

weather report

78°

noon Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:28 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 73 degrees
- Humidity 46 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds south 21 mph
- Barometer 30.26 inches and falling
- Record High today 108° (1897)
- Record Low today 45° (1952)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	78°
Low Thursday	60°
Precipitation	—
This month	.32
Year to date	11.93
Above normal	1.04 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. increasing to 30 percent by night fall. Partly cloudy, high near 90, low near 63.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: 40 percent chance showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, high near 86 low near 64. Sunday through Thursday: Highs around 90, lows around 63.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.72 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.77  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$2.26 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.08  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Milo — \$1.96 bushel  
Soybeans — \$5.30 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.18  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$5 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$9.35 cwt.  
NuSun crop — \$10.35  
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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Cowboy runs in meet

Goodland Cowboy Kerek Mason ran in two races at the Region 8 AAU championships in Joplin, Mo. last weekend. He finished sixth and seventh. Story, photo on Page 12.

Car ‘surfing’ leaves one dead

Two Goodland men trying to “surf” on the hood of a moving car early Tuesday on a dirt road west of Kanorado fell off, leaving one dead and one badly injured.

The driver was being held for vehicular homicide and drunk driving.

The Colorado State Patrol reported that Gage Allen Cloyd and Korey D. Schulte, both 20, were in a 2002 Mercury Mountaineer with Kelley Dwight Faylor, 26, of St. Francis. Faylor was driving south about 3:30 a.m. on Kit Carson County Road 59, about .4 of a mile north of County Road FF, the patrol said.

Cpl. Kirk Preston of Burlington said witnesses told him Cloyd and Schulte climbed out the sun roof of the sport utility vehicle and slid down the windshield to the hood. Cloyd fell off and was run over by the truck. Preston said Faylor tried to slow down without having Schulte fall off, but that did not work and the second man was run over also.

Preston said the two men were taken to Kit Carson County Memorial Hospital in Burlington, where Cloyd was declared dead at 4:52



Cloyd



Schulte

a.m. by Dr. James Perez. Schulte was flown to St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver, where he was reported in fair condition on Thursday.

Dr. Anthony Olaiz, Kit Carson County coroner, said an autopsy was done for Cloyd, but the final report won’t be available until tests are completed by the El Paso County coroner’s office. Dr. Olaiz said Cloyd had multiple trauma to his chest, ribs and pelvis.

“This is just a shocker,” he said. “This is the first of this kind of accident. We hear about this in the metro areas. We want to bring this to the young people’s attention so we don’t have another accident like this.”

Truck driver pinned in cab

An Edson man was hurt badly when the grain truck he was driving ran into the back of another which missed a turn and stopped suddenly in the road about 10 miles south of Kanorado on Tuesday.

Both men were working for Farris Harvesting, which owned the trucks.

Trooper Minh Huynh of the Kansas Highway Patrol reported that the first driver stopped and was rearended by a following truck at 9 a.m.

Ian Talbot, 22, of Edson was driving the second truck. Both were 1997 Peterbilt tractors.

Minh said Talbot tried to avoid hitting the truck ahead by turning hard and hit the back end of the first truck with the driver’s side of his cab. Goodland Fire Rescue volunteers used hydraulic tools to help remove him from the truck.

He was taken to the Goodland Regional Medical Center by ambulance and transferred to St. Anthony Central Hospital in Denver. He was listed in serious condition on Thursday.

The driver of the first truck which missed the turn, Daniel Mumford, 20, also of Edson, was not injured, Huynh said.

Both men were wearing seat belts, the trooper said. McB’s towed both trucks.

Woman rolls car on old U.S. 24

A Colorado woman trying to avoid hitting a truck drove off the road on old U.S. 24 Monday and wound up with her sport utility on its top in the ditch.

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Rain can’t dampen Fourth celebration

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Cloud watching has become a habit on the Fourth of July here, and for the third year clouds dropped rain during the annual Freedom Fest, but the fairgrounds crowd wouldn’t stop its celebration of the nation’s birthday.

Long lines of parents and kids lined up at the carnival ticket booth when it opened at 5:30 p.m., and the 4-H leaders were doing a good business selling hamburgers and hot dogs.

Goodland Rotary Club members sliced watermelons for the crowd, moving their table inside the agriculture building when the rain started.

Organizers kept watching the clouds, which seemed to be staying to the north, but suddenly about 6:50 p.m. the wind came howling out of the east, kicking up dust with gusts to 31 mph. Clouds rolled in and a light rain began about 7:10 p.m. It got a bit harder, and by 7:30 p.m. the rides had been shut down and the Willie Mack concert, which had begun about 6:30 p.m., had been put on hold.

