


weather report

65°
at noon



Today

Sunset, 8:00 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 5:26 a.m.

Sunset, 8:01 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 67 degrees

• Humidity 34 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds north 13 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.01 inches and rising

• Record High 95° (1939)

• Record Low 36° (1930)

Last 24 Hours*

High 81°

Low 49°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, 50 percent chance of rain after midnight, low near 40, winds northeast 10-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow: rain likely with 70 percent chance of rain, high mid 50s, low near 40, winds northeast 10-15.

Extended Forecast

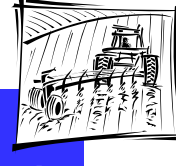
Saturday: partly sunny, high mid 70s, low mid 50s. Sunday: partly cloudy, high mid 70s. Memorial Day: partly cloudy with chance of rain.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.50 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.41

Loan deficiency payment — 4¢

Corn — \$1.83 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.85

Loan deficiency payment — 14¢

Milo — \$1.52 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.24 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.34

Loan deficiency payment — 58¢

Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.75 cwt.

NuSun — \$9.90 cwt.


Loan deficiency pmt. — 36¢

Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$27

(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.

Condit may be questioned

WASHINGTON — As forensic experts work to determine how Chandra Levy died, Police Chief Charles Ramsey said today that investigators may again question Rep. Gary Condit, D-Calif.

Ramsey, making the rounds of the morning talk shows, said now that Levy's remains have been found police will seek to talk to more people who may have information about her movements prior to her disappearance on May 1, 2001.

Park Police Lt. Joseph Cox, commander of the Rock Creek Park precinct, said Washington police have interviewed a man who was convicted of assaulting a jogger in the park last year. Cox would not say when the interview occurred and Washington police had no immediate comment.

Condit already has been interviewed four times.

Health, safety problems close Ray's

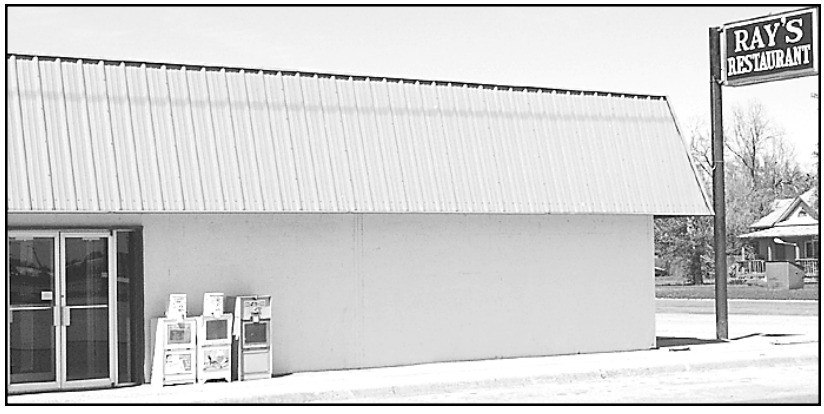
By Doug Stephens
The Goodland Daily News

Faced with failing health and threats from the state to close his business, the owner of Ray's Restaurant in Goodland decided to hang up his spatula last week.

After closely monitoring the restaurant on 17th and Broadway for six months and finding several health code violations, the Kansas Department of Health and Environment suspended its food service license last week, saying "an imminent health hazard exists at the restaurant due to gross insanitary conditions."

Chuck Osborn, the owner, said he had already closed his doors.

"By the time the health department suspended the license, I had already shut down for good, and all that stuff had already been corrected," he said. "It



Ray's Restaurant, 17th and Broadway, closed its doors last week. The owner is selling the business. Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

was a totally voluntary decision."

Osborn, who took over the restaurant from its founder, Ray Dye, in 1980, says he was tired of the 17 hour days and the six-day work weeks. The long hours

thing else."

The business, a Goodland fixture since 1956 is up for sale, Osborn said, and there are several people interested in buying it.

Whoever the new owners are, they will be inheriting a fight with the health department.

State reports say the restaurant had undergone four inspections since December.

After the first on Dec. 3, the health department asked Osborn to close down until several violations could be fixed. He agreed, and the business opened again two days later with the approval of the health department.

Inspectors found more violations in January and February, and Osborn was hit with a \$2,500 fine and ordered to throw away all contaminated food. During the last visit on Friday, May 10,

which lasted eight hours, the state inspector found 10 violations.

On Tuesday, May 14, the health department ordered the business to shut down, citing a law which allows the state to suspend the license of a restaurant if public health is endangered.

"We continued to see the same problems over and over again," said Mike Heideman, department spokesman. "It got to the point we were concerned about public safety and had to take steps to protect the public."

During its last inspection, the health department reportedly found raw bacon touching sliced cheese on the same plate as a cut of cooked ham. Raw meat must be kept separate from all other foods to prevent the spread of bacteria. Dried clumps of meat and other foods

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Grazing allowed on CRP

Sherman one of 35 eligible counties

By Roxana Hegeman
Associated Press Writer

WICHITA — Kansas cattlemen in 35 drought-stricken counties got a bit of a break Wednesday after the U.S. Department of Agriculture authorized emergency grazing on Conservation Reserve Program acres.

The announcement allows producers in eligible counties in Kansas, Colorado, Montana, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and Wyoming to immediately participate in the program.

This USDA release will allow people who own CRP land to rent or lease the grazing privilege to other farmers in approved counties.

Dighton cattleman Don Hineman, who does not own any CRP land, said the rent or lease option is good news.

"That really may be a help, depending on whether we could negotiate a deal ... because I tell you these pastures are in bad shape," he said.

