

weather
report

85°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:26 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 74 degrees

• Humidity 49 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds south 18 mph

• Barometer 30.14 inches
and falling

• Record High 96° (1964)

• Record Low 44° (1931)

Last 24 Hours*

High 95°

Low 63°

Precipitation 0.04 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 70,
southeast wind 10-20 mph. Tomorrow:
Sunny, high 103-108, southwest
wind 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: dry, high 101-106. Sunday
and Monday: chance of thunder-
storms, high 95-105, low 60s-70s.
(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.68 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.45

Corn — \$1.92 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.71

Loan deficiency payment — 28¢

Milo — \$3.06 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.44 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.29

Loan deficiency payment — 63¢

Millet — \$5.25 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7.90 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$6.65 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.04

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$16 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco
Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century
Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press



1 p.m.

Three drown,
one missing

LAS ANIMAS, Colo. — A 6-
year-old girl was missing Wednesday
and three people were dead
after a boat capsized on John Martin
Reservoir.

Nine people were aboard the
boat when it capsized Tuesday,
Bent County Sheriff Nate Valdez
said.

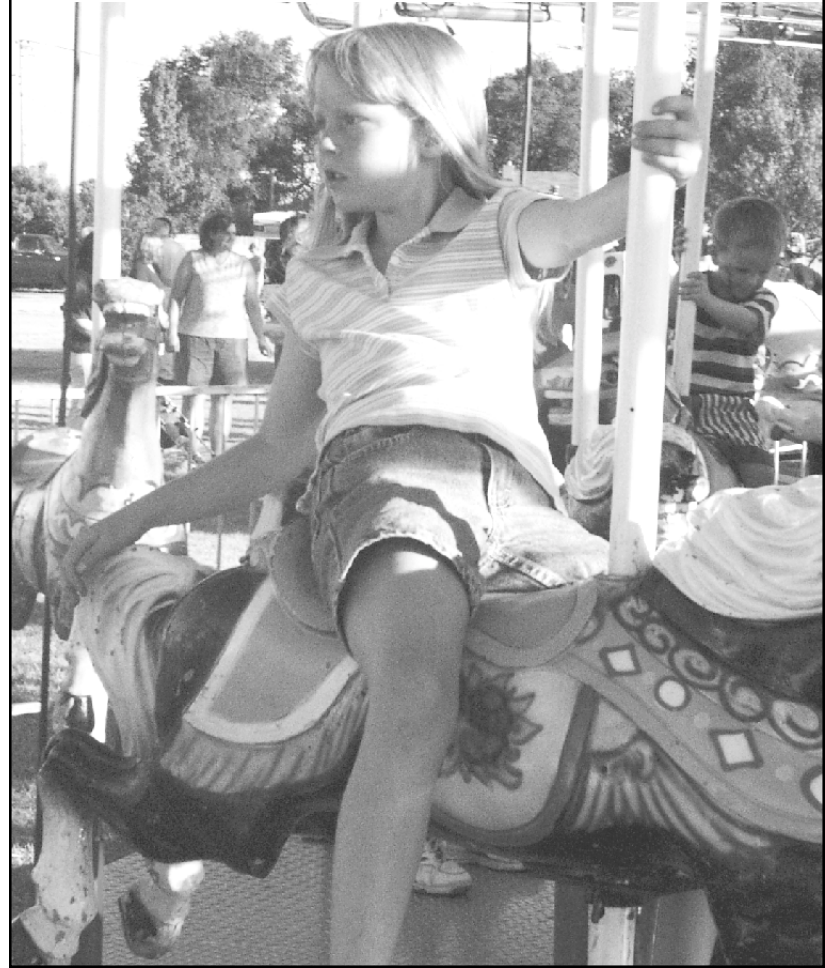
The search for the missing girl
was halted Wednesday night and
was to resume this morning,
sheriff's dispatcher Jennifer
Valdez said.

Autopsies were conducted
Wednesday but the results were
not released.

None of the victims was wearing
a life jacket when found, Nate
Valdez said. No names were released.

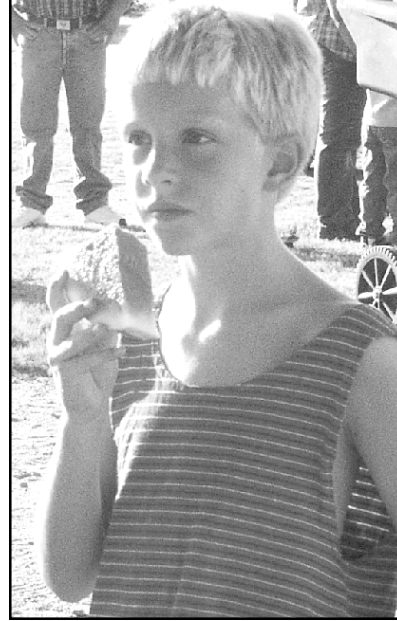
Valdez identified the dead as a
6-month-old boy, a 3- or 4-year-
old girl and a 51-year-old woman,
all of Syracuse, Kan.

