

weather report

91°

noon
Thursday
Today

- Sunset, 8:09 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:38 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:09 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 86 degrees
- Humidity 59 percent
- Sky Mostly sunny
- Winds east at 10 mph gusts 16
- Barometer 30.15 inches and steady
- Record High today 105° (2005)
- Record Low today 50° (1958)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 103°
- Low Thursday 73°
- Precipitation —
- This month .53
- Year to date 12.14
- Below normal .43 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before noon. Partly cloudy, high near 87 with a northeast wind between 5 and 10 mph. Low around 61, mostly clear, wind becoming calm.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 85, low near 61. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 91, low around 64. Monday: Mostly sunny, high near 93 and low near 66. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, high near 94, low near 66.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.47 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.41
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.16 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.03
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Milo — \$1.86 bushel
- Soybeans — \$5.06 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.04
- 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.)

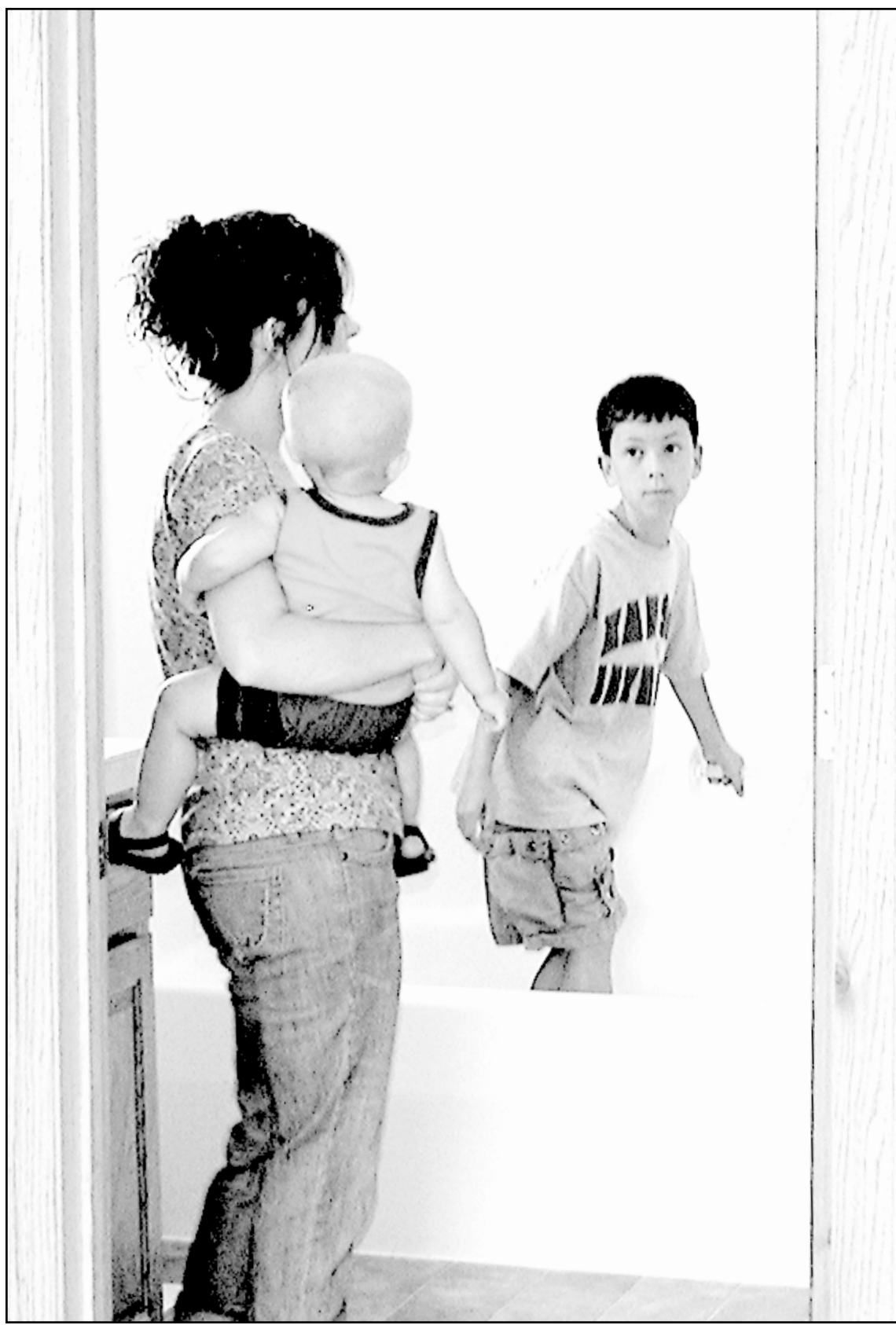
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K-18 faces Russell team

Cameron Morris pitched for the Goodland Elks K-18 baseball team Monday, but they lost to Colby 10-0. The team will be in Russell today to begin regional play at 6 p.m. at Russell facing Russell. See photos, story on Page 8a.



College to sell house Sunday

You may never have a chance to buy a better house at a better price than Sunday, when a home built by carpentry students of the Northwest Kansas Technical College last year will be sold at auction.

The auction will start at 10 a.m. in front of the house, on East 13th Street across the street from the Larry Keirns Fitness Center on the college campus. It will be conducted by Terry Richardson from Homestead Realty and Auction.

