


weather report



81°
10:30 a.m.
????day

Today
• Sunset, 7:56 p.m.

Saturday
• Sunrise, 5:50 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:55 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 71 degrees
• Humidity 45 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds west 5 mph
• Barometer 30.03 inches and steady

• Record High today 106° (1916)
• Record Low today 44° (1974)

Last 24 Hours*
High Wednesday 102°
Low Wednesday 67°
Precipitation .02
This month .02
Year to date 7.28
Below Normal 6.03 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Mostly sunny and hot with a high near 99 and a 20 percent showers and thunderstorms after midnight, winds out of the south at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 63. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 7 p.m., a high near 85, winds out of the north at 0 to 15 mph and a low around 58.

Extended Forecast
Sunday: Sunny with a high near 90 and a low around 66. Monday: Sunny and hot with a high near 98 and a low around 69.
(National Weather Service)
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Kids of all ages enjoying the fair

The Northwest Kansas District Free Fair had activities for kids of all ages throughout the week including the Howdy Rowdy Fun Night, the carnival or checking on their livestock like Ashtin McClung (above). Another such event was the Catch-It-Pig contest on Tuesday (left). In the contest, several groups of youngsters tried to catch squealing pigs and put them into sacks. Those who managed it will get a pig to raise for next year's fair. Other events included the Howdy Rowdy Fun Night on Monday, the Tallest Corn Plant Contest and the Kids Pedal Tractor Pull on Wednesday and the Texaco Country Showdown on Thursday. For more pictures, see Page 7

Photos by Pat Schiefen and Kevin Bottrell
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Stolen Hummer recovered in Atwood

A man and woman were arrested in Atwood on Tuesday after they were caught trying to sell a H3 Hummer that had been reported stolen from a Goodland restaurant.

The Goodland Police Department received the report Tuesday, and when officers were unable to immediately locate the vehicle in the Goodland area, they contacted numerous other agencies to ensure that they all knew about the stolen vehicle. While police officers and Sherman County Sheriff's deputies continued to search the area, officers in Atwood reported locating the car in their jurisdiction. They were able to take two people into custody who were allegedly trying to sell the car.

Floyd C. Coates Jr. of St. Francis and Fallan Perkins of Abilene were transported to the Sherman County Jail, where they were booked for felony theft, felony obstruction of justice and driving with suspended license.

Truck convoy starts here on Sept. 8

By Sam Dieter
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Truckers will get a chance to support the Special Olympics and give athletes a ride from Goodland to Colby next month.

"They love to get on the CB radio," said convoy committee member Joe Mentlick. "You ought to see the smiles on them."

The 6th Annual Northwest Kansas World's Largest Truck Convoy will be on the morning of Saturday, Sept. 8. The west leg of the convoy will leave Wilken's Truck and Trailer in Goodland at 8:45 a.m. (Mountain Time.) The east leg of the convoy will leave Mitten's TA Travel Plaza in Oakley at 9 a.m.

The two legs will meet in Colby at about 10 a.m. and the trucks will parade around town, led by two law enforcement officers participating in a related event, the Special Olympics Torch Run.

The registration fee is \$100 for trucks and \$50 for cars and motorcycles, along with a valid driver's license and insurance.

Coordinator Luke Shulte said that there is not deadline and that "they can even walk up and register Saturday morning."

Shulte said that he hopes for about 60 entries from trucks and 30 for motorcycles, including company-sponsored and custom vehicles. Mentlick hopes for as many as 75 or 80. There will also be events just before and after the convoy at Oasis Travel Center.

"The public is invited to come out," Shulte said. "If they don't have a truck or whatever, they're still more than welcome to just join us."

On the night of Friday, Sept. 7, there be a free-will supper served by the Colby High School National Honor Society at the Oasis Travel Center. Entertainment for the night will include a light show and, if the weather is wet enough, fireworks.

After the convoy ends, there will be another free-will lunch at Quizno's at Oasis, followed by an auction at 1 p.m.

The last event will be at 3 p.m. Prizes will be handed out to the truckers for categories such as best lights, paint or chrome. The special olympic athletes will vote to award the prizes, Shulte said, based on "who has their version of the best truck."

local markets

10:30 a.m.
Wheat — \$8.09 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.34
Corn — \$8 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.02
Milo — \$7.51 bushel
Soybeans — \$15.40 bushel
Posted county price — \$16.49
Millet — \$14 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$25.50 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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Bull riding a big draw

The Western Plains Chute-Out professional bull riding event drew a huge crowd to the county fairgrounds on Wednesday.
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Goodland resident gets diversion in theft case

By Julie Samuelson

The Western Times

A Goodland man charged with felony theft last May entered into a plea bargain in Wallace County District Court on July 24.

Seventy-seven year old Marshall Hatfield had been accused of felony theft and misdemeanor criminal damage to property, the result of an investigation by the Wallace County Sheriff's Department. The charges stated that Hatfield had stolen eight field housings to electric motors on

sprinkler systems from the Lillian E. Harrower Revocable Trust. The sprinkler systems were damaged as a result of his actions. The items stolen were worth not less than \$1,000 but no more than \$25,000 according to court documents.

The diversion agreement is for a period of 24 months, but this can be extended at the direction of Wallace County Attorney Charles Moser. If Hatfield fulfills the obligations of the diversion agreement, the charges will be dismissed with prejudice. If the agreement is breached at any

time during this time limit, criminal proceedings will resume.

Hatfield must also pay \$195 in court costs; a \$100 diversion fee which may be waived if he continues to make regular monthly payments to the victim; and must pay \$5,856 in restitution to the Lillian E. Harrower Revocable Trust. Hatfield is also responsible for attorney fees. He was represented by Joseph Bain.

On the home stretch



Workers began this week on laying the brick on Main Avenue between 12th and 13th Streets, signaling that the project is nearing completion and the street will soon be open. On Thursday, this crew was laying down the sand base.

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