


weather report



83°
10:30 a.m.
Thursday

Today
• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Saturday
• Sunrise, 5:27 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 77 degrees
• Humidity 42 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds south 16 mph
• Barometer 29.98 inches and steady


• Record High today 106° (1973)
• Record Low today 48° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*
High Wednesday 103°
Low Wednesday 71°
Precipitation none
This month trace
Year to date 5.41
Below normal 4.74 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Mostly sunny and hot with the high near 101, winds out of south at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 66. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 93, winds out of the northeast at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 66.

Extended Forecast
Sunday: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 85 and a low around 65. Monday: Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 80 and a low around 63.
(National Weather Service)

local markets



10:30 a.m.
Wheat — \$7.56 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.08
Corn — \$7.08 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.79
Milo — \$6.63 bushel
Soybeans — \$14.68 bushel
Posted county price — \$14.38
Millet — \$11 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$24.55 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.)

inside today

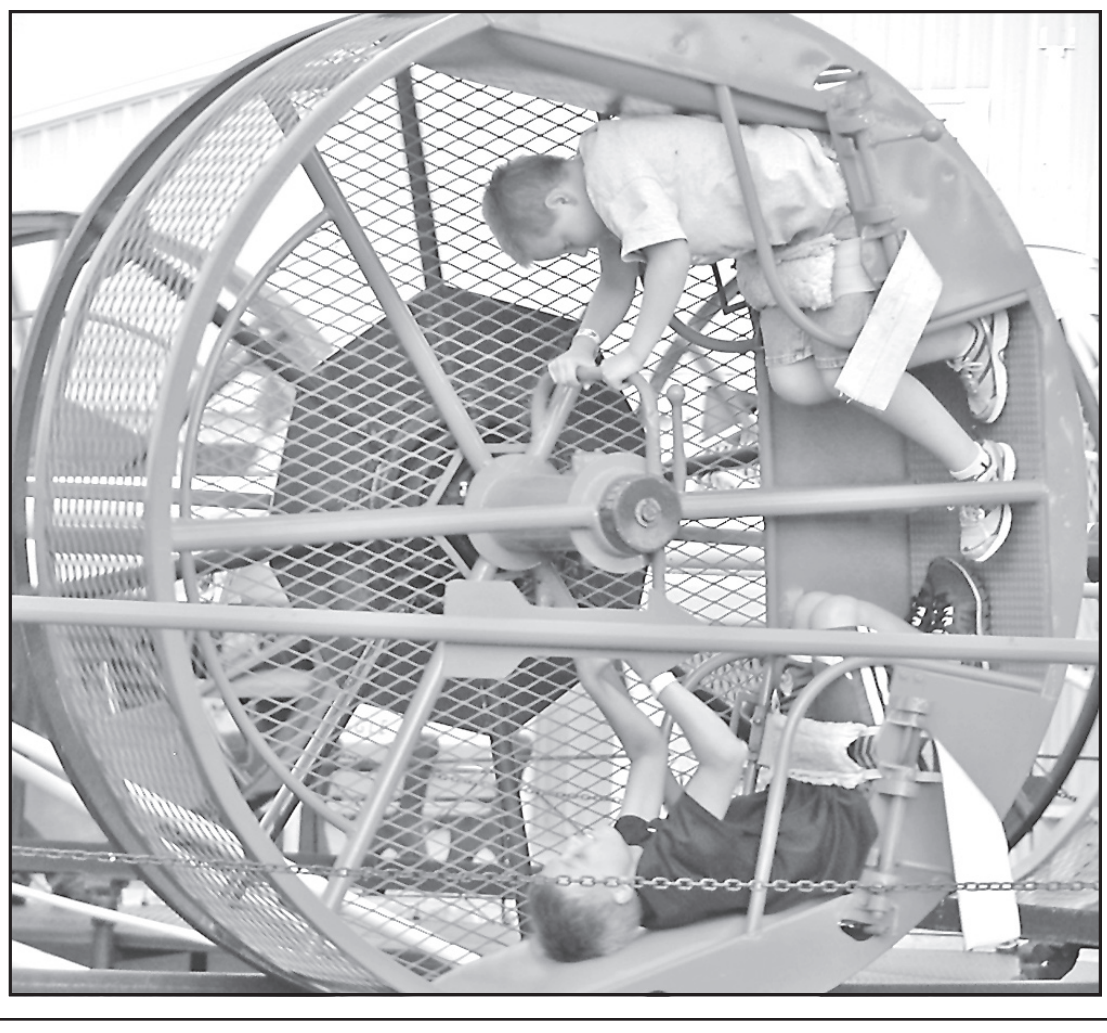


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Freedom Fest draws crowd

People came to Goodland on Wednesday from all corners of Kansas and some neighboring states to enjoy one of the only fireworks displays in the area. The Freedom Festival drew a huge crowd to the county fairgrounds, especially children, who got to enjoy a night of carnival rides, a live band, watermelon from the Rotary Club and a meal from the Kiwanis Club. For more pictures, see Page 3.
Photos by Pat Schiefen and Kevin Bottrell
The Goodland Star-News.



Goodland placed under water watch

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Responding to increased water usage during the current heat wave, the Goodland City Commission approved a "water watch" at its regular meeting Monday.

City Manager Doug Gerber said the city has pumped about 222 million gallons of water so far this year as of last week, about 52 million more than this time last year. The city is allowed to pump about 700 million gallons a year.

