

weather report

81°

noon Monday

Today
 • Sunset, 8:16 p.m.
Wednesday
 • Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.
 • Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Middy Conditions
 • Soil temperature 67 degrees
 • Humidity 50 percent
 • Sky clear
 • Winds east at 15 mph
 • Barometer 30.05 inches and falling

• Record High today 105° (1936)
 • Record Low today 40° (1946)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 91°
 Low Monday 58°
 Precipitation —
 This month 3.32
 Year to date 10.42
 Above Normal 1.34 inches

The Topsiside Forecast

Today: 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m. High near 91, low near 62. Breezy, north wind between 15 and 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high near 90, low near 62. 50 percent chance showers and thunderstorms before 3 a.m. Thursday: 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 3 p.m. Partly cloudy, high near 88, low near 60.

(National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Branches were torn off trees by winds and landed on this house at 1521 Broadway (above). A tornado hit the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, Eighth and Wyoming, knocking a hole in the roof. Caleb Lucas of Goodland was one of the volunteers who gathered to patch the hole.

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Tornadoes, winds sweep town

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Goodland got lucky Friday as two tornadoes skipped across the area but did only small amounts of damage.

The first tornado, sighted about 1:03 p.m. about 15 miles southwest of town, stayed in open country. Weather Service officials said the second twister dissipated near Eighth Street and Wyoming, on the west edge of town.

The winds ripped shingles off of roofs and broke trees and the rain caused flooding when streets didn't drain fast enough.

Weather officials said most of the damage in town was caused from straight-line winds and flash flooding, not the tornadoes.

Friday started off with a break from the near-100 degree weather earlier that week.

By noon, though, the clouds had turned ugly and two tornado sightings sent people scurrying for cover.

At least two buildings suffered roof damage. The Kingdom Hall of the Jehovah's Witness, 808 Wyoming, and Kurt Hill's house down the block at 801 Wyoming lost shingles on part of their roofs.

Meteorologists said the dissipating tornado caused the damaging winds.

Dairy Queen, 2402 Commerce Road, lost its entry doors to the



Two rural firemen fought a fire at 2690 old U.S. 24, where an outbuilding by the fenced backyard was engulfed in flames. The fire took place during the storm on Friday afternoon.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

winds, employees said, and a car belonging to owner Danny Whalen lost some windows.

The first tornado was reported at
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Kingdom Hall loses part of roof in storm

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

It was a busy weekend at the Kingdom Hall on Wyoming Avenue, but if you drive by, you might not be able to tell anything even happened.

First came the tornado, then patching the roof in the rain. When members were checking for water damage, they found termites. They tore out cabinets, put in dehumidifiers and finally, a new roof, all in three days.

A storm removed part of the roof Friday afternoon, and within an hour, several men were on the roof in a pouring rain to patch the hole. Meanwhile, men and women moved books, magazines and office supplies from the area under the leak.

The Regional Building Committee of Jehovah's Witnesses was called and a crew came to assess the water damage and start drying things out. Saturday afternoon, the cabinets and woodwork on the walls under the damaged roof were removed to check for

water damage. That's when they found termites.

An inspection revealed the only termite damage in the area where the water had gotten in; it wouldn't have been found without removing the cabinets to dry out the water.

Sunday, the congregation's public talk was canceled, as the stage was blocked off with dehumidifiers. After holding a congregation discussion of an article in the "Watchtower" magazine, the Witnesses took a break for lunch and then some came back to work on the roof, others began preparing food for a dinner for the workers and still others went to St. Francis to carry on their door-to-door preaching.

A group had met Saturday morning to prepare to preach. The congregation has been working on a special campaign to distribute invitations to their "Deliverance at Hand District Convention" to as many area people as

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local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.25 bushel
 Posted county price — \$4.19
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Corn — \$2.04 bushel
 Posted county price — \$2.01
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Milo — \$1.81 bushel
 Soybeans — \$5.06 bushel
 Posted county price — \$5.22
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 Millet — \$5.55 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$8.60 cwt.
 NuSun crop — \$9.60
 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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Kids create tape people

Morgan Podojil (left) helped Elizabeth Wellmann build her ballerina at the Carnegie Arts Center's Summer Art Institute Friday afternoon. See story on Page 3.

School board raises tax levy

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland School Board voted 4-3 last week to raise taxes by 1 mill in the local option levy to pay for technology such as computers for the school district next year.

The board talked about using money from capital outlay, but decided it would need money for technology every year and the local option budget would run for more than one year, said Superintendent Marvin Selby.

One of the big purchases would be for projectors that hook up to teachers' computers in the class-

room, said Selby. This would allow teachers to work at the computer and show the class what they are doing, sort of an electronic blackboard.

High school computer teacher Dennis Stone would get a new computer, said Selby, and the Grant Junior High library would get a new printer. The junior high science class would get 16 laptop computers for students and \$15,000 would be spent to upgrade the district's servers.

Karla Murray, district technology coordinator, had asked for an

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Convoy here Wednesday

Part of a military convoy celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the Interstate Highway System, patterned loosely after one led by then Lt. Col. Dwight D. Eisenhower in 1919, will pass through Goodland at 1:33 p.m. Wednesday.

Organizers hope everyone in town will go out to the overpass at milepost 18, on South Caldwell Ave., and wave.

The main convey is traveling from San Francisco to Washington, D.C. on I-80, which is close to the original route of the convoy in 1919. A section of the convoy was to swing down through Denver on Tuesday, and head east on Wednesday.

The swing convoy will cross the

Kansas border at 12:45 and stop at the rest area, eight miles from the Colorado state line, for 30 minutes.

A contingent from of the Kansas National Guard will stay overnight at the Comfort Inn on Tuesday, said manager Judy Siruta. Members of the 35th Military Police unit will join the convoy at the Kansas line.

Traveling with the convoy is the great-grandson of the former president, Merrill Eisenhower Atwater. He plans to keep a journal that will be placed in the Eisenhower Library with the journal his grandfather kept from that pioneering convoy crossing the country.

The 2006 convoy is a little different, organizers admit. While Eisenhower went from east to west, the Interstate convoy is rolling east. While Eisenhower faced uncertain, unmarked, unpaved highways, and no one knew if the trucks of the era were up to it, today's convoy will

roll along modern Interstates. Ike took 62 days and the current version is scheduled for just 13.

The swing convoy with arrive at the Eisenhower Center on Wednesday night and leave for the Kansas Speedway at 7:30 a.m. Friday, arriving at 10:30 for a "victory lap." The major events in Kansas will be at Abilene, including a car show and community events, and at the speedway.

Eisenhower pushed for the Federal-Aid Highway Act he signed on June 29, 1956.

The president reportedly saw the need for good roads from his experience in Germany on the autobahn during World War II and his participation in the 1919 convoy from Washington to San Francisco. It took 62 days at an average of 6 mph. That convoy comprised 80 Army vehicles and 300 people.



Atwater