 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.99 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.99
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.90 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.88
Loan deficiency pmt. — 6¢
Milo — \$1.53 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.59 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.89
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.70 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.70 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection — Ask
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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Woman wins demo derby

Car No. 2 (left) driven by Judy Baxter of St. Francis crashes head-on into Car No. 11 driven by Marshal Hoppe of Goodland during last Friday's Kiwanis Demolition Derby at the Northwest Kansas District Fair. Photo on Page 10a.

Peaceful arrest ends standoff

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

A standoff ended after seven hours Monday afternoon at the Country Trader Gun and Pawn Shop south of Bird City, with state troopers and sheriff's deputies arresting the owner on a felony threat warrant.

Cheyenne County Sheriff Troy Gardner said Vertie Earl Bolyard, 69, owner of the gun shop, was in Cheyenne County District Court on Tuesday. Additional charges were added to the original warrant for allegedly threatening his estranged wife. A second charge of criminal threat a level 9 person felony, aggravated assault (level 7 person felony), and fleeing and eluding a police officer (level 9 person felony) were added.

Bond was set at \$50,000 and Bolyard was taken back to the Sherman County Bastille. Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts said Bolyard bonded out Tuesday evening.

Sheriff Gardner said Monday afternoon that officers were being careful and taking things slowly to keep anyone from being hurt. Gardner and other officers gathered at a command center at an abandoned house on a hill about half a mile northwest of Bolyard's house.

"We are not trying to escalate this," he said at the time. "He is the one who escalated it. We hope to end this peacefully."

Teams of specially trained state troopers, backed up by Cheyenne and Sherman County sheriff's deputies and a patrol helicopter, surrounded the house. Troopers arrested Bolyard as he was walking along a tree line east of his house about nine miles south of Bird City.

About 24 officers were involved, including members of the Highway Patrol's Special Response Team,



Troopers from the Kansas Highway Patrol's statewide Special Response Team stood on running boards as a specially equipped pickup took them to a point near Vertie Bolyard's house south of Bird City on Monday. Bolyard was arrested peacefully after an eight-hour standoff.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

which had been brought in to help handle the situation.

The incident had begun about 8:30 a.m. east of St. Francis when the Cheyenne County sheriff and St. Francis police attempted to serve the felony warrant. Sheriff Gardner said

Bolyard stopped when the lights and siren came on, but when Gardner went up to the pickup and told Bolyard he was under arrest Bolyard took off and led the officers on a chase down county roads to his home.

Sheriff Gardner said he asked for assistance from Sherman County and the Kansas Highway Patrol because of the potential for a confrontation.

Once the team arrived, a squad of four to six troopers was dropped

behind a tree line on the north side of the property about 4 p.m. Mountain Time while the helicopter circled overhead and the pilots watched the house. The men moved into position to be able to see the house and surrounding buildings.

An hour later, a second group of Special Response Team officers was taken to the house, followed by the Cheyenne and Sherman County sheriffs and more troopers.

Sheriff Butts said later that they went closer to the house to improve the phone signal so the two state negotiators could attempt to talk to Bolyard.

"We could see him through binoculars out in his yard," Butts said. "He even came out to the county road on his four-wheeler a couple of times."

The officers could see Bolyard outside of the house, and he went out by a shed to the west of the house. About 30 minutes after the second team and officers went down Country Road 28, it was reported the team had arrested Bolyard near the tree line.

Gardner said the negotiators had been trying for several hours to talk to Bolyard by phone, but it was not until they moved closer they were able to make contact.

"A couple of times he came out of his property," Gardner said, "but not far enough that we could get there before he got back on his property."

"I am glad it worked out peacefully, and thought the state team did a great job. I was glad to have Sheriff Butts to talk to; he was a calming influence. I am glad he is the sheriff in Sherman County."

After the arrest, Bolyard was being taken to the Sherman County

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How much do government officials make?

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Goodland's college president is at the top of the food chain for government employees in the county and maybe northwest Kansas, with an unmatched \$108,212 per year paycheck.

Ken Clouse, president of the Northwest Kansas Technical College, notes that he got the job after 33 years in education and earning bachelor's and a master's degrees.

Clouse spends his days overseeing everything at the college, including 27 instructors and the 272 students who enrolled last year.

The Goodland Star-News has partnered with sister papers throughout the area to compile salary information on prominent public officials. Through the Kansas Open Records Act and the federal Freedom of Information Act, this information is available to the public and as taxpayers, we have the right to know what we pay people.

At the college, Paul Chaffin, director of student services, had the

Public has right to know salary figures

EDITOR'S NOTE: Reporters for Nor' West Newspapers have been asking public officials across the region how much they are paid.

Public employees' salaries are, and always have been, open records. Any citizen can ask to see them, but few have the time to dig through city, county and federal files.

