

weather report

92°
noon Monday



Today
• Sunset, 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday
• Sunrise, 5:47 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:59 p.m.
Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 83 degrees
• Humidity 36 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds southwest at 10 mph
• Barometer 29.69 inches and falling
• Record High today 107° (1938)
• Record Low today 45° (1995)
Last 24 Hours*
High Sunday 99°
Low Monday 66°
Precipitation —
This month 1.19
Year to date 12.80
Below normal 2.25 of an inch

The Topside Forecast
Today: Partly cloudy, high near 93, low near 62. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, 60 percent later in the day. East wind 5 to 10 mph switching to the south and becoming west.

Extended Forecast
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy, high near 82, low near 62. A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Thursday and Friday: Partly cloudy, highs in the mid 80s, and lows around 61.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
Wheat — \$4.35 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.35
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.12 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.95
Loan deficiency pmt. — 1¢
Milo — \$1.82 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.90
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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Charity ride rolls on I-70

Race car driver Kyle Petty signed autographs at the Oasys Truck Stop in Colby on Wednesday when the 12th annual charity ride made a stop for fuel. See story, photos on Page 3.



Dr. Richard Whitmore, grand marshal of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair parade, (above) waved to the crowds along Broadway on Saturday afternoon. Members of the Glendale Livewires 4-H Club showed their barnyard boogie, the fair and parade theme, to kick off the week of fair activities.
Photos by Pat Schiefen and Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Fair fun fills week

The Northwest Kansas District Free Fair kicked off Saturday with the dog show and runs through this weekend open and 4-H competition of all kinds, plus grandstand shows most nights.

The home-owned carnival opened Saturday and runs through Friday, starting at 6 p.m. each night. The carnival has added a new dual inflatable 25-foot slide. Greg Williams of Just Ponds and More will have a fishing pond today where kids can catch and release catfish. The pond was also to be open on Monday.

The carnival has rides for young and old, including the Bullet, Tilt-a-Whirl, Scrambler, Octopus, Merry-Go-Round, Ferris Wheel and cars, swings and airplanes for kids, plus games, booths and a concession stand.

An alliance of civic groups, Sherman County Community Services, runs the carnival and volunteers from the groups run the rides.

On Saturday, dogs and their trainers showed their stuff on the agility course, featuring fences, jumps, ramps and tunnels. Owners in the subnovice obedience class got to use leashes. Open classes dogs were shown with the 4-H classes.

In showmanship, the owners and their dogs posed and pranced for the judges. The judges, Darin Richardson and Melissa and Lisa Jacobus from Oakley, agreed the owners had done a good job with their dogs. They said they could tell the weather had been hot by the coat shedding and the longer toenails of the dogs.

The fair parade started at 5 p.m., going up Broadway Avenue instead of Main this year because of con-

struction on Main. The parade featured floats, tractors new and antique, trucks, old cars and race cars, horses, dogs and motorcycles.

The parade went from 17th Street to Ninth, then turned east and ended at Gulick Park.

Political candidates were out in full force, including Republicans Darin Neufeld and Larry Enfield running for District 1 county commissioner, Rep. Jim Morrison and Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer from the state Legislature and Connie Morris from the state Board of Education.

A modified tractor pull started at 7 p.m. at the grandstand, drawing close to a full house. Sunday, there were no events scheduled.

Monday, 4-H foods were to be judged, with the food sale follow-

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Hospital buys surgical table

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News
New beds with built-in scales and a remote controlled surgical table are among the recent purchases at Goodland Regional Medical Center, the county hospital board heard Monday.

Jim Precht, chief financial officer, said the hospital had ordered four beds and they had come with the built-in scales, but when they ordered six more those came without the scales.

"We wondered why," Precht said, "but when we traced it back we found we had gotten a great price on the first four beds, and they weren't supposed to come with the scales."

"We have ordered four more beds

with the built-in scales, so that will give us 14 total, and eight with scales."

Dale Schields, human resources director, said he thought the new beds were replacing some that had been with the hospital since 1972.

Precht said the hospital is buying a new portable x-ray machine for \$99,000. He said they are getting a good deal on the machine because it was a demonstrator. It will allow more flexibility in when and how x-rays are taken, he said.

One thing the new x-ray machine meant was replacing the old surgical table. Precht said the new x-ray can be rolled up to the surgical table, but would not work with the old table, because the bottom was solid

and the new machine could not fit under it.

He said the new table not only works with the portable machine, but it has a remote control adjustment. Precht said the table cost \$36,000, and the hospital had budgeted \$24,000 for it in the capital expense fund.

He said the hospital has committed over \$480,000 from the capital budget for equipment. He said the total budget for equipment is \$1.2 million, and the focus is on minor movable equipment and equipment that can be expensed in three years.

Precht said the hospital's finances were good in May and there was a

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School district benefits from court ruling

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News
The Goodland School District can finish its salary negotiations with the teachers and its budget for the coming school year now that the Kansas Supreme Court dismissed a lawsuit on the school finance bill.

The district will have more money, about a quarter of a million dollars, but most of it comes with strings attached; it's earmarked for specific programs.

For the 2005-2006 school year, said Marvin Selby, former superintendent and financial advisor for the Goodland schools, the district got \$6,481,052 from the state, an average of \$6,436 per student. The official enrollment was 1,007 as of Sept. 20. If the enrollment stays the same, he said, the total next year would be \$6,759,052, or \$6,712 per student.

"There will be \$278,000 of new

Goodland joins Young Guns football

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Fifth and sixth graders will get to play full tackle football in Cowboy Stadium this fall as the Goodland School Board gave the Young Guns football teams permission Monday night.

John Hendrich is the team's coach, with Grady Bonsall, Jon Whisnant and Steve Jimenez of the Goodland Activities Center as assistants. Hendrich said he is certified to coach.

The Young Guns will be members of the Western Kansas Football League out of Hays, Hendrich said.

The league has been around about eight to 10 years, he said, and requires \$35 per person for insurance.

Hendrich said there would be fifth grade and sixth grade teams. Each would have three home and three away games. The Saturday-morning games will start in September and end in October. The quarters are shorter, only 15 minutes, he said. The kids will practice just twice a week so the kids won't get burned out.

The group got permission to use the stadium, press

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general fund money.

The district will get \$119,959 more for at-risk students, he said. The Legislature did not broaden the definition of at risk, but \$75,000 of that can be used to pay for all-day kindergarten started in Goodland last year.

Special education will get \$57,363 more, Selby said. That includes programs for any student who needs special help, ranging from the mentally challenged to the gifted.

He said the district will get \$28,913 to spent on students who scored low on state assessment tests. This could be used for study halls, extra classes and summer school.

The high court ruled Friday that the Legislature had pretty much complied with the court's orders to

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