

weather report



66°
 noon
 Monday

Today

• Sunset, 7:36 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:05 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:35 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 65 degrees
- Humidity 75 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds southeast 10 mph
- Barometer 30.14 inches and rising
- Record High today 101° (1952)
- Record Low today 4° (1960)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	66°
Low Wednesday	58°
Precipitation	0.54
This month	5.59
Year to date	12.75
Below normal	2.68 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 78, winds out of the south at 5 to 30 mph and a low around 57.
 Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 80, winds breezy out of the south at 10 to 35 mph and a low around 60.

Extended Forecast

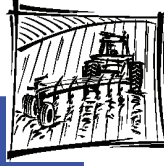
Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 86 and a low around 61.
 Friday: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 86 and a low around 61.
 Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$8.09 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$7.91
 - Corn — \$5 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.86
 - Milo — \$4.50 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$11.79 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$11.40
 - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$22.85 cwt.
 - Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today



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Cowgirls working out

Monday was the first day for practice for the Cowgirls volleyball team. The girls practiced serving and passing while Coach Jerry McKee watched to see what shape his team is in for the season. See story, photo on Page 12

Rain relocated relay exceeds goal

By Tom Betz

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The high school track was empty Friday evening, but the Memorial Union at the nearby Northwest Kansas Technical College was filled with more than 250 people for the rain relocated Sherman County Relay for Life.

Jessica Kannady said the decision to move the relay inside was made late Thursday, and the committee members worked hard to get everything moved into the student union on the college campus.

She said the Relay for Life raised \$48,455 this year despite the rain, which was more than the goal of \$42,000. Last year the relay raised more than \$45,000.

District representative for the American Cancer Society Jennifer Van Eaton of Colby said she was impressed with how well the Sherman County committee had coped with the change in plans on such a short notice.

"I couldn't wish the rain away," she said, "we need it too much."

Van Eaton praised the Sherman County people for their fantastic efforts in helping to raise money for cancer research, and said she was proud that Ashley Kear of Goodland has been selected as one of two Heroes of Hope Profiles of Courage program from Kansas.

Kear was presented with a special gift and received a standing ovation from the crowd.

The large north room at the student union was filled with people and special projects by several teams were along the walls with the center covered by at least three rows of luminaries plus almost as many stretching out into the student cafeteria area where the registration desk was.

Not to be out done the Kiwanis had a tent set up on the south side of the building where Chief Ray Smee and Brad Shields were busy cooking hot dogs and hamburgers. Kevin Rasure was out in the cook tent helping keep the patties coming for the cooks.

The Kiwanis set up their serving in the meeting room, and it was busy most of the evening.

Ceremonies began a little after 7 p.m. with three members of the



Relay for Life Paw Wash team members set out rows of luminaries in the Memorial Union at the Northwest Kansas Technical College Friday evening where the rain storms relocated the annual event to raise money for cancer research.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Kansas National Guard unit from Goodland presenting the colors and the singing of the national anthem. Sergeant Mark Reasoner was assisted by Spec. Kody Sanchez, who returned from Iraq this month, and Pfc. Samuel Cole who finished basic and advanced infantry training in October.

All the cancer survivors in the audience were invited to take a lap around the two rooms, and Janet Redlin sang a special song after each survivor had been introduced.

The next lap was for the caregivers to join the survivors, and the small track got pretty crowded.

Each team was introduced, and people were encouraged to walk a few laps while a group from St. Francis the Circles and Squares performed as a band, a chorus and

then did a square dance. Later Larry and Taylor McLemore sang for the audience and walkers. Wayne Luckert, who is a cancer survivor, presented three of his young taekwon do students showing their individual programs.

Suddenly the lights went low and Elvis was in the house. He danced and sang several of the King's songs getting people up and dancing on the track before heading out again.

Kannady said the top three teams were the Paw Wash, with team captains Kathy Schermerhorn and Cindy Yarger; the RCDS Dance Team, team captains Janda Linin and Jessica Kannady; and First National Bank, team captains Sherida Shoff and LaShawn Fenner.

The top two individual fund rais-

ers were Schermerhorn and Yarger both of the Paw Wash team.

The Paint the Town Purple award went to the Paw Wash team, and Ron Barkley received an Inspiration Spirit of Relay award.

Tina Goodwin, marketing person for the hospital, had a special presentation from Dr. Gary Doolittle who talked about the recent investment of the hospital in the Midwest Cancer Alliance and that a recent donation of \$40,000 from the Northwest Kansas Hospital Foundation would be used to help improve the tele-medicine program at the hospital.

The room was darkened around 10 p.m. and everyone helped light the luminaries in honor of those who are survivors and in memory of those who have died.

Two men tell about experience

By Tom Betz

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Two men who have won a fight with cancer over the past year were testimonial speakers at the Sherman

County Relay for Life on Friday evening.

Larry McCants, president of First National Bank and Ron Barkley, retired teacher and radio host for KLOE, spoke to a crowd of more than 250 people who filled the Memorial Union on the Northwest Kansas Technical College campus where the relay was moved because of rain showers.



McCants



Barkley

McCants spoke first and said he wanted to thank everyone who had sent messages, cards and expressions of support during the past year.

"Cancer and this event do bring the community together," he said. McCants said he went to the health fair and got a call from Dr. Mo Schafei when the PSA (prostate-specific antigen) test spiked. He said Dr. Schafei did lots of tests, and at first he said it might not be a big problem, but two weeks later he called and said it was real bad.

"Two weeks later I was in Houston to get a second opinion," he said, "and by Friday I did not have a prostate."

"I had lots of support, and there was not a chance I was not going

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Sen. Brownback tours energy center

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The last stop on a 10-county tour of northwest Kansas brought Sen. Sam Brownback to the Goodland Energy Center on Wednesday afternoon to see how the ethanol and power plant projects are doing.

He left promising to do what he could to get a loan approved to help finish the power plant.

Alan Townsend, a farmer who is president of the ethanol plant board; John McCullough, an engineer with JMC Engineering; Larry McCants of First National Bank; Steve West of Western State Bank and Jan Kohut, project manager for JMC, took Brownback, his son Mark and daughter Jenna, for a tour of the two plants along with State Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer and Dennis Mesa from Brownback's office.

The senator said the project had come a long way since his last visit, and asked how each plant was doing.

McCullough said the ethanol plant is getting closer to operation. He said some tanks have to be finished and the boilers have to be installed to fire the plant.

As he showed the group through the plant, he answered questions and showed how much progress has been made in getting the plant ready to run.

Brownback asked about the prospects for success for the plant with the higher price of corn, used to make the alcohol fuel.



Sen. Sam Brownback (center) and his two children Mark (left) and Jenna listened to John McCullough (right) engineer from JMC Engineering and Jan Kohut (left), project manager, talk about the status of the power plant during a tour of the Goodland Energy Center on Wednesday.

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McCants said the plant is efficient enough it should make money, and that once the power plant is finished and the extra efficiency from using its waste steam is added in, the ethanol plant should do even better.

He said the smaller size of the plant makes it more efficient, and

that he believes a good portion of the ethanol produced will be sold in this area. He said the plant is positioned where it can sell the finished product to oil companies in all four directions.

Inside the ethanol plant, Townsend said that most of the inside work is

completed, and things are getting closer to making the plant operational. He said he hopes that will happen later this year.

Over at the power plant, Mc-

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