The house features oak trim throughout and heavy insulation. Built by students last year, it has 1,676 square feet with a "silent" I-beam floor system, R-19 insulation in the walls and R-50 in the ceiling. It features a large living room with cathedral ceiling.

The kitchen pantry has large canned-goods storage area with interchangeable sliding shelf systems and Formica countertops with oak edging. The master suite includes a bathroom with jetted tub and "his-and-her" basins. The main bathroom includes a large tub/shower combination.

Christa Bergsma and her sons, Brevin and Braden, looked over the bathroom of the master suit in the 2005-2006 house built by carpentry students at the Northwest Kansas Technical College. This house sold during an open house on Sunday. An auction for the 2004-2005 will be this Sunday.

Photo by Pat Schiefen
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The house has three bedrooms with large closets. Network hook-ups for phone, Internet and cable run throughout the house. The college has the house priced at \$105,000.

This year's house was to have been on the block, too, but it sold at an open house on Sunday to a couple from Russell Springs for around \$100,000. It was 1,664 square feet with the same I-beam floor system and insulation.

Both of the houses were built by students. The heating and ventilation department installed Lennox heating and air conditioning. McClure Plumbing and Heating of Goodland installed the plumbing. The city building inspector inspected the homes, and all construction meets or exceeds building codes.

The 2005-2006 carpentry students are Tom Armknecht, Ogallala, Neb.; Regan Bieseimer, Haston, Colo.; Austin Ellis, Sedgwick; Brett Frasier, Sharon Springs; Diana Hashenberger, Oberlin; Trevor Mader, Oakley; Tryler Nicolaus, Sterling, Colo.; Nick Rasic, Seibert, Colo.; Kenny Von Lintel, Hays; Josh Walters, St. Francis; and Aaron Hickert, Bret Jarmin, John Studer, Sara Studer and Wade Taylor of Goodland. The instructor is Robert Woodrow.

Call college president Ken Clouse for information at 890-3641.

It would be an excellent house for any growing family or someone who is retiring, said Clouse.

"It has lots of features that make it an exceptionally good deal," he said.

Bricks arrive Tuesday, bricklayers Aug. 1

By Tom Betz

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Bricks for the five intersections on Main should arrive Tuesday, and city commissioners were told on Monday that the bricklayers would begin on Aug. 1.

Darin Neufeld, engineer for Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, handling the city street projects, said the first intersection to get new bricks will be Ninth and Main.

Neufeld said Mike Miller of Miller Construction told him the concrete work has basically been completed at four of the intersections, and once the new storm drains are installed at 11th, concrete work can begin there.

Bricklaying at Ninth and Main should be completed by the Alumni Reunion on Aug. 11-12, Neufeld said.

Neufeld said there is some hope that the company laying the bricks would bring two crews, and then work could be done at Ninth and 13th before the reunion.

It takes about a week to lay each intersection, Neufeld said.

After the meeting, Neufeld said he had talked to Aaron Duell of the 4-H Ambassadors and recommended the fair parade July 29 use Broadway this year.

Duell said Wednesday the parade route would go north on Broadway from 17th, and turn east at Ninth to

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Mike Miller, owner of Miller Construction, directed the chute from a concrete truck as his crew waited to begin smoothing the concrete on the east half of the intersection at 13th and Main on Friday. The last sections of the intersection were poured on Monday.

day. Darin Neufeld, engineer for the downtown intersection project, told the city commission the bricks for the intersections are to arrive on Tuesday, and bricklaying will begin on Tuesday, Aug. 1.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Commissioner forum planned for Tuesday

A forum for District 1 county commissioner candidates will begin at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Goodland High School auditorium, 1209 Cherry, sponsored by the Sherman County Farm Bureau. Everyone is invited.

The Republican candidates running are Larry Enfield, who farms north of Ruleton; Chuck

Thomas, a farmer near Edson and incumbent county commissioner; Curtis Hurd, a retired contractor and former city commissioner; and Darin Neufeld, an engineer for Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates.

Only Republicans registered in that district can vote for commissioner in the Aug. 1 election.

Boys arrested; car found on I-70

A missing car found on I-70 west of Goodland and tips from a Burlington convenience store and a driver near Denver led to the arrest of two 16-year-old boys wanted for a murder near Kansas City.

The boys, from Grain Valley, Mo., are being held in Denver. They are being charged in the fatal stabbing of one boy's mother Saturday.

Grain Valley Police Chief Aaron Ambrose said Wednesday afternoon the two would be charged with murder, criminal assault and armed criminal action.

The boys were identified by Denver police as Taylor Marquez, the victim's son, and Edward George, both of whom would have been juniors at Grain Valley High School this fall.

Pamela Marquez, 39, was killed Saturday night in a bedroom of the family's home. Her husband, Joe Marquez, an assistant U.S. Attorney, was cut.

A media alert in Kansas and Colorado issued Saturday night said police were looking for Marquez's 16-year-old son and a friend, and both were believed to be armed.

A Colorado State Patrol trooper found a black 2001 Chevrolet Impala driven by the two boys about 8:25 a.m. Monday morning on I-70 a few miles west of the state line. The car was on the westbound shoulder with a flat tire.

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