

weather report

82°

noon
Wednesday

Today

• Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:25 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 77 degrees

• Humidity 40 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds south 20-30 mph

• Barometer 30.16 inches

and falling

• Record High today 104° (1921)

• Record Low today 46° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 91°

Low Wednesday 64°

Precipitation none

This month none

Year to date 10.73

Above Normal 0.39 inches

The Topsides Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 92, windy with winds out of the south at 20 to 40 mph and a low around 64. Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 91, winds breezy out of the south at 20 to 35 mph and a low around 65.

Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 85 and a low around 62.

(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.58 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.33

Corn — \$3.07 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.14

Milo — \$2.78 bushel

Soybeans — \$8.50 bushel

Posted county price — \$8.95

Millet — \$5 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$14.75 cwt.

Confection — \$28/\$15 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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Slice of Life winners

Dylan Warden and son Beau, 5, (above) waited their turn with Mike Goering at the First tee box on Saturday at the Slice of Life. See story, photo on Page 8a.



Freedom Fest show, rides Sunday

The annual Freedom Fest celebration with live entertainment, carnival rides and spectacular fireworks will be held Sunday at the Sherman County fairgrounds.

Entertainment for the evening begins at 5 p.m. with the Nobody Important Band performing. At 7 p.m. the GunnPoint Band, sponsored by the Calvary Gospel Church, will take the stage playing inspirational patriotic music.

An expanded Kiwanis Shack will open at 5 p.m. in the 4-H building featuring hamburgers, hotdogs, drinks, nachos, popcorn and more.

The Goodland Rotary watermelon feed begins at 5 p.m. in front of the doors to the Agriculture building. The watermelons are donated by Walmart, and are usually gone quickly.

The Sherman County home owned carnival will run rides from 6 p.m. to about 9 p.m. Carnival rides will have a \$10 wristband for all night.

The Joe Diaz fireworks show is expected to begin about 9:30 p.m. in front of the grandstand, when it is dark.

City allows fireworks in town

Citizens of Goodland can enjoy their own fireworks legally this weekend under an ordinance passed by the city commission. Under the ordinance fireworks cannot be sold in town, but on Saturday and Sunday it will be legal for citizens to possess and detonate fireworks from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Newspaper office closed on Monday

The Goodland Star-News office will be closed on Monday. Customers will receive their regular Tuesday paper on Wednesday.

Banks, the post office, all federal, state, county and city offices and some businesses will be closed on Monday. The federal holiday program closes offices on a Monday when the federal holiday falls on a Sunday.



Members of the Knights of Columbus used a lift to swing each of the cars onto the Tilt-A-Whirl ride as they prepared for the Freedom Fest on Sunday. The Tilt-A-Whirl is one of

many Sherman County home owned carnival rides that will be running beginning at 6 p.m. on Sunday at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.
Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Hospital board approves service dog, pet visit policy

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Dealing with dogs in a hospital situation can pose some questions and Monday the Goodland Regional Medical Center board approved a service animal policy to help answer the questions.

Administrator Jay Jolly said he recently saw a dog come into a hospital entrance, and did not think it was a service dog. He said he found the hospital did not have a policy dealing with service dogs and presented a draft written by Karen Hooker, quality director and infection control officer.

Jolly said from time to time they have had patients and others bring dogs to the hospital.

He said the Americans with Disabilities Act has a specific section dealing with service dogs, and the hospital policy would be pat-

terned on those requirements.

He said there are some special requests that might come up, and the policy will cover most cases.

Hooker said service animals come in a wide variety of animals, but the policy specifically deals with service dogs. She said when a person brings a dog into the hospital the person cannot be asked for proof it is a service dog, but have to take the person's word.

"Most of the cases are people with seeing eye dogs," Jolly said. "We do not have lots of people trying to bring their dogs into the hospital, but we need to have some parameters and restrictions."

"I do not want to manage animals, I want to manage health care."

The policy says: "As a general rule, pets are not permitted in the hospital or clinic. Service animals are permitted in accordance with Title

III of the Americans with Disabilities Act. Compassionate exceptions must be approved by the nursing manager and infection control officer prior to a pet visitation."

"The nursing manager will determine the appropriateness of the request for a pet visitation."

"The nursing manager will notify the infection control officer of the request for pet visitation."

The policy lists the items to be considered for allowing a pet visitation.

In other business the board heard:

• Lynn Hoelting of the Goodland Family Health Center said the plans are to hold two sports physical clinics for students getting ready for the fall sports. He said the plans are to hold the clinics from 3 to 5 p.m. with the first one on Friday, July 9 and the second on Friday, Aug. 6. He said the cost will be \$20 cash.

Hoelting said the clinic will be closed on Monday, July 5.

• Jolly said the plans for the flu vaccine are to combine the H1N1 into the standard flu shot, but will be using a different shot for those over 65 that is four times the strength of the standard vaccine.

• Jolly said a physician assistant candidate visited and several board members got to meet her. He said he felt she was a good prospect, and that Goodland was one of her top two options. He said he sent her a proposal, but had not heard back by the meeting time. He said she told him she would make a decision soon.

Board member Joyce Moore said the young woman had friends who she knew at K-State who live in St. Francis.

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Rains test hams field day setup over weekend

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The sky was clear when the Sherman County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts set up their remote radio operation for field day at noon Saturday, but an evening rainstorm caused hectic moments as club members scrambled to keep rain off the radios and computers.

This was the second year for Sherman County hams to set up the annual international field day event at the Tourist Information Center.

"We learned a lot," Ray Smee (call sign NONM), club president, said, "and we will make improvements for next year. The field day program is designed to show what amateur radio operators can do in emergency situations and in places where other forms of communication have been knocked out."

An emergency that caused some quick action by the hams was when rain began to fall. Radios were moved out of the rain and a couple of tarps were hung on the west side to block the rain. With the quick work of Smee, Mike Gregory, KOMC, and Tom Betz, K0JEI, no equipment was damaged and contacts continued to be made as the rain came down for the next two hours. Most of the rain was light, but wind picked up a few times threatening to bring rain deeper into the shelter.

Nine licensed hams from the club took part in the 24-hour event beginning at noon Saturday and ending noon Sunday.

Scott Mentzer, N0QE, and his wife Deb, KC0TES and Rodney Nelson, KD0HED, helped set up the poles, antennas and radios at the



Sherman County Amateur Radio club members manned radios Sunday morning at the field day remote set up at the Tourist Information Center west of town. Hams Deb and Scott Mentzer (right) worked on one band while Sue Hagerman and Mike Gregroy (left)

large shelter east of the information center Saturday morning.

Once the setup was complete and the clock hit 12 the hams spent

time making contacts and logging information. When a contact was made the stations exchanged call signs and then information about

worked another. Armaondo Aguirre (back center) made contacts on a third radio. Club President Ray Smee (in front of tarps) waited for his turn. Rain overnight was the reason the tarps had to be put up to protect the radios and computers.

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their location and state.

Sue Hagerman, KD0HEB, a Goodland teacher worked with a Get on the Air (GOTA) station set up

to encourage young people to check out the many modes of communication.

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