

## weather report

59°

at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 7:37 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:50 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:38 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 51 degrees
- Humidity 57 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds east 11 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.04 inches and falling
- Record High 88° (1967)
- Record Low 25° (1956)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 64°  
Low 46°  
Precipitation none

### N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: mostly sunny with 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high mid 70s, low mid 40s, winds south 5-15.  
Wednesday: mostly cloudy, high upper 60s, low near 40.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly clear with increasing cloudiness, high mid 60s.  
Friday: cloudy, high upper 60s, low upper 30s.  
Saturday: mostly cloudy with chance of showers, high lower 70s, low lower 40s.  
Sunday: partly cloudy with scattered showers, high lower 70s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$3.08 bushel  
New crop — \$2.71  
Corn — \$2.37 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.25  
Milo — \$2.14 bushel  
Soybeans — \$5.57 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.40  
Millet — \$6 hundredweight  
New Crop — \$5.75  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$9.15 cwt.  
Oil new crop — \$10.05 cwt  
NuSun — \$9.75 cwt.  
NuSun new crop — \$10.75  
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.  
New crop — \$17/\$10 cwt.  
Pinto beans — withdrawn  
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## inside today

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## Spring show draws crowd

Courtney Warden, (above), a massage therapist, used her talents to relieve the stress of many of the large crowd of people who attended the Home and Garden show at Max Jones Fieldhouse Saturday and Sunday. See Page 3.

# Snowbirds stop on trip to Galveston



The Canadian Snowbirds, Canada's military aerobatics team, stopped Thursday afternoon at Goodland's Renner Field on their way to an air show in Galveston, Texas. Crew Chief Jean Marc Brien (top left) said the 10 planes had to refuel four times on the trip. The two-seater trainer, a CT-114 Tutor, is still a great plane after 33 years, Brien said, due to excellent maintenance. Capt. Wayne Mott, pilot of the plane with Brien, says they are fun to fly. He said nine of the planes are used in the air show and the other is for coordination. Mott said his plane and another are the ones that perform the head-to-head solo passes during the show. A crewman held his ears as three of the Snowbirds wound up their engines to take off. When they were airborne, one dipped its wings as it went over the terminal. The pilots took off three at a time on the 100-foot-wide runway.

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# Searching for clues from ancient oceans

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Star-News*

It has become an annual event for the Goodland fifth grade to journey into the prehistory of Kansas, so Friday about 65 kids and 25 adults scoured the chalk cliffs near Russell Springs looking for fossils.

The field trip is the effort of North Elementary teacher Mary Frazier, who has been expanding her outdoor education program each year. Frazier and the other fifth-grade teachers spend several weeks planning the outing, which includes stops at the Wallace Museum and the site of the German family massacre.

Frazier recruits the help of several amateur paleontologists, including Larry Harper of Lincare, and Judy Harper, head cook at North; Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson and his wife Pam, who works at the Northwest Kansas Technical College; Bill Frazier of Thread FX; and Alan Townsend, Sherman County farmer.

For the past two years, they have



Amateur paleontologists gathered to discuss the fossil hunt with the fifth graders south of Russell Springs on Friday. They were Judy and

Larry Harper, Pam and Doug Whitson, Mary Frazier, the teacher in charge, and Greg Sweatt, an expert paleontologist from Colorado.

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had the help of Greg Sweatt, an expert paleontologist and high school art teacher from Parker, Colo.

Sweatt, who grew up searching for fossils along the Brazos River in

southwest Texas, has been searching for fossils in the Smoky Hill chalk of Kansas for years and is working on a book about the fish species that can be found.

Before the kids climbed onto the buses Friday morning Sweatt talked to them about what they might find and gave a slide show of paintings he has done depicting the prehistoric

fish and what the ocean life was like 65-80 million years ago.

The kids were divided into groups

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# City approves new handicapped lift for art center

By Steve Haynes

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The Goodland City Commission agreed last Monday to replace the wheelchair lift at the Carnegie Arts Center after running through the alternatives, all of which would cost more than the \$9,000 or so the city will spend on a new lift.

The move seemed to please about a dozen supporters and of the center who had helped fill the commission's meeting room to near capacity. They left after the 4-0 vote.

A decision on the lift had been put

off at the last commission meeting so the staff could study alternatives. City Manager Ron Pickman said state historical officials and the city's insurance carrier preferred a lift over the main alternative, a ramp.

The biggest problem with a ramp, he said, is it would have to extend past the end of the building to get the right grade, and it would cost more than twice as much as a new lift.

The city ask for bids last year on a metal ramp, he said, and the only one it received, from Rhodes Construction of Goodland, was for

\$22,000. Because the former library is on the National Register of Historic Places, the ramp cannot be attached to the building itself.

Ed Wolak, city public works director, and Tina Goodwin, director of the arts center, said the old lift had performed faithfully for more than 25 years before it failed. It's been inoperative for a little more than a year, and Pickman said the city is under notice that it has to provide access to the center or it will be in violation of the federal Americans With Disabilities Act.

The lift is so old, Wolak said, the city can't get parts for it, and the part that failed can't be duplicated. When it did fail, Pickman said, it was spectacular. The lift was almost to the top when it dropped to the ground.

"With a board member on it," Goodwin added.

There was no brake or other safety stop, as would be required on a new lift, the manger said.

The city got two bids for a new lift. The low bid was from B&B Sales of Hill City. An enclosed lift would be \$17,360 and an open one, like the old

lift, \$8,725. The other bid was from B&K Access of Salina \$10,880.

While the city has been turned down by the state for a grant to pay for the lift, Pickman said, there is about \$20,000 in the budget for emergencies. The state, he said, has a policy of not making grants to help agencies comply with access requirements under federal mandates.

Commissioner John Garcia moved the city accept the bid and buy the lift, and the motion passed 4-0. Commissioner Chuck Lutters was absent.