


weather report

48°
10:30 a.m.
Monday



Today
• Sunset, 7:20 p.m.

Wednesday
• Sunrise, 6:15 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:21 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 49 degrees
• Humidity 86 percent
• Sky cloudy
• Winds east 8 mph
• Barometer 30.20 inches and rising
• Record High today 90° (1907)
• Record Low today 4° (1989)

Last 24 Hours*
High Sunday 73°
Low Sunday 37°
Precipitation none
This month 1.59
Year to date 2.70
Above normal 0.42 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Mostly clear with a 20 percent chance of showers after 5 p.m., a high near 61, winds out of the east at 8 mph and a low around 48. Wednesday: Cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 57, winds out of the south at 15 mph and a low around 47.

Extended Forecast
Thursday: Mostly sunny with a high near 71 and a low around 45. Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 69 and a low around 45. Saturday: Partly sunny with a high near 67 and a low around 42.
(National Weather Service)
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Egg hunt draws crowd

Hundreds of kids and parents turned up Thursday for the annual Easter egg hunt sponsored by the Goodland Kiwanis Club and Northwest Kansas Technical College. The event included a bake sale, a visit from the Easter Bunny and the egg hunts, which were broken up by age group.

Photos by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News



Fire districts get together on Brewster

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Representatives of the Sherman and Thomas County rural fire boards decided Wednesday to share the costs of maintaining the Brewster Fire Department more evenly.

A public meeting held in Brewster on Wednesday brought together representatives from Brewster, the Sherman County Rural Fire District board, the boards of Thomas County Fire districts 3 and 5, the Brewster Fire Department and Thomas County Emergency Management, along with the Sherman and Thomas County commissioners.

Since 1985, officials said, the Brewster department has been under the auspices of the Sherman County Rural fire board, with Brewster providing the firefighters and Thomas County District 5 contributing \$5,000 a year. Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said that Sherman County brought in experts to evaluate the system, and one suggestion they made was to find a more equitable agreement since \$5,000 was nowhere near half the operating cost.

About 85 percent of the population served by the Brewster Fire Department is in Thomas County, said Rex Jamison, who sits on the Brewster City Council and the Thomas County Fire District 5 board, but more than half the area served is in Sherman County.

Sherman County Rural Fire board member Daryl Cloyd said he had put together some average costs to try and figure out how much it takes to run the department. While equipment repairs and fuel costs fluctuate, he said, training, education and salaries stay fairly constant. Cloyd estimated the annual operating cost at \$9,000 to \$10,000.

He said there is also a 35-year apparatus replacement plan for the four vehicles in the department's fleet. A 1978 Ford pumper is set to be replaced next year, which will cost about \$45,000. A 1981 Ford tanker is set to be replaced in 2016, a 2004 F550 rescue truck in 2039 and a 2010 International pumper in 2045. Keeping to this schedule requires the department to set aside about \$34,000 a year, making the

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Man dies of injuries from March 28 wreck

The motorcycle rider injured in a crash on March 28 on I-70 near the state line died Thursday in a Denver hospital.

Mark Parker, 27, of Westminster, Colo., had been in a coma and on life support since the crash. According to family members he was taken off life support Wednesday night and died Thursday afternoon.

The Kansas Highway Patrol accident report said Parker had been riding his 1985 Yamaha FJ1100 west on I-70 when he slammed on

the breaks and lost control about two miles east of the Colorado border. The motorcycle went onto the shoulder and laid down on its side, skidding into the ditch. Parker came to rest with his head facing west, while the motorcycle continued west up the ditch.

The reason Parker slammed on the breaks is unknown. He had been wearing a helmet at the time.

Parker was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center then flown to Denver.

local markets

10:30 a.m.

Wheat — \$6.18 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.05
Corn — \$6.22 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.52
Milo — \$5.98 bushel
Soybeans — \$12.89 bushel
Posted county price — \$13.58
Millet — no bid
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$26.80 cwt.
Confection — no bid
Pinto beans — \$28
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

Rotary president is new commissioner

The Goodland City Commission met Monday morning to interview four candidates to replace outgoing Commissioner Chris Zimmerman, settling on Jenifer Sanderson.

Sanderson is currently president-elect of the Goodland Rotary Club, serves on the Northwest Tech Endowment board and volunteers with the Goodland School District.

Mayor John Garcia said the commission interviewed the candidate for 15 minutes each and then assigned each candidate a ranking, 1-4. Those ranks were added up and whoever got the highest score was the new commissioner.

Other candidates were Michael Zimmerman, Jeff Deeds and J.J. Howard.

Speaker to discuss drugs at Elks Lodge on April 25

A former owner and president of a successful computer consulting firm lost it all to drug addiction. Super Star will speak at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, April 25, at the Goodland Elks Lodge, 1523 Arcade.

In a culture pervasive with messaging and branding that encourages risky behavior, the speaker and his twin brother are on a mission to rebrand sobriety while encouraging responsible choices and inspiring dream catching. The twins changed their names to Rock Star and Super Star to illustrate the point.

Super Star found recovery and rebuilt his life with purpose and commitment geared toward anti-drug campaigning. He overcame obstacles to invent the life he was born to live. He wrote "The First 30 Days to Serenity" and alongside his brother co-created "Serenity, a CD featuring world renowned artists.

The innovative and interactive presentation will create opportunities for conversations between teens and adults. Multi-media will com-

municate the message with a video tribute to young people who have lost their lives to drugs and alcohol and a special video message from Rock Star.

Focusing on the consequences of his actions, Super Star takes a look at how low self-esteem, bullying and limited coping skills to deal with challenging emotions led him to drugs. His message inspires dream catching - going beyond all boundaries in a relentless pursuit to follow one's dreams. He passionately shares his message about dream catching, making responsible choices and rebranding sobriety while offering tools of inspiration and hope.

The presentation is sponsored by the Goodland Elks and the Sherman County Community Partnership for Prevention and Education. For information call 890-6251 or 890-4820.

There is no admission charge and there will be door prizes.



Goodland High School Principal Mike Hubka introduced Reed Bellamy, Caleb Fugleberg, Nicole Hendrich, Michaela Garrett and M'Lynn Hinger, who were being recognized at the Kansas Honors Program on Wednesday.
Photo by Steve Haynes/The Goodland Star-News

Six Goodland High seniors honored

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Six Goodland High seniors were among 59 students honored by the Kansas Honors Program at a dinner Wednesday in Oakley. Also on the list was one Brewster High senior.

The program, sponsored by the University of Kansas Alumni Association, honors students across Kansas who make up the top 10 percent of their graduating classes. The dinner in Oakley, held at the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center across from the courthouse, was one of 41 put on by the association.

The program, begun in 1971, honors top students regardless of their plans for higher education or

family ties. Many of the students said they would be attending Kansas State University or another school, though several said their plans included KU.

Students get a certificate and a copy of Webster's New College dictionary. Several of the superintendents and principals accompanying the senior recalled getting their dictionaries in the early years of the program.

Alumni volunteers had to take over the program after KU officials called to say the university's plan was fogbound in Lawrence and probably couldn't land in Colby or Oakley anyway.

Among those recognized this year were Goodland

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Cowboys place second

The Goodland High School boys team got second overall at the Norton Invitational on Thursday, helped along by two first place finishes from senior Reed Bellamy.

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