Hineman planned to start making calls the same evening to find someone with CRP land who will rent him some grazing.

Cattlemen in Lane County where he farms have been feeding their cattle hay for some time.

"But we can't do that much longer, we are at the point we need to be doing something else," he said. "This release of CRP comes just at the right time."

Todd Domer, spokesman for the Kansas Livestock Association, said the USDA is to be commended for releasing the CRP acres much earlier than usual.

During past droughts, the agency has waited until the middle of summer to allow the emergency grazing because of nesting concerns for upland game nesting which is now underway, he said.

Releasing the CRP land for grazing this early in the growing season gives it a little more value to the producer, he said, because when the USDA waits until the middle to late summer there is not a lot of quality grazing left after a summer drought.

Cattlemen were cautiously optimistic about the announcement. But they were also leery of the unknown details — such as any fencing requirements or possible forfeitures of CRP payments — that have plagued similar CRP releases in past years, Domer said.

"In general it has to be viewed as positive by our organization and industry because there are some people that are in a lot of trouble because of these dry conditions," he said.

In Palco, Everett McKenna is still hauling bales of feed to his purebred Limousin herd that he desperately wants to keep together.

He told the Hays Daily News he has 40 bales of feed left, which includes any reserve he would normally hold for next winter.

In the pasture where he splits his

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Graduation day



Ben Campbell, an automotive technology graduate at Northwest Kansas Technical College, paused to smile for the camera Wednesday night as he followed classmates into the graduation ceremony at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

Grads have a variety of plans for future

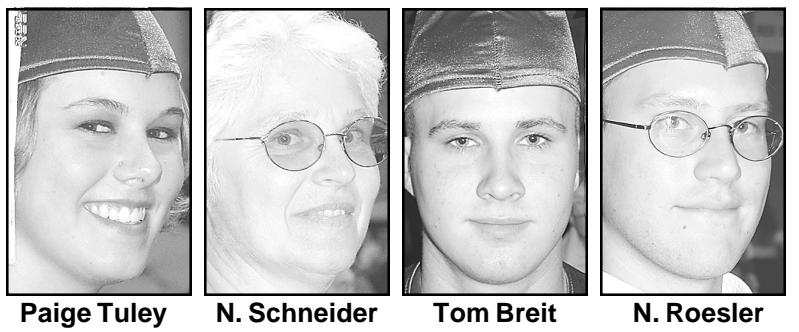
By Rachel Miscal
The Goodland Daily News

So you've finished finals, moved the tassel on your graduation cap and said good-bye to college friends and teachers. Now what?

Many of this year's graduates of the Northwest Kansas Technical College say they're heading straight to work. A majority already have jobs or good prospects; a few don't. Some say they're moving to a bigger city, while others plan to find work here.

One thing is for sure: They all have high hopes for the future — and that was a main topic of conversation Wednesday night as 304 tech college students prepared to graduate at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Paige Tuley, a graduate of the cosmetology program, said she plans to



work at a hair salon in downtown Denver. She said she doesn't have a job yet, but she doesn't think it will be that hard to find one.

"I am qualified for all the shop requirements," she said, noting that she is graduating from a quality technical college and expects to have good references from her instructors.

"The teachers were great," she said. "They taught me a lot."

Tuley, who is from Overland Park, said her grandfather told her about Goodland's technical college, and after checking it out, she decided it was the ideal school for her.

"The tuition costs were lower," she said, "and it's halfway to Denver."

Norma Schneider, a 53-year-old graduate of the office-computer technology program, said she decided to go back to school because she wanted to get a better job.

"Without that piece of paper saying you graduated from college," said Schneider, one of several graduates to be awarded an associate's degree this year, "you can't get the job you want."

The LaCrosse native said before she moved to Goodland she cleaned houses, delivered newspapers and worked at a hospital and convenience store, all at the same time.

"That's another reason I went to college," she said, "so I could have one job instead of four."

Schneider said she doesn't have a

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Speaker gives students history, stories and advice

By Rachel Miscal
The Goodland Daily News

Floris Jean Hampton, a Kansas Board of Regents member from Dodge City, covered all the bases in her commencement speech Wednesday night to graduates of the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

She gave the 304 students, sitting before her in blue caps and gowns, a history of higher education in the U.S. and Kansas, told them a couple of stories with meaningful morals and said they should never be afraid of change.

"The challenge for you in your current field," Hampton said, "is to keep up with changes in technology. Change is important."



F. Hampton

Before the ceremony at Max Jones Fieldhouse, Ken Clouse, college president, said he asked Hampton to speak at graduation because she understands rural life and the value of a technical education.

She runs a farm and ranch with her husband, he said, and is chairperson of the Regents' Commission on Community Colleges and Vocational-Technical Education.

Hampton told the graduates that when our forefathers founded this country they said one of their goals was to provide education for the

"common man." Women were not included, she said, adding that at that time if you were not wealthy or born into the elite class you had no access to education.

"That meant," she said, "if you're not somebody, you'll never be somebody."

Times have changed, Hampton said, noting that students can better their lot in life with education.

"Wherever you go next," she said, "you will find what you accomplished here will open doors for you."

Hampton told the students that their learning can't end here; education is a life-long process.

"It's necessary to keep learning," she said.

Make family and friends a priority, Hampton advised, and find ways to repay those people who have helped get you where you are today. Pave the road for the younger generation, she said.

"Help build a future for those who follow," Hampton said, adding that one way to do that is by talking to lawmakers about the importance of education and urging them to continue

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