

weather report

89°



noon Monday

Today

• Sunset, 6:28 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:46 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:26 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 62 degrees
- Humidity 19 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds north at 13 mph.
- Barometer 30.02 inches and falling

- Record High today 93° (1967)
- Record Low today 32° (1959)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	89°
Low Monday	43°
Precipitation	—
This month	—
Year to date	19.23
Above normal	1.71 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, high near 81, low around 47, patchy fog after midnight. North wind between 5 to 20 mph, gusting to 30 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high near 68, low near 47. Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near 88, low around 49. Friday: Partly cloudy, high near 80, low near 49. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 80 and the low near 47. Sunday: Partly cloudy, high near 74.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Ropes course builds teamwork



Drew Pilger knelt down to allow fellow class member Ben Brandvik step across with Brandon Linin (left) and Trevor Linton holding on to keep Brandvik stable Wednesday on the balancing log at the ropes course. Behind Linton

was Andi Nelson (blindfolded), Cara Daise, Iris Scheopner, Tanya Cox and Lisa Tomsic who are the 10th Leadership Sherman County class.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

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The 10th Leadership Sherman Class took a turn Wednesday on the ropes course — on the north edge of the playground at North Elementary — hoping to develop cooperation and teamwork.

Goodland High School Principal Harvey Swager, as course leader, put the class through half a dozen special team-building obstacles.

Class members this year are Cara Daise, chief executive officer at Bankwest of Kansas; Brian Linin, chief financial officer at Frontier Equity Co-op; Trevor Linton assistant vice president and financial specialist at First National Bank; Ben Brandvik, grain division manager at Frontier Equity; Iris Scheopner, Sherman County treasurer; Lisa Tomsic co-owner of Topside Office Supply; Andi Nelson, Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce manager; Drew Pilger, Sherman County Farm Bureau agent; Tanya Cox, a vice president at Bankwest; and Cathy Cochran of the Howard Johnson Hotel.

At the balancing log, Swager told the class members, minus Cochran, to stand on the log. Then he told them arrange themselves in order by height without falling off. He said if one fell off, that person would have to be blindfolded. Nelson got a blindfold, but the class members worked out a way to move around each other to complete the task.

Once they were done, Swager let them off the log for a short break and asked if they had learned anything from the exercise. He asked Nelson about the experience of being blindfolded and she said it was tough, but that the other class members helped her and made sure she knew what was happening.

Swager said the class had done better than many groups he had taken through the course. He had them get back up on the log and told them to rearrange by birth month without talking. Again the class worked together, stepping around and over each other, with no one falling off.

The class agreed that it was a good test to see if they could do the exercise without talking, and Daise said she thought they had done better than in the previous exercises.

At the “nitro crossing,” it took a few restarts for the group to work out the best way to use a rope to get the glass of “nitro” across an imaginary chasm without spilling or hitting the edge. Linton and Brandvik swung over, and acted as the catchers as the others came across. Linin’s long arms helped as he leaned out each time to retrieve the rope.

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local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.36 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.46
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.53 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.25
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$2.13 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.73 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.63
Loan deficiency pmt. — 6¢
Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
NuSun crop — \$11.75
Pinto beans — \$19 (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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Young Guns lose to Hays

Drew Dautel (left), son of Justin and Julie Dautel, got ready to throw a pass for the Young Guns sixth-grade football team. The Young Guns played Hays on Saturday, losing 30-14. See photo on Page 12.

Boss Hogg, Dukes plan appearance at Cowboys rally

Get ready for an appearance by Boss Hogg on Thursday night at Goodland High School’s pep rally and bonfire for Homecoming at Cowboy Stadium.

The Homecoming parade, pep rally and bonfire will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday. The senior parents made special arrangement for the appearances of the Duke Brothers, Boss Hogg and the General Lee for their contribution to the pep rally. The cheerleaders, Jumpin’ Juniors and the high school band will add to the fun.

The Sherman County Alumni Association will sponsor the parade and bonfire. The theme for 2006 is “Headin’ for a GHS Roundup.”

The parade will start at 6:30 p.m. at Eighth and Main and go to 13th and Main, when it will turn east and go to Cowboys Stadium for the pep rally and bonfire around 7 p.m.

The parade will be lead by the high school band, the Goodland Police Department and a Veterans of Foreign Wars color guard.

The homecoming king and queen candidates will ride in convertibles and the fall sports teams will be on flatbed trailers. The Jumpin’ Juniors, senior parents, cheerleaders and members of the Black and Gold Booster Club will also be there.

Previous homecoming queens and attendants will be riding in convertibles.

All float entries from the high school will get \$50 from the alumni association. Other businesses and organizations also can enter floats.

Members of the Class of 1956 will be recognized at the pep rally on Thursday and game on Friday.



Luke Duke (Tyler Hillmer, left) tried to explain to Deputy Cletus (Josiah Goodley) and Sheriff Rosco Coltrane (Jim Mosbarger) that

he and his brother didn’t know anything about the jewels found in the General Lee. Daisy Duke (Stephanie Sheldon) looked on.

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County will pay half of prairie-dog bait cost

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For the fourth year, Sherman County commissioners agreed to share the cost of controlling prairie dogs with landowners in the county.

Weed control superintendent Daryl West was at the commissioner meeting on Friday to ask what they

had decided. He told the commissioners he had ordered 10 pallets of bait at a cost of about \$25,000.

During budget discussions, the commissioners decided to put \$55,000 in the budget for next year for prairie dogs, and agreed to spend about that same amount over the next three months.

The commissioners have been talking to farmers and ranchers across the county and heard from those in the Beaver Valley that the dogs were coming back in larger numbers this year.

Three years ago, the Sherman County commissioners organized a prairie dog committee and spent

over \$90,000 to help landowners get on top of the expanding prairie dog population, especially in the northeast part of the county and along the Colorado border. The county paid 75 percent of the bait cost and the landowners were to pay 25 percent.

The second year, the commissioners went with a 50-50 plan on the

bait, and last year it was 25 percent. Commissioner Mitch Tiede said Friday he thought the county share ought to be 50 percent or less.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said he thought 50 percent was right.

Commission Chairman Kevin

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