

weather report

64°

noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 7:24 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:12 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 67 degrees

• Humidity 69 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds north at 15 mph

• Barometer 30.20 inches

and rising

• Record High today 99° (1954)

• Record Low today 41° (1917)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 75°

Low Monday 55°

Precipitation .01

This month 4.02

Year to date 16.82

Above normal .69 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, high near 76, low near 57 with a southeast wind around 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny,

high near 86, low around 61.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near

88 and low near 59. Friday: Partly

cloudy, high near 84 and low

around 56. Saturday: Mostly clear,

with high near 81 and low near 54.

Sunday: Mostly sunny and a high

near 82.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.16 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.24

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.10 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.95

Loan deficiency pmt. — 1¢

Milo — \$1.75 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.50 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.59

Loan deficiency pmt. — 1¢

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.)

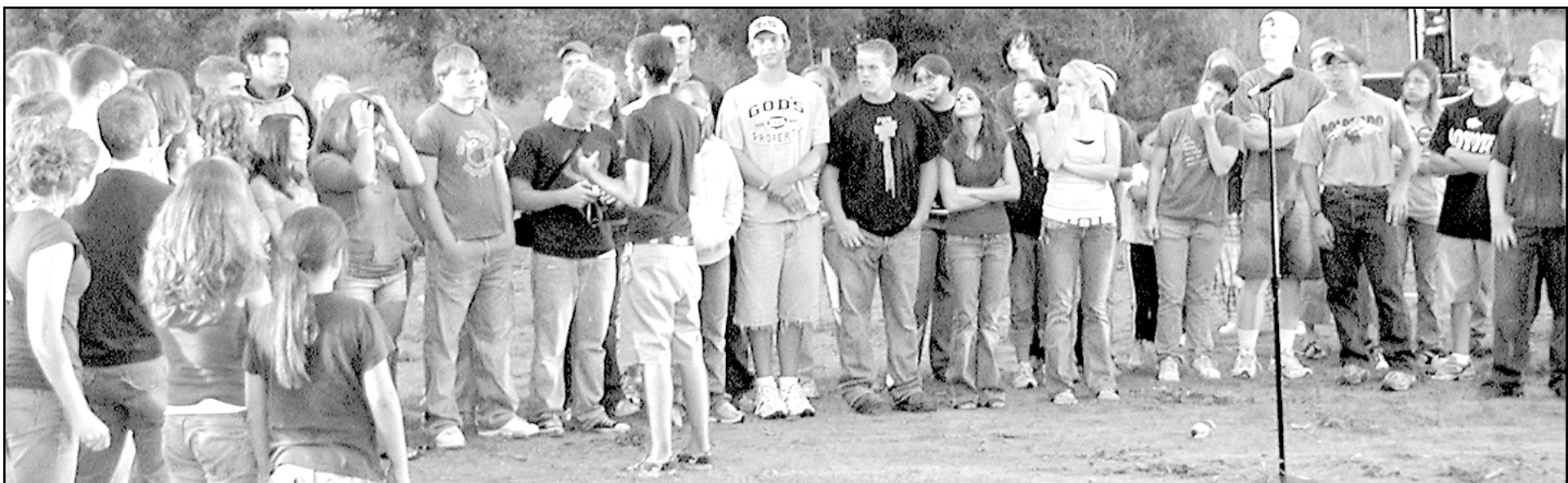
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Sprint cars a hit at races

Winged Sprint cars highlighted the races at the Sherman County Speedway for the 14th annual Bill Gray Memorial on Saturday, Aug. 19. Races will start at 6:30 p.m. this Saturday. See photo, story on Page 10.



About 100 young people and adults from Goodland and surrounding towns gathered in front of a barn about four miles south of Ruleton Saturday evening to

form the audience for the Christian rock band Pillar's new music video.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Band shoots video near Ruleton

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

An innocent-looking old two-story barn was transformed Saturday into the backdrop — complete with cheering fans — for a music video by a Christian rock band.

Members of the band Pillar were on the Dan Duell farm near Ruleton to stage sections of a video to accompany the song “Everything,” which will be on their album “The Reckoning” to be released Oct. 3.

It was no accident the band picked the Duell's barn. The lead singer, Rob Beckley, is married to Linda Duell, one of Ben Duell's 14 children. Dan is her brother.

