

**weather report**



**90°**

**10:30 a.m. Thursday**

**Today**

• Sunset, 7:18 p.m.

**Saturday**

• Sunrise, 6:16 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:17 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 70 degrees
- Humidity 15 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southwest 17-23 mph
- Barometer 30.04 inches and rising
- Record High today 102° (1985)
- Record Low today 39° (944)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Wednesday	98°
Low Wednesday	65°
Precipitation	none
This month	0.90
Year to date	8.16
Below normal	7.61 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Sunny with a high near 93, winds out of the southwest at 5 to 15 switching to the southeast and a low around 60. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 92, winds out of the southeast at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 64.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 95 and a low around 67. Monday: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 90 and a low around 66. Tuesday: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

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## Multiple emergency calls on Monday

By Kevin Bottrell

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Goodland responders were paged out to four emergencies in 12 hours on Monday, including one house fire that may have been arson.

The first call came at 3 p.m. Monday. A neighbor saw smoke coming from the house at 320 W. 11th Street and called 911. No one was home at the time.

Fire Chief Brian James said the fire started in the basement and burned up through a small hole in the floor. The old house was built using balloon frame construction, where 2-by-4 inch boards are used from foundation to roof. James said the fire had gotten into the walls and was traveling upwards along those 2-by-4s. Firefighters tore out some

of the walls and cut a hole in the roof for ventilation.

Firefighter Chris Douglas, who had been on the roof of the house, had to be treated for heat exhaustion. James said Douglas' lieutenant saw that he wasn't doing well and had others help get his equipment off. An ambulance had been standing by, and EMTs helped get Douglas oxygen and fluids.

James said heat exhaustion is a real danger for firefighters. With temperatures in the 90s and lots of heavy clothing and equipment, James said he also started feeling woozy and had to be given fluids intravenously.

James said the Sherman County Rural Fire Department was standing by at the house fire as a Rapid



Goodland firefighters used a saw and other tools to cut a hole in the roof of this house at 320 W. 11th Street in order to ventilate smoke from a fire inside. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News



Emergency responders examined a motorcycle that had been struck by a car on Monday afternoon. The driver received only minor injuries. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Intervention Team. If a firefighter were to go down inside a structure, the team is on standby to go in and rescue them.

The house sustained only a little fire damage, James said, but there was also some smoke damage. The fire is being investigated by the Kansas Fire Marshal's Office.

The second page came about 4:15 p.m. A motorcycle and car collided on Caldwell Avenue near Third Street. James said the motorcycle rider received some bumps and bruises and was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center.

The car's back bumper was damaged on the left side. The motorcycle was also damaged and lost its windshield.

The third page took the rural fire department to the scene of a grass fire in the Armstrong Addition. James said a landowner was mowing his lawn and the mower threw out a spark, starting a fire near a line of trees.

James said the landowner had several pallets of firewood near the trees, and the fire got under those and started to burn the firewood. Firefighters had to take down the

stacks of wood to get at the smoldering material.

The last page came at 2 a.m. Tuesday morning. Firefighters were dispatched to a house at 408 W. Sixth Street. A dresser had caught fire, and the flames had spread to the walls, which were also balloon frame. Firefighters breached the walls to get at the fire. James said there was minimal fire damage. Most of the damage was caused by the men fighting the fire or by smoke.

James said this fire appears to have been set deliberately, but the investigation is ongoing.

**local markets**

**10:30 a.m.**

Wheat — \$8.28 bushel	Posted county price — \$8.30
Corn — \$8.15 bushel	Posted county price — \$7.92
Milo — \$7.66 bushel	
Soybeans — \$17.02 bushel	Posted county price — \$16.91
Millet — \$14 hundredweight	
Sunflowers	
Oil current crop — \$27.30 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.)

## Company says work still going at ethanol facility

After several weeks of circulating rumors that the company rebuilding an ethanol plant at Caruso is in trouble, the company issued a release saying that while construction has slowed, it has not stopped.

The New Goodland Energy Center cited rumors that the slowdown was due to the high price of corn, and said it wished to clarify things.

