

weather report

75°

noon Monday

Today

• Sunset, 7:34 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:07 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:33 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 71 degrees

• Humidity 68 percent

• Sky partly sunny

• Winds calm

• Barometer 30.29 inches and falling

• Record High today 102° (1938)

• Record Low today 45° (1945)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 80°

Low Monday 62°

Precipitation —

This month 2.2

Year to date 15

Below normal .66 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high near 86, low near 62 with a south wind 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny, high near 94, low near 61. Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 96, low near 63. Friday: Partly cloudy, high near 95, low near 59. Saturday: Mostly cloudy and high near 85.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Play looks through child’s eyes



Jared Peterson sang “Why Should a Kid Have to Walk” during rehearsal Wednesday.

Waiting for Mom to pick you up from school, wanting a dog, dealing with siblings, not wanting to be the first to hang up the phone — anyone who’s ever been a child has been there.

Children and adults alike will laugh at the way Little City Theater Productions present these scenes and others in the musical, “How To Eat Like A Child.” An all-kid cast will perform this revue of music and skits telling of the joys and sorrows of being a child at 7 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 26, and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 27, at the Goodland High School Auditorium. Donations will be taken at the door.

Twenty-two kids from third through eighth grades have been preparing nearly all summer for the fun musical production.

The cast includes Savannah Bassett, Chantel Coates, Grace Cole, Hazen Deeds, Lauren Espinoza, Dane Frazier, Chloe Goodwin, Jed Gray, Bryan Guyer, Jessica Klemm, Levi Klemm, Shayley Miller, Zach Miller, Jared Peterson, Bracelyn Redlin, Braxton Redlin, Brooke Redlin, Andrew Shores, Raquel Tomsic, Katlyn Topliff, Kirsten Topliff and Holton Witman.

Nancy Shores is musical director, while Jessica Cole and Tina Goodwin who direct the actors. Emily Klemm will perform the overture. The Goodland Arts Council is sponsoring the production.

The kids give 23 lessons on such subjects as how to beg for a dog, how to act after being sent to your room and how to stay home from school. Kids and adults will recognize many familiar tactics.

This is the sixth year for the all-



Chantel Coates practiced not getting off the phone during rehearsal Wednesday for the Little City Theater Productions musical, “How to Eat Like a Child.” Her skit with Chloe Goodwin is one of several childish antics that will play out on stage at 7 p.m. Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday in the Goodland High School auditorium.

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kids theater production and the first musical produced by the company.

The first musical version of this production was produced for television in 1981 and starred Dick Van Dyke. Then, using the songs from

the television show, it was adapted for the stage as a musical revue to be performed by children. The production features songs such as “How to Torture Your Sister” and “We Refuse to Fall Asleep.”

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.05 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.13

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.90

Loan deficiency pmt. — 6¢

Milo — \$1.65 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.58 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.56

Loan deficiency pmt. — 13¢

Millet — \$6 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.)

inside today

More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News

Senator makes stop to talk and listen

By Pat Schiefen
The Goodland Star-News

U.S. Sen. Pat Roberts talked about agriculture and national security with about 20 people during a visit Monday morning at the Student Union of the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

The group included state Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer, Sherman County farmer Ben Duell, Northwest Kansas Technical College President Ken Clouse, Goodland Chamber of Commerce President Brent Linin and others.

Roberts opened his comments with a quote from former Sen. Frank Carlson, who said, “No one is a self made man.” The people supporting a man make him who he is, Sen. Roberts said. Carlson was a U.S. representative and senator from Kansas from Concordia.

Roberts said he had seen fields of burned-up fall crops, and he hopes Congress will pass an emergency farm bill to provide disaster drought relief for farmers.

He said it has been slow going to get the beef markets to reopen in the Orient after the latest scare over “mad cow disease.”

“Despite overwhelming scientific evidence supporting the safety of American beef, more than 16 years of controls, and an agreement to restore trade, the embargo persists,” he said.

Japan agreed July 27 to open it markets to cattle 20 months old and younger, he said, but Korea and Taiwan have not opened their markets.

