

weather report

82°
 noon Monday

Today
 •Sunset, 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday
 •Sunrise, 6:27 a.m.
 •Sunset, 6:59 p.m.

Midday Conditions
 •Soil temperature 77 degrees
 •Humidity 29 percent
 •Sky Sunny
 •Winds West at 17 mph.
 •Barometer 29.88 inches and rising
 •Record High today 96° (1955)
 •Record Low today 34° (1974)

Last 24 Hours*
 High Sunday 92°
 Low Sunday 62°
 Precipitation —
 This month .54
 Year to date 16.91

The Topside Forecast
 Today: Partly cloudy, high in the upper 70s. North winds 15-20 mph. Tonight: Cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Low in upper 40s. East wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast
 Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high mid 70s. Southeast wind 10-15 mph, gusts to 30. Wednesday night: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thundershowers, patchy fog. Low in lower 50s. Thursday: Partly cloudy, high around 90, low in lower 50s.
 (National Weather Service)
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 *Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
 Wheat — \$3.16 bushel
 Posted county price — \$3.11
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Corn — \$1.71 bushel
 Posted county price — \$1.57
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 37¢
 Milo — \$1.45 bushel
 Soybeans — \$5.11 bushel
 Posted county price — \$5.21
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Millet — \$6.25 s hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$9.65 cwt.
 NuSun \$10.65 — 0¢
 Confection — call.
 Pinto beans — \$20 (new crop)
 (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigo Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Indians whip Cowboys

Sophomore running back Casey Henderson ran through a hole created in the Indians' defensive line for a short gain Friday in St. Francis. The Indians beat Goodland 30-6. Story, photos Page 11.



A-maze-ing weekend fun

Sarah Linton of Goodland (left, above photo) checked out the "Maze Passport" questions while following friends Brad and Tiffany Schroeder of Beloit through the Cole family's Corn Maze east of town on Saturday. Brad (right) carried their daughter Hannah on his shoulders through the maze. Bryce and Jessica Cole own the maze at Eighth and Eustis. They said it wasn't too busy this weekend because of the heat, but they expect the fun to pick up as the weather cools.

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Scouts spend afternoon fishing, learning



By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News
 "I caught one, I caught one!" screamed Cub and Boy Scouts as they hauled in their catch at the fourth annual Fishing Derby. The sunny, warm day Saturday brought Scouts out to Randy Bellamy's farm south of town. About 20 kids fished in a tributary of the Smoky Hill River. Scouts measured their fish to determine the winner, which turned out to be a 10 inch-long fish caught by Ethan Black. Monica Stramel, a Scout volunteer and parent, said the outing is mostly fun for the Scouts, but it incorporates some learning. She said the fun started with a game of ultimate golf, or Frisbee golf. Scouts learned how to set up a tent, do first aid, tie knots and more. "It teaches them different things," Stramel said. For fishing, the Scouts learned how to load up their hooks with fresh worms. Then the participants found a good spot near the edge of the water



Monica Stramel (above) helped her son Kasey get his fish measured by Bill Fulcher. Takoda, son of Regina Barnes, (left photo) threaded a worm on the hook of his fishing pole during the Cub and Boy Scout Fishing Derby Saturday. Photos by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News
 where they would cast off. The boys wore bright orange or yellow life jackets just in case. Anything the Scouts caught was released back into the water after being measured. After fishing, the kids gathered

Group helps families, friends soldiers leave behind

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News
 Those left behind by soldiers headed to war can find comfort with others in the same situation through a new regional support group. The Northwest Kansas Military Family Support Group, serving families of all branches of the U.S. armed forces, meets at 9 a.m. Mountain Time the second Saturday of every month at the Kansas Army National Guard Armory, 470 S. Range Ave., in Colby. The group sends out a monthly

newsletter with information for families, facts about Iraq and letters from troops. It was started by coordinator Lisa Varney of Goodland and assistant coordinator Stacy Wolf of Oakley. Varney said she met Wolf at a support group meeting in Hays after her husband was called up to serve in Iraq. The meeting was an informational session for wives of soldiers, she said. Varney said the two decided having support meetings closer to home could help families in this area.

"I felt like we needed a group in our area," she said. When her husband Bryan was ordered to Iraq, she said, there were no nearby resources for her. "I didn't know anyone," she said. "When Bryan got called up, I had nobody." Varney said she wanted to know everything, from how her husband's paychecks would be distributed to how she could communicate once he was in Iraq. The support group is a way to answer those questions, she said.

"The more information you have, the better," she said. Bryan, a member of Detachment 1 of the 170th Maintenance Company in Goodland, served in Iraq to fill out Headquarters Company of the 891st Engineer Battalion of the Kansas National in Iola. Specialist Varney is trained as a machinist. He came home this spring on emergency leave for a family crisis and doesn't expect to head back anytime soon. Lisa said the Colby meetings are formal and members follow an

agenda. She said they focus on providing support to family and friends at home and soldiers abroad. Group meetings include discussion and updates on deployed soldiers. Varney said the group offers a shoulder to cry on from others who are going through the same thing. "I provide the Kleenex," she said. "We've had lots of tears." So far, she said, they have 25 members and have room for more. "There are tons of soldiers in our

People help Katrina victims

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News
 Schools, churches and businesses are banding together in Goodland to help victims of Hurricane Katrina. The Goodland Red Cross office is accepting donations through the national web site, www.redcross.org, by mail at 214 17th St. or dropped off from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Curtis Duncan, chairman of the Red Cross board, said the organization is holding an Emergency Disaster Preparedness training session from 6:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. central time on Wednesday and Thursday. The classes will cover Intro. to Disaster Services, Mass Care and Shelter Operations. The course will teach introduction to disaster services, mass care and shelter operations. Volunteers can call Molly Oliver at 785-460-7653 or Thomas County Red Cross at 785-462-7161. "We'll be there for a long time," Duncan said about the Red Cross involvement along the Gulf Coast. Two Red Cross volunteers from Colby, Jim Oliver and Frank Powers, are already helping Katrina's victims. Duncan said they are at a center that is feeding 500 people per day. Duncan said Friday he was heading to Sharon Springs for a fundraising tailgate party with proceeds to benefit the Sherman County Red Cross. "I think all of the agencies are needing money right now," Duncan said.