"First, the project has not stopped nor is it coming to a stop due to the high price of corn," the release read. "The answer is much simpler and is twofold; first, we are awaiting the arrival of some large equipment that has not arrived yet, and second, Labor Day is coming and

many of the people connected with construction needed a break so this was an opportune time to scale back temporarily."

The company said that after Labor Day full construction will recommence.

"We are moving forward and will continue to do so at the pace we can," said the press release. "We have encountered difficulties due to missing items and improper construction, but are prepared to finish what we have started."

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## 21-year-old man killed in wreck north of Colby

By Sam Dieter

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A truckload of youths apparently on their way to town from the northeast part of the county missed a curve late Friday and rolled into the ditch, killing the driver and sending all six passengers to the hospital.

The Kansas Highway Patrol reported that the accident happened shortly before 11:30 p.m. about 7 1/2 miles north and four miles east of Colby. Jance Kruse, 21, Oakley, was driving the four-door 1999 Ford pickup when he failed to make a curve and rolled into a ditch. He was taken to Citizen's Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead a short time later.

The patrol report said Kruse was southbound on County Road 23 four miles east of K-25 when he failed to negotiate a curve in the road where it crosses the South Fork of the Sappa Creek. The pickup swerved west, entering the righthand ditch sideways, and rolling 2 1/2 times. Road 23 is a through route, but

bends around to cross the creek at the intersection with County Road AA.

The passengers were all taken to Citizens Medical Center in Colby, the report said.

Three of them were later flown to Swedish Medical Center in Denver.

Kyle Gowen, 18, Peyton, Colo. "is stable and doing well", hospital spokesperson Nicole Williams said. She would not comment on the conditions of Matthew Lotker, 21, of Colorado; or Rachael Keefe, 17, Kansas City, Mo.

Of the other three: Jade Kruse, 18, Oakley, sister of the driver, was treated for minor injuries at Citizens, Gwen Young, executive assistant for the hospital, said. Lane Smith, 22, Cozad, Neb., was transferred to another hospital. Young said she could not say where.

## Hospital program to help doctors spot concussion damage

More than 300,000 sports-related concussions occur annually in the United States; high school and college football make up the highest percentage of those in jeopardy. Thanks to a donation to Goodland Regional Medical, its Physical Therapy Department is working with the Goodland School District to offer a structured concussion management program utilizing best practices and state-of-art equipment.

The Physical Therapy Department recently received a donation from Mr. and Mrs. Dale Goodwin that allowed it to purchase balance testing equipment and software to implement the concussion program. The program utilizes equipment and data to produce a pre-season baseline testing of balance and cognitive function to identify any pre-existing conditions or for post-injury comparison. So far, the pre-season testing has been offered to the Goodland High School football team and will be expanded to include the junior high athletes and possibly other sports.

"The baseline test provides useful information to providers when evaluating if athletes are ready to return to play," said Jack Lucas, a physical therapist at the hospital. "The equipment we have is used by leading hospitals, rehabilitation centers and top professional and university sports teams as a concussion management tool."

The test takes only minutes, but provides valuable information. In the event of an injury, athletes are retested upon referral by their healthcare provider and compared to baseline as well as compared to age- and height-specific normative data.

"If an athlete has a concussion, we can work with them and their provider to manage a recovery process," Lucas said.

When a concussion protocol is followed, athletes usually recover within a week or two. Without a protocol, the risks can be great,



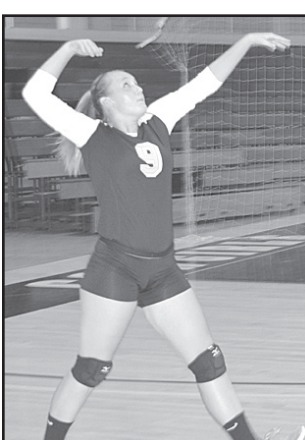
Jack Lucas, director of physical therapy at Goodland Regional Medical Center, put freshman Jacob Stasser through the pre-season baseline tests, which will help doctors assess responses in case of a head injury. Photo by Tina Goodwin/Goodland Regional Medical Center

including reoccurrence and possible lasting effects. For more information about the

concussion management program, see the hospital's website at [www.goodlandregional.com](http://www.goodlandregional.com).

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**Cowgirls show off**

The Goodland High School volleyball team held a Sports Drink Scrimmage on Tuesday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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