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MIDWEEK

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weather report

87°
10 a.m.
Tuesday



Today
• Sunset, 7:12 p.m.

Wednesday
• Sunrise, 6:19 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:11 p.m.

MIDDAY CONDITIONS
• Soil temperature 72 degrees
• Humidity 26 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds west 12 mph
• Barometer 30.04 inches and steady
• Record High today 100° (1946)
• Record Low today 41° (1962)

Last 24 Hours*
High Monday 86°
Low Monday 64°
Precipitation 0.01
This month 0.01
Year to date 8.17
Below normal 7.88 inches

The Topsis Forecast
Today: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 4 p.m., a high near 94, winds west at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 56. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 85, winds out of the north at 10 to 15 mph switching to the east and a low around 56.

Extended Forecast
Thursday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 10 a.m., a high near 91 and a low around 61. Friday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 76 and a low around 52.
(National Weather Service)



Sherman County firefighters wet down the burn area south of town on Friday. The department had the fire out within an hour of the emergency call, and then were dispatched to a car wreck on K-27 about five miles south of Goodland. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star News

Another busy day for first responders

Sherman County and Goodland firefighters as well as ambulance crews had another busy few day on Friday, starting with a grass fire in south-central Sherman County.

The call reporting the grass fire came in about 4 p.m. Friday. The fire was on land about five miles south of Goodland near County Road 25. The fire burned about 10-12 acres

of grass and was moving south toward a cornfield. Firefighters had the fire mostly knocked out by 4:30, but a junk pile continued to burn and throw off smoke.

Emergency Medical Technicians were dispatched to the fire in case any firefighters had trouble with the heat.

Right as the fire was put out, firefighters and ambulances were dispatched to an injury accident on K-27 about five miles south of Goodland.

Convoy begins here Saturday

The Special Olympics Kansas World's Largest Convoy will rumble through Goodland at 8:45 a.m. Saturday.

The western leg of the Special Olympics fund raiser will start here in Goodland at 8:45 a.m. at Wilken's Truck and Trailer. The trucks will parade through town before heading east. From Wilken's they will go to the intersection of K-27 and U.S. 24, then go north to Eighth Street, east to Caldwell and south to I-70.

The eastern leg will begin at Mitten's Travel Plaza in Oakley at 9 a.m. (Mountain Time). The two legs will meet in Colby at the Oasis Travel Center, then parade north through town. After the parade will be a lunch and awards ceremony.

Before the main event Saturday, there will be a free-will donation supper at 6 p.m. (Mountain Time) Friday evening at the Oasis

Travel Center on the east side of the Petro lot. There will be entertainment and fireworks.

There will also be a truck and bike show on Friday in the Oasis parking lot. Truckers can bring their rigs to the show after 3 p.m. (Mountain Time). The bike show, sponsored by the American Legion Riders, will be from 9 to 11 a.m.

This is the 6th year for the northwest Kansas convoy. The truckers join for a minimum \$100 donation, and many have Special Olympics athletes ride along with them on the convoy. Proceeds go to Special Olympics Kansas.

Walk-up registrations are accepted at both start locations. Drivers are required to have a valid driver's license and proof of insurance.

Employee arrested on burglary charges

A Hitchcock Inc. employee was taken into custody last week on charges of robbing the business the morning of Aug. 26.


The Goodland Police Department arrested Joseph Rohn on Aug. 27. According to a department release, police identified Rohn as a suspect after conducting interviews and following other leads. Officers questioned Rohn and asked him to come to the department for further questioning.

When Rohn did not arrive at the agreed upon time, police began searching for

him. On the afternoon of Aug. 27, Assistant Chief Joni Showalter observed Rohn hiding in some shrubbery outside his residence. When she attempted to take him into custody he fled on foot. Showalter and Sergeant Greg Kroskey apprehended him after a short chase.

Rohn was booked into the Sherman County Jail on charges of burglary, forgery, misuse of a financial card, theft and obstruction of justice. He is being held on \$50,000 bond, and the investigation is ongoing.

local markets



10 a.m.
Wheat — \$8.56 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.30
Corn — \$8.09 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.02
Milo — \$7.65 bushel
Soybeans — \$17.04 bushel
Posted county price — \$17.06
Millet — \$14 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$28.70 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.)

Maverick soccer teams play first home games



The Northwest Kansas Technical College mens and womens soccer teams played their first home games ever on Friday and Saturday at the college soccer fields. The Lady Mavericks won both games against Western Wyoming Community College from Rock Springs, Wyo, 2-1 and 3-2. The boys lost on Saturday 2-4. The teams played against Neosho County College on Monday. The women tied 0-0 and the men lost 1-0. The next home games are Saturday, Sept. 22, against Lamar.
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Cross country meet held here

The Goodland Invitational cross country meet was held here on Thursday. The meet included teams from Kansas and Nebraska.

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Closest public meeting on KanCare to be held in Colby

State officials will hold two meetings to explain KanCare, the new Kansas plan for Medicaid coverage, in Colby on Monday, Sept. 24, at the Cultural Arts Center of Colby Community College.

Colby is one of eight towns across the state to have these meetings. A session from 1 to 3 p.m. will be for health-care providers, with one

from 6 to 9 p.m. for Medicaid and HealthWave clients and customers. Through presentations and a question-and-answer session, details will be provided about the transition from the old Medicaid program to KanCare. This is the second round of meetings sponsored by the departments of Health and Environment and Aging and

Disability Services.

Officials have also scheduled statewide teleconferences for Thursday, Sept. 27, one for providers at 1 p.m. and one for clients at 3 p.m. Other cities on the tour include Manhattan, Pittsburg, Dodge City, Atchison, Chanute, Russell, Pratt, Olathe, Emporia, Hutchinson and El Dorado. Aging and Disability

Services also is conducting sessions targeted at consumers and families receiving disability, aging, mental health and substance-use services.

"With all of the details we now have on the KanCare program, it's important for us to meet in person with the people directly associated with Medicaid and HealthWave to ensure that complete information

about this transition is provided," said Robert Moser, secretary of health and environment. "From what we've experienced at the most recent educational meetings, people are eager for us to implement KanCare and to be able to choose among the three health plans that will be offering services they aren't currently receiving."

