

**weather
report****63°**
noon Monday**Today**

- Sunset, 7:54 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 5:32 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:54 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 61 degrees
- Humidity 32 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds northwest at 8 mph
- Barometer 30.36 inches and falling

- Record High today 94° (1996)
- Record Low today 27° (1945)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	73°
Low Monday	41°
Precipitation	—
This month	.91
Year to date	4.05
Below normal	.95 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny, high near 75, low near 43. North wind at 5 to 10 mph switching to the west.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Sunny, high near 82, low around 47. Thursday: Sunny, high near 85, low near 47. Friday: Mostly sunny, high near 90, low near 49. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 81, low near 46. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local
markets****Noon**

Wheat — \$4.43 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.38
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.21 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.26
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$1.88 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.57 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.30
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.55 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.85 cwt.
NuSun — \$8.85
Confection — Call
Pinto beans — \$15.50 (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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today**

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League meet tough finish

Sophomore Casey Henderson put some effort behind the shot during Friday's Northwest Kansas League meet in Quinter. Henderson's 39 feet, 1.5 inches earned him sixth place. See story, photo on Page 10.

Goodland seniors graduate Saturday

By Sharon Corcoran*The Goodland Star-News*

Hats and tassels will fill the Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday, "Pomp and Circumstance" will play and 66 seniors will march out to see what the future holds for them.

The Goodland High School class of 2006 will graduate at 2 p.m. Saturday in the fieldhouse, but not before getting a pep talk from Drury University Lady Panther basketball coach Nyla (Wilson) Milleson, a 1980 Goodland graduate.

The Outstanding Educator Award will be presented, foreign exchange

students honored, scholarship winners announced, and of course, the valedictorian and salutatorian will address their classmates, parents and community.

Milleson was the 1980 valedictorian and a member of the state champion basketball team at Goodland. She graduated from Kansas State University in 1985 with a bachelor's degree in psychology and education and received a masters in education and administration with honors (magna cum laude) from the university in 1989.

She began coaching basketball at Junction City High School in 1989

**Milleson**

Sheriff steps up Meth Watch efforts

By Sharon Corcoran*The Goodland Star-News*

The Sherman County Sheriff's Department says it is stepping up efforts to catch anhydrous ammonia thieves and prevent or reduce methamphetamine production.

One of the department's efforts is to put up signs at businesses that sell ammonia and post stickers on the tanks that say "Meth Watch Program." They are distributing the signs and stickers to retailers in Goodland, Kanorado and Ruleton and taking other measures to catch ammonia thieves.

"I don't want to say a lot about what we're doing," Sheriff Kevin Butts said, "but we have some things going."

For one, he said, if the department finds anyone with anhydrous ammonia that is not being used for agricultural purposes or is not in an approved container, they will go to jail.

They are asking people in the county to be aware of anhydrous theft and of meth labs. Call the sheriff at 899-4835 if you suspect a meth lab, Butts said; don't try to clean it up. Often, he said, the remains of a lab are more dangerous even than the drug.

And anhydrous ammonia itself is dangerous, Butts said — it burns through skin, and somebody could get hurt stealing it.

Butts said he called the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to ask if there was anything the department could do to deter theft. They told him about a grant program to provide the signs, stickers and

pamphlets for retailers.

"Hopefully it will deter anhydrous theft," Butts said. "At least it lets the bad guys know what we're doing."

He said he hopes the efforts make



Sheriff Kevin Butts attached one of the "Meth Watch Program" stickers to a nurse tank at Collingwood Grain last week.

people more aware and will stop meth production or at least slow it down.

Butts wants to encourage farmers to call the sheriff's department for stickers for their anhydrous tanks and information on preventing theft. The department has a pamphlet from the Midwest High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Program which lists signs farmers can look for to know if they have had ammonia stolen and ways to deter theft.

Among the steps recommended are:

- Store nurse tanks in well-lighted areas.
- Inspect tanks each morning.

and then coached basketball at Glendale High School in Missouri from 1992-99, earning a Class 4A state basketball championship in 1996.

In 2000, Milleson was hired to build the Drury Lady Panther basketball program from the ground up. She has taken the team to the Sweet 16 four times, including a national Division II runner-up finish in 2004. This year, she was named the Region 4 Coach of the Year.

Her collegiate record is 160-27, making her the most winning active Division II coach in the country at 85.6 percent.

Milleson and husband Brent have two sons, Barrett, 16, and Caylor, 10.

No mumps cases confirmed here

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment keeps reporting that Sherman County has confirmed cases of mumps but county officials say there is only one suspected case of mumps here.

Dorrendo Harrel, administrator of Sherman County Health Department, said people who have mumps should stay home for nine days from when their symptoms began to prevent the disease from spreading. The best way to prevent mumps is to get vaccinated, she added.

The state reports that the total cases in the state has reached 546 in 54 counties. The largest number, 217, has been reported in Douglas County, home of the University of Kansas

In Iowa, where the mumps first appeared, count is up to 1,674 cases.

In Harvey County, four suspected cases of measles did not turn out to be measles. However, Johnson County has one confirmed case.

"This appears to be an isolated case, since our disease investigation has linked this to foreign travel," said Dr. Leon Vinci, director of Johnson County Health Department. "We are continuing with surveillance and follow-up activities."

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Sheriff Kevin Butts (kneeling) and Undersheriff Roger Studer showed where they will be putting one of the "Meth Watch Program" signs at Collingwood Grain. They are putting signs up at businesses that sell anhydrous ammonia.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

This includes weekends, when many anhydrous thefts occur.

- Remove hoses and store them separately during the off season. A

hose contains enough anhydrous to make meth.

- Be suspicious of those attempting to buy anhydrous who you know

do not have a legitimate need for it. If strangers attempt to buy it, get a description of them and their vehicle. Call the sheriff.

Central School to get new roof

By Pat Schiefen*The Goodland Star-News*

The Goodland School Board picked Weathercraft Roofing last Monday to replace the roof on Central Elementary School.

Weathercraft, from Goodland, had the low bid of \$88,350. Randy Topliff and his partner Scott Erickson were at the meeting at the school district offices.

"I like to be visible," Topliff said, telling the board the fabric would be 45 millimeter thickness for the roof, where the original was 40 millimeter. He said he wasn't sure when they could start, but the roof would be completed before Tuesday, Aug. 8, in time for the start of school.

There were two other bids from Roofmasters Roofing of Colby for \$95,703 and Murray Roofing of Colby for \$104,691.

"All the bids were comparable," said board member Marty Melia, who was on the bids committee with

Andrew Melia. They reviewed the bids in detail before the meeting.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said all the new roof would cost the district was a \$1,000 deductible. The insurance company paid for the work because a leak in the roof was caused from hail.

Steve Raymer, high school activities director, said that regional baseball, softball, tennis and golf competition will start Monday. The regional track meet will be Friday, May 19, while state tennis competition will be Friday and Saturday, May 19 and 20; state golf will be Monday, May 22; and state track, state baseball and state softball competition on Friday and Saturday, May 26 and 27.

Jim Mull, Grant Junior High and North Elementary principal, said the junior high was finishing up testing for the year. He had Mary Frazier, a

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Tortoise likes carrots



Zekke Beringer, son of Brett and Jill Beringer, fed his tortoise, Larry, a carrot during a visit to West Elementary School on Friday. Larry, a 9-year-old African spurred tortoise, could live to be 100 and weigh around 100 pounds, Beringer said. Larry was 9 months old and hand sized when Zekke's parents bought him from a pet store.

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