Fest fun for Fourth



With flags flying, Goodland youngsters (top left) steered their spacecraft during Freedom Fest on Wednesday at the Sherman County Fairground. The more adventurous (top right) waved as they made a corner on the roller coaster and a young lady (bottom right) urged her faithful steed onward on the carousel. Food for the crowd (bottom left) was provided by S&T Telephone and sliced watermelon (left) by the Goodland Rotary.

Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News



Hundreds enjoy rides, singing, food, fireworks

Hundreds of Sherman County citizens celebrated Independence Day at Freedom Fest, where they were fed and entertained by local talent and a spectacular fireworks display punctuated the evening.

S&T Telephone Co., which serves Brewster and Kanorado and is seeking a franchise in Goodland (and Colby),

served hamburgers and hot dogs to the crowd. Workers kept busy until all the appetites had been assuaged.

Goodland Rotary Club members sliced watermelon for the crowd, and there were concessions providing cold drinks and sno-cones to help keep the people cool in the hot afternoon sun.

Several rides from the home-owned

carnival ran for the youngsters and the young at heart.

The Tilt-a-Whirl, the swings, the octopus and roller coaster were kept busy with the older crowd. The kids had the swing ride, cars, airplanes and the carousel to ride.

Local singers entertained the crowd. When the sun finally slipped behind the

horizon the crowd moved to the grandstand and the area in front of the grandstand for the Freedom Fest fireworks display.

Joe Diaz from Denver and a crew of about six spent the afternoon setting up the salutes, an American flag and the aerial display. It took about an hour for all the fireworks to fly into the air and

explode across the overcast sky.

Besides the hundreds in the grandstand, citizens were parked on nearly every foot of every nearby road and street to get a view of the aerial display.

An early report indicated the donations to the Pioneer Park and Handy House taken in by S&T during the feed would be about \$1,200.

County commissioners delay hospital board appointments

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County commissioners decided Tuesday that they need time to talk to the eight people who have applied for the three slots on the Goodland Regional Medical Center board.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said the eight include the three current board members, Lynn Hoelting, Joyce Moore and Pete Whalen, plus Dr. Robert McCullough, Kim Duell, Dennis Bentzinger, Patricia Juhl and Colleen Smith.

The three commissioners felt they needed to talk to the people before making the appointments, and put them on the agenda for next week. All three

commissioners said they were glad to see the interest in helping the financially troubled hospital.

"We wondered when we decided to advertise what sort of response we would get," Frankenfeld said. "I think it is great to see this response."

The appointments will be on the agenda when the commission meets Tuesday's morning.

Jay Jolly, hospital administrator, and Jeff Krall, director of the county ambulance service, talked to the commissioners about providing education assistance to ambulance volunteers.

Jolly talked about the education assistance policy the hospital board has adopted, saying they hoped the new

policy could be used to address any future requests for money to pay for classes.

"We hope to make it so the hospital does not have a lot of out-front cash payment," Jolly said, "but we can assist in the repayment and tie it to a commitment to work for the hospital."

"The policy is designed to give us a chance to look to (our) future needs, if possible," he said.

That said, Jolly turned to a current request from Alan David, an emergency medical technician, who wants to attend an intensive paramedic program in Denver which begins in two weeks. He said the hospital board had looked at this and decided it did not

meet the new policy, but he said the board will review its decision at the next meeting on Monday, July 23. David had asked for money up front, and also wanted expenses for room and board for him and his family for nine months. "I think we are looking at a three-way split of the direct education costs and the living expenses for him," Jolly said. "The Northwest Kansas Medical Foundation has already agreed to provide one-third of the \$9,900. I think I was letting the air ambulance proposal confuse the matter, because that is secondary to our paramedic program in the county."

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked about the status of the air ambulance

proposals, and how they might affect the paramedic program.

"We have two active proposals," Jolly said. "We had the presentation from Air Evac and will have one from Eagle Med at our next meeting."

Krall said in recent talks with Eagle Med they had indicated a willingness to help pay a portion of the training costs for paramedics.

"It is something of a Catch 22," he said, "because we need the paramedics to have the air ambulance. Eagle Med wants the local hospital to provide the staff for their system, and they have said they would provide crews in the begin-