We feel those who pay the bills deserve to know what they pay for, and we've tried to compile an accurate list of top public officials' pay. Many, such as school administrators and judges, hold jobs that require advanced degrees, and generally, elected officials are paid less than professionals hired to run public agencies.

second-highest salary at \$56,811, followed closely by Brenda Chatfield, director of instructional service and cosmetology instructor, at \$46,975.

After Clouse, the next highest-paid government official in town is Jack Burr, district judge for four counties in northwest Kansas, with an annual salary of \$103,232, a set figure for district judges across the state.

Judge Burr earned a bachelor's degree and a law degree, then practiced law for about eight years in Goodland. His has been on the

bench as district judge since September 1978. As the chief judge over the 15th Judicial District, he hears cases and takes care of administrative duties.

Marvin Selby, Goodland School District superintendent, is next, making \$75,000 per year. Selby gets an additional \$25,000 per year from the district that is put in an annuity, a type of retirement plan, for a total of \$100,000.

Selby has spent the past 47 years in education, earning bachelor and master's degrees. As superintendent, he oversees all district opera-

tions, hires administrators and puts together the budget.

In the school district, Harvey Swager, high school principal, makes \$66,980; Steve Raymer, activities director and assistant principal, \$62,199; Jon Felver, school psychologist, \$55,735; and Shelly Angelos, West Elementary principal, \$48,000.

Sharon Gregory, Central Elementary principal, gets \$14,647 per year from the school but gets an additional \$27,941 through, the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center adding up to \$42,588 per

year. Gregory gets a \$19,172 payment to an annuity, too, for a total of \$61,760.

Jim Mull, principal of Grant Junior High and North Elementary, gets \$15,000 and \$27,941 from the service center, adding up to \$42,941 per year. Mull receives \$26,000 per year that goes into an annuity for a total of \$68,941.

Gregory and Mull are paid through the service center through a contract with the district, said Dan Thornton, service center executive director. Because both draw retirement, he said, they cannot earn more than \$15,000 per year directly from the school district. Since the district pays them through the service center, they can offer the principals a full salary to stay on even after retirement.

Along with salary, the benefit package from the school includes \$15,389 for Angelos, Felver, Raymer and Swager; \$10,768 for Gregory and Mull; and \$5,013 for

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Board recommends industrial zoning

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Neighbors asked for a delay, but the city Planning and Zoning Commission recommended a change in zoning Tuesday for 90 acres west of town where investors plan to build power, ethanol and biodiesel plants.

The landowners had asked for a change from residential to industrial to be sent to the city commission for approval. Homeowners near the proposed plants appeared at a public hearing to ask for a delay in the zoning change.

Chairman Steve Riebel said the hearing was being held to take comments on the proposed change for the newly annexed property west of the city.

Board member Terry Imel, a dentist at Goodland Dental Arts, said the landowners requested the hearing. All land is considered to be residential when annexed until a zoning change is requested, he said.

Ron Pickman, head of the Good-

Zoning change won't be on Monday's agenda

A recommendation from the city Planning and Zoning Board to change land west of town to industrial zoning will not be on the agenda for Monday's City Commission meeting, but will be on the agenda for the first meeting in September.

City Clerk Mary Volk said there is a 14-day protest period

between the recommendation for the zoning change and when the city commission will have it on the agenda for approval. That would put it on the agenda for Tuesday, Sept. 6, she said, because of the Labor Day holiday.

New City Manager Wayne Hill

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land Energy Resources, and Mark Justus from Renewable Energy Resources, were at the meeting representing the landowners.

At the hearing were David and Denise Floyd, who live east of Caruso off Country Road 64; Butch and Karen Vandiver who live on

County Road 65 north of the annexed property; their son Mike who works for Guyer Farms; Ramona Boyd of Goodland; and Virgil Baumfalk, owner of McB's Motor and Wrecker Service, who lives southeast of the proposed industrial site on County Road 64.

Boyd asked why, if the city has an industrial park, do they need another one.

Riebel said the Goodland Industrial Park — with the sign west of K-27 — is privately owned by Goodland Development Corp. Pickman said that park is not big enough for the planned development and is much closer to town.

Mike Vandiver asked what the change in zoning would do to surrounding property values. He asked if it would drive the price of land down or raise property taxes.

"I don't see that," Imel said. "The basis of the change is for the specific land that has been annexed, and unless there are further annexations, there would not be any change in the value of the surrounding land. The property taxes are up to the county, since the land not in the city limits."

Boyd asked if the board had any input on the effect the change in zon-

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Conman requests jury trial

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

The Colorado radio personality who exceeded the Freedom Fest Tracy Lawrence concert over the Fourth of July weekend is facing domestic battery charges in Sherman County District Court.

The Conman, Christopher J. Cohn, 34, was arrested on Saturday, July 2, for allegedly shoving his wife, Heidi N. Cohn, 23.

Attorney Calvin Williams of Colby appeared in court Monday on behalf of Cohn to enter a plea of not guilty and request a jury trial.

Cohn said Wednesday after

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