The rain let up enough to get the hopes back up about 8 p.m., and carnival chief Brad Schields got volunteers to reopen some of the rides. The kids said they were having fun riding in the light rain.

The concert workers and soundmen reset the stage and by 8:45 p.m. Mack was singing and the crowd gathered back on the bleachers. Mack played until 9:30 p.m. Those who attended the split concert gave Mack thumbs up for his sing-



A waterfall of sparkling streaks thrilled the audience Tuesday night as part of the Freedom Fest fireworks show at the Sherman County fairgrounds produced by local fireworks supplier Joe

Diaz, and with the help of local volunteers who helped set up the show and set off the dazzling displays.

Photo By Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

ing and sticking around through the rain.

Fireworks show volunteers from the Kansas National Guard, Ron

Lucas and a representative from Joe Diaz’s fireworks company had been working all day to get the show ready. They waited until the rides

and the concert ended and the lights had been turned off before the colorful explosions began to fill the sky over the fairgrounds.

The show lasted about half an hour, and there were some new fea-

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Woman remembers seeing blue sky

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Kelsey Schlichenmayer remembers peeking open an eye and seeing the sky as she flew out of the ambulance.

Later, she heard voices behind her, someone saying there were two dead on the pavement and that they thought she was dead.

She said that she thought she needed to let rescuers know she was alive, so she tried to get up. They saw her and called the ambulance, telling them to hurry.

She knew one of the dead was her sister-in-law, Vickie Thomas from North Platte, Neb., who had been in the back of the speeding ambulance with her that May afternoon.

The other was Karen Woods, 43, a paramedic from Elizabeth, Colo. She said she remembers Woods throwing her body over her to protect her when the ambulance crashed into the rear of a slower-moving semitrailer truck.

Schlichenmayer was strapped to the

ambulance’s aluminum cot, which may have saved her as she went flying down I-76. As it was, she said, she ended up with severe bruises on half her body and road rash on the other. Her

left lung was bruised and it collapsed, and she had deep cuts and some head trauma.

The two women with her were dead. The next thing she remembers is waking up in the hospital with all kinds of tubes sticking out of her.

Schlichenmayer said her first thought was that she wanted to see her baby. She also wanted to tell her brother his wife was dead but she didn’t know that several days had passed.

They had been on the way to University Hospital in Denver on Tuesday, May 9.

Schlichenmayer was doctoring in North Platte and because she was having problems — she has a heart condition and high blood pressure — her doctor wanted her to stay in town. She was staying with her brother Brent Thomas, her sister-in-law and their three kids.

When her blood pressure went higher, Schlichenmayer said, her doctor decided to transfer her to University Hospital, part of the

University of Colorado Medical Center, by ambulance.

The ambulance was flying west on I-76 about 16 miles west of Sterling when it hit the rear of the semi.

The ambulance came to rest facing north, and the truck went onto the right shoulder, the Colorado State Patrol reported. Troopers had to close westbound I-76 to clear the wreck.

The ambulance driver, Christopher Larusso, 22, Westminster, Colo., and Daniel Beza, 21, Centennial, Colo., were in the front, the patrol reported. Air bags deployed and both escaped with moderate injuries.

The two women in back with Kelsey, Thomas and Woods, were killed. Thomas was ejected from the ambulance even though she had been wearing a seat belt, the patrol reported.

Schlichenmayer, 43 was flown from the wreck by AirLife helicopter to Swedish Medical Center in Denver, where doctors delivered her son, Phillip Walter, by Cesarean section. He was premature, weighing only 3 pounds, 2 ounces.

She said her trauma doctor later told her they came close to losing her many times that night. She was released from the hospital at the end

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You can help these families

Funds have been set up to help pay for the medical expenses of Kelsey and Phillip Schlichenmayer and for the Thomas family in North Platte, Neb.

Kelsey’s sister-in-law, Vicki Thomas, was the daughter of Darline Freytag of Goodland. She left behind her husband, sons Kalor and Kyle and daughter Kelsey. She was an ultrasound technologist for the Great Plains Regional Medical Center in North Platte

Memorials may be made to the Vickie Thomas’ family in care of the First National Bank, 201 N. Dewey St., North Platte, Neb. 69101.

A fund is set up at First National Bank in Goodland to help with the Kelsey and Phillip’s expenses. Money can be left at the bank or The Goodland Star-News.