Roberts said Sen. Saxby Chambliss, a Republican from



Ben Duell (left) talked to U. S. Senator Pat Roberts (right) at a breakfast in the student union at the Northwest Kansas Technical College Monday morning. Roberts talked about agriculture and security.

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Georgia, the chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry, will be at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson from Friday, Sept. 8, to Saturday, Sept. 16.

The senator said the trend to producing biofuels from farm products is one way to cut dependence of foreign oil, though it can’t replace imports today.

“If we maximize our production of biofuels it would only supply about 5 to 8 percent of energy usage to the country,” Roberts said. “Kansas is a leader in the biofuels industry. With seven operating ethanol plants and several more on the way, we are growing closer to providing a viable alternative to traditional gasoline and diesel fuels.”

He said that being chairman of Intelligence Committee is the greatest responsibility he had in his time in Congress. The committee deals with national security and vital interests of the country, he said, stressing that the terrorist threat is real and is not going to go away soon.

The committee and it’s House counterpart oversee secret intelli-

gence operations, getting classified reports from the administration. Sometimes just the most senior members, including Roberts as chairman, are let in on sensitive programs.

Roberts said there are people in the world who see us as dust, and we hurt our interests when we reveal too much about intelligence operations.

“Americans tend to do too much talking about high-level intelligence gathering,” he said.

The senator said he thinks that the U.S. needs to do some serious thinking about energy. Depending on foreign oil could compromise our national security, he said.

“We need to be very concerned about our future dependence on countries like Iran and Venezuela for our energy,” he said. “This is a matter of cost for consumers, but its also a matter of national security. The 2005 energy bill and the development of biofuels is a step in the right direction.”

Roberts thought that there would not be any serious immigration reform until next year.

Roberts, Dodge City, served eight-terms as a congressman from the 1st District serving western Kansas and is in his second term as U.S. Senator. He took the place of retired Sen. Nancy Kassebaum Baker. He and his wife Franki have three children.

“I feel the country is safer than it was five years ago,” Roberts said. He thinks the country is in better position to stop terrorism.

Wednesday classes to be morning only

Classes start Wednesday for the students of the Goodland School District, with classes on the heat schedule until the thermometer and the humidity go down a little.

Classes will dismiss at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, said Superintendent Shelly Angelos. Lunches will be served at all the buildings. Athletic practices will start at 4 p.m.

School starts at 7:50 for the students at the elementary schools, 8

a.m. at Grant Junior High School and 7:50 a.m. at Goodland High School.

- Preschool, first and second grades are at West Elementary School, 912 W. 12, with new principal Verna Milnes.

- Third and fourth grades are at Central Elementary School, 1311 Main, with principal Sharon Gregory.

- Kindergarten, fifth and sixth grades are at North Elementary

School, 700 E. 4. Jim Mull is the principal. Kindergarten was moved from West to North because of the addition of another first-grade class.

- Steve Raymer is the principal at Grant Junior High, 11th and Montana, this year, moving from his job as activities director at Goodland High School.

- Harvey Swager is principal for the high school, 1209 Cherry, with long-time teacher Don Smith taking over as activities director.

Practice started a week ago at the high school for fall sports, football, volleyball, cross country, girls tennis and golf.

Teachers started getting their classrooms ready last week.

There are 13 new teachers this year, including Emily Braxmeyer and Shelley Kirk, first grade; Rachel Hodges, third grade; Rachel Stasser, fourth grade; Kimberly Herron and Tiffany Shank-Jones, fifth grade; Aimee Stoffel, high school library;

Jonathan Dansel, high school at-risk and football coach; Jeff McCall, high school math; Devlin Mull, elementary physical education; Joseph Sramek, high school math; Cassandra VanAllen, second grade; and John Whisnant, high school industrial arts.

Superintendent Angelos said she and the staff are excited and are looking forward to the new school year.

Scrimmage on Friday

Cowboy players tried a running play as they got their first taste of practicing in full pads on Thursday. Fans will get their first look at the Cowboys at the soap scrimmage at 5:30 p.m. on Friday. See Photo, story on Page 12.