Gerber described a water watch as a "benign" way to encourage conservation. The city will not be monitoring individual usage or issuing tickets, but it encourages people to try and use less water. The city, he said, has already taken steps to reduce its water consumption, such as halting watering of the parks.

The water watch took effect immediately, and will last until the city commission issues a resolution ending it or making it even more stringent. Gerber said according to the ordinance there are three levels the city can put in place: water watch, water warning and water emergency. Water warnings and emergencies carry mandatory usage reduction requirements and stiffer fines for violations.

During the week of June 19-25, more than 500 temperature records were broken nationwide. Goodland set new record temperatures every day from June 22 to 26. After a cooler Saturday, temperatures again broke 100 every day this week.

However, the heat wave may show signs of breaking. The National Weather Service is predicting a high temperature of 101 degrees for today, but down to 93 Saturday, 85 Sunday and 80 Monday. The service is also predicting as much as a 50 percent chance of thunderstorms Sunday and Monday.

Any moisture would be welcome in parched Sherman County, which is now listed as under an "extreme drought" by the University of Nebraska's Drought Monitor. The Drought Monitor uses several measurements, including the Palmer Drought Index, which is based on soil moisture and using precipitation and temperature. The Drought Monitor also looks at other soil moisture models, weekly streamflow, precipitation index and other drought indicators.

Extreme drought is the second-worst rating on the Drought Monitor scale. Effects of this level can include crop and pasture losses and widespread water shortages.

Museum to celebrate Big Easel with event

The High Plains Museum is celebrating Kansas's largest artwork, the Big Easel, from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Learn about the Big Easel's history in Goodland and artist Cameron Cross and paint your own interpretation of the Big Easel's artwork on a

t-shirt. See more community jewels in the exhibit "Goodland Treasures" now showing through July 30.

The Museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Wednesday through Saturday, and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m. Find out more online at www.highplainsmuseum.org.

Longtime area doctor dies

Longtime Colby physician Dr. Victor H. Hildyard II, 65, died Tuesday, July 3, 2012, at the Logan County Hospital in Oakley.

He was born March 22, 1947, in Baldwin, the son of Victor H. and Vivian Aleen (Henderson) Hildyard.

On Aug. 21, 1982, he married Brenda K. Prather, who was not available for comment.

Survivors include his wife, of the home; a daughter, Krystal E. Hildyard (Dr. W. Seth) Bolling of Veberly Hills, Calif.; and two sisters, Karen Conner, Montrose, Colo., and Sandra Hildyard Squibb, Colby. There will be a memorial service at 2 p.m. Monday, July 9, 2012, at the Colby High School Auditorium, with Pastor Mark Carlton officiating.

There will be no visitation.

The family suggests memorials in his name to be designated at a later date, in care of the Kersenbrock Funeral Chapel, 745 S. Country Club Dr., Colby, Kan., 67701.

Many of his patients and colleagues, friends and family have left flowers and memorabilia in his honor on the grounds of Colby Medical and Surgical Center at 175 S. Range Ave.

"I was saddened by the news of Vic Hildyard's passing today," said Kansas Speaker of the House Mike O'Neal, "... I represented Vic for a number of years with regard to his ongoing disputes with the local hospital board and administration.

"During that time, we became good friends and I became a great fan of his, especially when I saw how loved he was by his patients in Colby and surrounding areas. He had an infectious personality, great spirit and an endearing country-style sense of humor.

"It's easy to see why his patients loved and respected him. The community has lost a great doctor and great friend. Brenda and (their) family are in our thoughts and prayers."

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School board reorganizes for the year; Slough re-elected president

By Pat Schiefen
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The new fiscal year started on July and the Goodland School Board had an organizational meeting to elect a president and vice president and assign committees to members on Monday night.

Gary Slough was elected for a second year as board president with Mike Cochran as vice president.

Superintendent Bill Bierman said during his report that Northwest Tech had paid the \$7,500 for use of Max Jones Fieldhouse. He also reported that the new painting for basketball games on the gym floor is getting the final sealing coats.

The board accepted the bid from Dan Brenner Ford for a 2012 Ford Fusion S for \$15,650. There were also bids from Finley

west, First National Bank, Western State Bank and Peoples State Bank.

- Picked Vignery and Mason LLC as the board's attorney.
- Selected The Goodland Star-News as the official newspaper.
- Appointed Cochran as the board representative to the Northwest Kansas Technical College Board and Jessica Cole as the alternate.
- Appointed Gennifer House as the board representative to the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center with Amy Sederstrom as alternate.
- Appointed Schulte as the board's representative for KPERS with Scheopner as the alternate.
- Appointed Biermann as the board representative for the Food Service Program with Grant Junior High Principal Steve Raymer

as the alternate.

- Appointed Biermann as the board representative for transportation with Raymer as the alternate.
- Appointed Slough and Teresa Sieck to the Kansas Association of School Boards Governmental Relations Network.
- Appointed Slough and Diane Stiles to the bid committee.
- Appointed Cole and Stiles to the policy review committee with Cole as the alternate.
- Appointed Sederstrom, Biermann, Scheopner and Central Elementary School Principal Harvey Swager to the board insurance committee with Stiles as the alternate.
- Appointed Cochran as the board representative to the Professional Development

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Slammers play in tourney

The Goodland Slammers 12 and under softball team played in the Russ's Day Tournament in Father's Day in mid-June.

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