

weather report

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noon Monday

Today

- Sunset, 5:05 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:54 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:06 p.m.

MIDDAY CONDITIONS

- Soil temperature 33 degrees
- Humidity 25 percent
- Sky Mostly Sunny
- Winds west northwest at 9 mph
- Barometer 30.05 inches and falling
- Record High today 75° (1989)
- Record Low today -20° (1932)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Sunday 49°
- Low Monday 19°
- Precipitation —
- This month .55
- Year to date .55

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, high near 53 low near 22. Breezy with a north wind at 5 to 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph. Wind gusts up to 30 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high near 55 low near 21. Breezy with a south wind at 5 to 10 mph increasing to 15 to 20 mph. Thursday: Mostly clear, high near 54 low near 21. Friday: Partly cloudy and breezy, high near 52 and the low near 21.

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

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.64 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.50
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Corn — \$1.94 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.89
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 5¢
 - Milo — \$1.56 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.09 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.23
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$6.75 cwt.
 - NuSun pmt. — \$7.75
 - Confection — Call
 - Pinto beans — \$17 (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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Cowboys finish fourth

Sophomore Bob Doxon (left) won a 9-1 major decision over Colby's Taylor Brown to place third in the heavyweight bracket of the Northwest Kansas League Tournament Saturday at Max Jones. See story, photo on Page 12.

Can you help find this person?

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

The Sherman County Sheriff needs your help to find a registered sex offender.

Efrain Aguirre Jr. has been on the registered sex offender list since June 6, 2003, for attempted aggravated indecent liberties with a child but the sheriff's office hasn't had a current address since July 14.

Kevin Butts, Sherman County Sheriff, formed a team in December to check on the 13 registered sex offenders who are listed as being in Sherman County. Phill Kline, Kansas State Attorney General, has been pushing for police to keep better track of the people, said Butts.

"The word got out that we were checking and a couple of people on the list came in and updated their address," said Butts.

Local police collect the information and send it to the Kansas Bureau of Investigation. The KBI puts the list on the Internet.

One person on the list who claimed a Sherman County address ended up in jail for not telling the truth about where he lived. Philip Taylor was reporting that he lived in

Goodland but he was in Council Bluff, Iowa, said Butts.

Kansas passed the Offender Registration Act in 1993 for sex offenders to register with the sheriff of the county they are living in.

Under the law a person convicted must register for a period of 10 years after their conviction or 10 years after being paroled or released from jail. If a person is convicted of rape when the victim is overcome by fear, is under 14, or consent was obtained by deceiving the person the convicted person must register for life. If convicted for the second time of a crime included in the law the person has to register for life.

If a juvenile is convicted of sexually violent crime they must register until they are 18 or 5 years after the conviction whichever is the latest. If theirs is a diversionary agreement, probation order or juvenile offender sentencing order the registration lasts until the agreement or order ends.

The staff of the institution will register anyone released or paroled from prison or hospital.

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Aguirre, Jr.

Moran lists issues for new session

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Congressman Jerry Moran spoke to a crowd of about 50 at the Goodland Rotary at noon Friday as the 38th stop on his tour of the First District.

He said it seems to be a grumpy situation out there as he has been talking to people across the district.

In the upcoming week as Congress gets back to work Moran said they will gather on Tuesday to hear the State of the Union address by President Bush, and there are possible rules changes dealing with eth-

ics and special interest money. Later in the week will be the election of a new majority leader for the House.

"I think we have to change how we do business," Moran said about the rules changes. "I signed the letter asking for elections of the leaders."

"I have been in public service for 18 years. I enjoy politics, but I am sorry we are drawing lines. This should not be "for Bush or against Bush."

Moran said one change he sup-

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Hiring new director top council goal

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Filling the economic development director position is the top priority council members decided at their work session on Wednesday.

New Chairwoman Shelly Thompson, from Bankwest, asked the nine members who attended to give their top goal and what they felt were important committees for the council to have.

As the council members talked each listed getting a new director as the top item for the year.

"The director is important," said Richard Breining, council secretary and owner of Sunflower Computer. "Think that the fact we don't

have one yet is getting comments from people because we are using tax dollars.

"John Garcia did a lot of things that would have been in the directorship job. I think we need the director to gain acceptance with other groups around the state."

Kim Bohme, treasurer and co-owner of Miller Home Furnishings, said the search for a director should be the top priority.

Vice chairman Don Newell, agreed the first goal is to find a director.

"It is hard to set long or short term goals without a director," said Steve

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Health fair on Saturday

Saturday from 8 to 11 a.m. is the day to find out how your blood work came out at the Goodland Health Fair at the Goodland Activities Center, 808 Main.

The health fair is put on by the Goodland Activities Center, Goodland Regional Medical Center, the Sunflower Extension District and the Sherman County Health Department.

The fair had 34 booths last year including eye and hearing tests. Local doctors will be there to help people figure out the results of their blood work.

People may also be able to get checked for oral cancer and have their blood pressure checked.

382 people attended the health

fair last year with 488 people getting blood work done, said Brenda McCants, patient relations director for the hospital.

If you are unable to attend the health fair and you want your blood test results, they can be picked up at the hospital or you can give a note to someone and have them pick up the results at the fair, said McCants.

There will also be a drawing for a sports basket that includes Rockies baseball tickets, lodging, University of Kansas and Kansas State University memorabilia and an autographed National Football League photo. The basket is on display at the GAC.

Everyone is encouraged to come, said McCants.



Going, going, going — gone

Spans of the old bridge on K-27 south of Goodland began falling last week as Sporer Land Development brought in their hammer. Randy Most of the Kansas Department of Transportation caught this series of photos as one of the spans fell to the ground. About half the spans were down by Friday, and the destruction of the old bridge is expected to be completed this week. The new bridge, opened about a month ago, and construction the second phase of the K-27 project is expected to begin in the spring.