Driving up to the Duell farm, there's a large customized bus on one side of the driveway, which is the band's transportation.

Fans who wanted to be part of the video gathered at Dan Duell's farm to learn about the evening and sign release forms for the shooting.

Four miles south of Duell's home is an old barn that Ben Duell said was the scene of lots of barn dances back when Kansas was a “dry” state.

Mother Nature dumped over an inch of rain on Sherman County on Friday, and the low area around the front of the barn looked more like a moat. Beckley said that was not part of the plan, and they spent time finding boards and a couple of old barn doors to lay on top of the water as a makeshift stage.

Everyone worried that another thunderstorm was heading for the area as the final touches were added, with the lighting and the band's amplifiers, as the sun was starting to set about 6:30 p.m. Saturday. The storm headed northeast and away from the barn as the fans, who were to be the audience, convoyed from the farmhouse to the barn.

Earlier that afternoon, the band shot other parts of the video, including a segment where they are picked up by a passing truck after their car breaks down.

Children and adults from Goodland, Garden City, Burlington and other towns had gathered on short notice to provide the audience.

Linda Beckley said the band had thought about putting a call in the paper for young people who wanted to be in the video, but decided they wanted a more manageable group of around 100. She said she was afraid they would end up with more like 500 or more with an ad in the paper.

The band has been going for about



Rob Beckley (above) the lead singer for Pillar used a microphone in front of the gathered audience for the video shoot. Workers used boards and old doors to create a temporary stage over the moat in front of the old barn, and drummer Lester Estelle was set up in the main doorway.



Band members Kael (left) on bass and guitarist Noah Henson played part of the song “Everything” for the video.

eight years, Linda Beckley said, and was a big hit at the New Year's Christian program in Colby.

Rob Beckley, from Plainville,

started the band in Hays in 1998. He added Kael, the bass guitarist from Riverside, Calif., and guitarist Noah Henson from Virginia Beach, Va.,

and Lester Estelle on drums from Kansas City.

In front of the barn, Beckley had a microphone stand, flanked by

Kael and Henson. Estelle and his

drums were set up in the doorway.

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Wind farm proposed southwest of town

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

A proposed wind farm near Leoti has fallen through, and with Sunflower Electric asking for proposals, a Colorado company is looking at a site southwest of Goodland.

Sherman County commissioners were asked to support the project last Tuesday by landowner Dennis Shank, who farms southwest of town, and Eric Simons, director of Competitive Power Ventures of Lakewood.

Simons said he has been working with a firm called Distributive Generation Systems, but Competitive Power bought the company.

“We are in the same office in Lakewood,” Simons said. “We want to get something working out here. “Essentially, it is a wind farm. We

Well finds water at Smoky Gardens

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

A new well is supplying water to the county park at Smoky Gardens south of Goodland, Sherman County commissioner heard last Tuesday.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said the well had

been drilled Monday about 315 feet away from the old well and it was producing 30 gallons a minute.

Thomas said Merl Armstrong of Armstrong Pump and Well was there when Woofter Pump and Well

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have been pretty quiet about it. It is the standard wind farm information. We put up a meteorological tower over 2 1/2 year ago.

“This one has been sitting around. We need a market. Need to have 50 megawatts to make it work.”

Simons said his company operates 55 megawatts of gas-fired generation, and the wind energy divi-

sion can produce 27 megawatts.

The reason for the new interest, Simons said, is that Sunflower had an agreement for a wind farm down by Leoti, but the promoters were having trouble getting turbines and having problems with the price.

“About two months ago, Sunflower terminated that agreement,” Simons said. “Now they are back in

the wind farm market. We got a letter on Aug. 10 from Sunflower looking for wind power. They want 50 megawatts. Proposals are to be in by Thursday, Aug. 31.

“Luckily, we have been working on this for three years. We have quite a bit of it scoped out.

“Sunflower would probably like to see some support from the county,

possibly a letter of support.”

He said he wanted to be sure there were no permits required and that there was no zoning.

“We need to find out what kind of setbacks from the road you'd require in case one tips over,” he said.

The commissioners asked what the schedule might be.

“We will send in the proposal next week,” Simons said. “Sunflower wants to have it started by November, and wants it up an running by next October.

“One thing we have is that we have turbines available, so it could be done and be in service by 2008.”

“How many towers?” Commissioner Mitch Tiede asked.

“We have 1.5 megawatt towers,”

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