Weather Corner



Wind advisory in effect from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. CDT this eve-

Tonight...Breezy. Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 15 to 25 mph with gusts to around 40 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Saturday...Partly Breezy. A chance of thunderstorms in the morning...Then a slight chance of thunderstorms in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 80s. South winds 15 to 25 mph. Chance of thunderstorms 40 percent. Saturday night... Mostly cloudy. Breezy. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the lower 50s. South winds 15 to 25 mph decreasing to 10 to 15 mph after midnight.

Sunday...Mostly Highs in the lower 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Sunday night...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Memorial **Day**...Mostly sunny in the morning then becoming partly sunny. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 50s.

Tuesday through Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs around 80. Lows in the mid 50s.

Thursday...Partly in the morning then becoming mostly sunny. A 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Thursday's low, high: 51, 74, 1.08 precipitation.

Goodland gives homeowners 90 days to clean up debris

ntbetz@nwkansas.com The city commission Monday held hearings on two fire damaged homes and in each case allowed the homeowner 90 days to begin repairs or demolish and remove

City Building Inspector Steve Criswell said he had notified the owners of the homes at 1310 College Ave. and 1606 Texas Ave., and said in both cases the houses had been fire damaged.

Erika Perez Soto, co-owner of the house at 1310 College Ave., said her family was cleaning up the property, and wanted more time to fix it up.

City Manager Wayne Hill, who lives across the alley, said he had seen a trailer in the yard and that some of the debris had been removed.

Soto said she and her family have been working on the property for the past three weeks.

Josh Dechant, vice-mayor who was handling the meeting, asked Soto what her plans were. She said the plan is to repair

the home, but they will need more time. Commissioner John Garcia

asked if Soto was going to clean up the property. She said they want to remodel

the house and make it livable. Hill asked if after the fire the house is structurally sound.

Soto said she did not know, but that her family wanted to rebuild

Criswell said with the fire damage the house would have to be rewired, have new plumbing and have a new roof over the burned

He said the father came in and pulled a remodel permit last fall, but then said he did not think it was worth doing and said it should be changed to a demolish permit.

Garcia said Soto needed to determine if they are going to remodel or demolish.

She said she had found someone who said they could fix the house. "How soon can you start," Gar-

cia asked. She said the people will start

working in the next few weeks, and will be gutting the house. Dechant asked Criswell if Soto

would need a new permit. Criswell said he would honor

the existing permit, but said the person who is to do the work has to be a family member or has to be Soto said it was her brother-in-

law who would do the work, and Criswell said he considered that to be family. Garcia said the city would need

to see that the remodeling is going to be started soon.

City Commissioner Annette June 2.

Fairbanks said the commission needs to establish a time limit to get something started.

Criswell said the commission would set that time in a resolu-

Dechant said he thought the city should stick with the 90 days they

set on the previous houses. "I think that would be fair," he

Garcia asked Soto if she would be able to show some progress in the 90 days.

She said they should be able to

On the second home at 1606 Texas Ave., Criswell said the owner Marilyn I. Bohl, had sold the manufactured home to Alex West to have it hauled out of town.

"West came in and pulled a permit to pull the home out of the city limits," Criswell said. "He said it should be gone within a couple of weeks."

Criswell asked the commission to give Bohl 90 days to get the property cleaned up because there is a wood frame garage and a carport that has fallen down.

"I do not know who is responsible for the carport and garage,"

The commissioners agreed to the 90 days, and Criswell said he would have the resolutions ready for the next meeting on Monday,

Saluting the vets



Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Day five of the 20th annual Run for the Wall went through Goodland Sunday morning. About 30 people gathered on the Caldwell Avenue overpass south of town to wave hands and flags as more than 200 motorcycles rolled east on I-70. The ride started in California and will end Memorial Day in Washington with the Rolling Thunder ride to the Vietnam Memorial, known as "The Wall."

Malpractice settlements awarded

WICHITA (AP)- A federal judge there have been at least five malruled Thursday that prosecutors are entitled to civil malpractice settlements in their criminal case against a Kansas physician whose clinic is linked to 56 overdose deaths, saying a defense claim that the settlements are not relevant "borders on the frivolous."

In his order, U.S. District Judge Monti Belot refused to quash government subpoenas issued to attorneys in the civil cases filed against Dr. Stephen Schneider.

The judge ordered that the subpoenas be complied with immedi-

for many students, Rundel said.

"Schools like Kansas State Uni-

versity and Washburn University

offer scholarship money for these

activities," Rundel said. "Over the

years, many (students) have cho-

sen to become active in theater in

college and in their communities.

Some have chosen the area of the-

ater as a college program of study,

while others have gone to law

school. Truly forensics transitions

into all aspects of life."

government contended

practice settlement agreements between Schneider and plaintiffs. Prosecutors sought them as impeachment evidence, arguing the settlements could be relevant to the credibility of witnesses who testify at the criminal trial.

A 34-count federal indictment accuses Schneider and his wife, Linda, of directly causing four deaths and contributing to at least 11 others. The two are charged with con-

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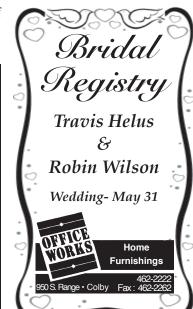
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The couple have pleaded not

The doctor's criminal attorney filed a motion last month to quash the subpoenas seeking information about the settlements, arguing the government was circumventing the criminal discovery process through civil litigation.



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Hard work pays off

"I would recommend the pro-

gram to anyone," Ress said. Rundel said the Colby team overall ranked high at the state

"We had two individuals that were two points out of the semifinals," Rundel said.

Taking 14th place out of 46 entrants in informative speaking was Seth Bredemeier, and placing 14th out of 70 entrants in oral interpretation of prose was Curtis Fulwider.

"We also had two young ladies perform at State Speech and Drama Festival in Kansas City," Rundel said.

Placing first in oral interpretation of poetry was Grace Hankin. Amanda Barnum placed second in oral interpretation of prose.

"Obviously, we are very proud of these kids, so we give them a pat on the back," Rundel said.

Rundel said during practice, students are evaluated by the coaches and given things to correct or improve upon. She said students practice three times a week, more if needed, of which two practices must take place before one of the

coaches. "After tournaments, they must read their ballots and write a journal entry over how they felt they did at the competition, what the judges said and things to work on for the next week," Rundel said.

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