

**weather report**



**58°**

10:30 a.m.  
Thursday

**Today**

- Sunset, 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:01 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:31 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 53 degrees
- Humidity 57 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds northwest 22-28 mph
- Barometer 29.91 inches and rising
- Record High today 89° (1962)
- Record Low today 20° (1953)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Wednesday	73°
Low Wednesday	39°
Precipitation	none
This month	1.95
Year to date	3.06
Above normal	0.28 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Most cloudy becoming sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers before 11 a.m., a high near 62, winds breezy out of the north at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 40. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 75, winds out of the north at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 42.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 76 and a low around 48. Monday: Sunny with a high near 81 and a low around 53. Tuesday: Sunny with a high near 88 and a low around 54.

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**local markets**

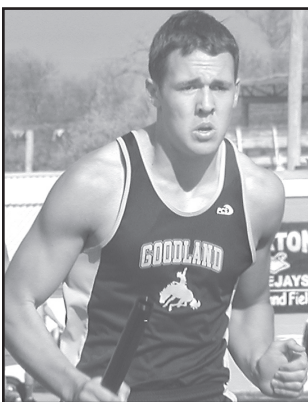


**10:30 a.m.**

- Wheat — \$5.92 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.84
- Corn — \$5.93 bushel  
Posted county price — \$6.14
- Milo — \$5.69 bushel
- Soybeans — \$12.83 bushel  
Posted county price — \$13.51
- Millet — \$11.50 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$26.75 cwt.
- Confection — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$28  
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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**Track team excels at meet**

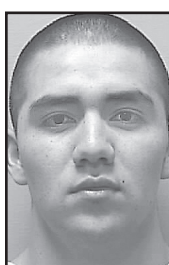
The Goodland High School boys track team continues to do well, getting nine first place finishes in Atwood on April 10. The girls team got one first place finish.

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## Two escaped inmates still at large

As of Thursday, law enforcement across the High Plains are still looking for two of the four escaped inmates who busted out of an Ottawa County jail on Wednesday.

At least one of the inmates headed in this direction. Drew Edward Wade was taken into custody in North Platte, Neb., at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday. It is unknown whether Santos Carrera-Morales or Eric James, the two still at large, were traveling with Wade.



Carrera-Morales



James

Carrera-Morales, 22, was convicted of two counts of first degree

murder in Sedgwick County. He is a Hispanic male, 5 feet, 9 inches tall, weighs 169 pounds and had brown eyes, a shaved head and a goatee.

James, 22, was convicted on three counts of burglary and one count of kidnapping in Anderson County. He is African-American, 5 feet, 7 inches tall, weighs 180 pounds, has brown eyes and cornrows.

James is known to be driving a stolen 2002 gold Nissan Altima with license tag 649-CII. A man

fitting James' description attacked the car's driver in Minneapolis and stole the car.

Both inmates are considered armed and dangerous.

Wade, 21, was convicted on one count of attempted robbery and one count of aggravated battery in Shawnee County.

A fourth inmate, Alberto Jon Barraza-Lujan, turned himself in almost immediately.

Law enforcement is asking any-

one who sees Carrera-Morales or James to call 911, the Kansas Bureau of Investigation at (800) 572-7463 or the Ellsworth Correctional Facility at (785) 472-5501.

The inmates overpowered the guards at the Ottawa County jail in Minneapolis about 5 a.m. Wednesday morning. They were state inmates, housed in the county jail because of overcrowding in state prisons.

## Governor tours Northwest Tech

By Kayla Cornett

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Gov. Sam Brownback seemed particularly impressed by the diesel technology building as he toured the Northwest Kansas Technical College campus on Tuesday.

Brownback walked through the facility while talking with instructor Greg Unger and several students. He also visited for a few minutes with local dignitaries and toured the cosmetology department.

The diesel technology program is one of the biggest on campus, with 50 students. Cosmetology currently has 25 students. Both programs include testing, classroom time and practical training.

The governor came to the area Tuesday for a ceremonial signing of a water conservation bill in Colby and to discuss the progress that has been made to conserve and protect the Ogallala Aquifer, on which much of the High Plains region depends.

The bill establishes a process through groundwater management districts that allows farmers and other water users in designated areas to decide their future by initiating conservation plans that meet their goals — and the state's.

At the signing at the Colby Community College farm east of town, Brownback spoke to group comprising college staff and students, city officials and citizens about overuse of the aquifer.

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Gov. Sam Brownback (left) discussed the diesel technology program with instructor Greg Unger during the governor's campus tour on Tuesday. Brownback had been in the area to sign water legislation in Colby. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

## Sherman County to get mass notification phone system

By Tom Betz

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Letting citizens know about tornado warnings or other emergency situations should become easier with a new mass notification program recently approved by Sherman County commissioners.

The TotalNotify program, operated through Nex-Tech, was demonstrated Tuesday morning to a group of more than 25 city officials and members of the Local Emergency Preparedness Committee. The demonstration of the program was by Nex-Tech representatives Doug Koontz of Quinter and Bernie Feldt

of Hoxie.

Koontz said the TotalNotify system has been around for more than 10 years and was created by Avtex of Minneapolis, Minn., under the name CityWatch. He said Nex-Tech has been hosting the program on their telephone system for several years.

The program allows users to send out messages using voice, e-mails and text messages. Koontz said the system can be used for more than emergency messages, and can be used by an unlimited number of agencies to send informational messages to their specific group.

Koontz said once the system is set up all the landlines in Sherman County will be automatically included, but those will cell phones who want to receive messages will need to go online and sign up. He said the same procedure will

be available for those who want messages delivered to their e-mail address.

Ryan Murray, emergency manager for Sherman, Cheyenne and Rawlins Counties, said Sherman County commissioners had ap-

proved the program for all of the city, county and rural agencies with a total cost of \$2,000. Murray said the emergency management system will pay the \$1,500 annual mapping

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## Business is booming for local, regional broker

By Kevin Bottrell

The Goodland Star-News

Business is booming for Goodland-based Hayden Outdoors, a farm, ranch and recreational real estate brokerage. Owner Leo Hayden says it has a lot to do with its tie to Cabela's Trophy Properties, the landowner services division of widely known retailer Cabela's.

Hayden Outdoors was recently named as one of America's Best brokerages by *The Land Report* magazine. With over a \$100 million in farm, ranch and recreational real estate sales in 2011, Leo, along with sons Dax and Seth Hayden, have grown their firm to operate in Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Wyoming, Utah and Idaho.

"The farm and ranch market is extremely good right now," Hayden said. "With prices at record highs, dry land farmland has increased

from \$500-\$700 per acre in 2007 to \$2000 to \$3,000 recently. It's the same or better with irrigated land."

He went on to say that the high commodity prices and inflation fears have driven outside investors into the land market. Buyers are looking for a good return on their investment, along with inflation protection. Besides traditional buying and selling of land, both live and sealed bid auctions are very successful for moving farm and ranch land for the Hayden team.

Hayden Outdoors represents a variety of land listings priced from \$100,000 to over \$20 million. The family real estate brokerage attributes much of their success to a strategic decision in 2003 to join Cabela's Trophy Properties. Hayden said so many people were

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## Busy week for emergency responders

Goodland and Sherman County emergency personnel have had a busy week, responding to a crashed motorcycle (above) on U.S. 24 on Wednesday and a one-car rollover (right) just off K-27 near the Cheyenne County border on Saturday as well as numerous other emergency calls. The motorcycle rider suffered scrapes and had pain in his ankle. The driver and passenger of the car walked away without serious injury.

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