

weather report

70°
10 a.m.
Monday



Today

- Sunset, 7:01 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:26 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:59 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 64 degrees
- Humidity 28 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south 23 mph
- Barometer 30.03 inches and steady
- Record High today 99° (1895)
- Record Low today 37° (1989)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	85°
Low Sunday	39°
Precipitation	none
This month	0.08
Year to date	8.24
Below normal	8.07 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 95 and a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after midnight, winds out of the south at 10 mph and a low around 59. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 73, winds breezy out of the north at 15 to 30 mph and a low around 56.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 66 and a low around 48. Friday: Sunny with a high near 71 and a low around 50. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 80.

(National Weather Service)

local markets



10:30 a.m.

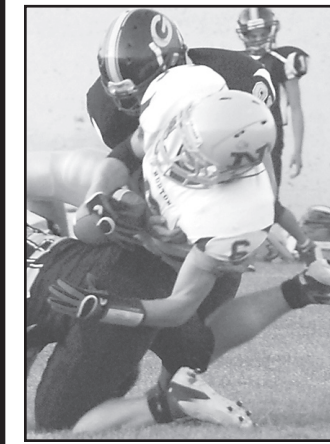
Wheat — \$8.40 bushel	Posted county price — \$8.43
Corn — \$7.93 bushel	Posted county price — \$7.91
Milo — \$7.49 bushel	Soybeans — \$16.61 bushel
Posted county price — \$16.78	Millet — \$14 hundredweight
Sunflowers	Oil current crop — \$28.40 cwt.
Confection — no bid	Pinto beans — \$28

(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today



More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News



Football team loses at home

The Goodland High School football team lost to Norton 22-7 on Friday in the first home game of the season.

See Page 10

Area teens killed in crashes

Two northwest Kansas teenagers have died after being in separate car wrecks.

According to a Kansas Highway Patrol report, 13-year-old Nicholas Cox of Weskan was killed early Sunday when the car he was riding in hit a cow in the road.

Nicholas and his father Jeffrey Cox, 42, were heading east on U.S. 40 about one mile west of Weskan in a 1996 Ford F150 when they struck the cow at 12:35 a.m. Jeffrey lost control of the truck and went into the south ditch. It rolled two and a half times and landed on its top.

Nicholas was not wearing a seat-belt and was ejected from the truck. He was pronounced dead at the scene by Wallace County Sheriff Larry Townsend at 12:56 a.m.

See CRASHES, Page 5

Police nab suspect after chase

A small chase developed Monday morning on the west side of Goodland after a man tried to cash a stolen check.

Few details were available at press time Monday. Witnesses said they saw numerous law enforcement vehicles heading down 16th Street, and at 8:18 a.m. Kansas Highway Patrol dispatch in Hays radioed troopers that a Goodland Police officer was in pursuit of a black Chevrolet pickup truck northbound on K-27.

Dispatch was asking troopers to assist. The nearest troopers were in Colby and they started off north on K-25. The troopers were told the chase began after someone had tried to cash a stolen check.

Patrol dispatch said the suspect was still within the city limits. Sherman County dispatch radioed the Patrol at 8:20 a.m. that the chase was now on foot, and within minutes the suspect was in custody. Orders to troopers were cancelled.

Five West Nile cases, one fatality confirmed in Kansas

By Christina Beringer

colby.society@nwkansan.com

Five confirmed cases of West Nile Virus, including one death, have been reported throughout the state of Kansas so far this summer, and health officials say 14 other cases have been reported but not confirmed.

“Sadly, someone in Kansas has died due to

West Nile virus disease,” said Dr. Robert Moser, secretary of health and environment and state health officer. “In many places around the country, including Kansas, cases are on the rise, and we urge caution about the spread of this disease and encourage the use of methods that prevent mosquito bites.”

Last year, said Miranda Steele, commu-

nications director for the department, the state had one confirmed case. The three-year average was five.

The current cases have been reported mostly in south central Kansas: 12 in Sedwick and one each in Harvey, Sumner, Reno, Stafford, Pottawatomie and Douglas. The closest reported case to Colby was in Trego County.

She added there has never been any report of a possible or confirmed case of West Nile virus in Thomas County.

Steele said other than listing the cases by county, no other geographic or demographic information is being released on the patients

See WEST NILE, Page 5

Convoy rumbles through town



The western leg of the northwest Kansas Special Olympics World's Largest Convoy paraded through Goodland early Saturday morning. The trucks met at Wilkens Truck and Trailer, then went north on K-27 to Eighth Street, east to Caldwell, then South

to I-70 where they continued on to the events in Colby. The trucks were escorted by the American Legion Riders. This year there were three trucks on the western leg.

Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News



Jacob Schnabel, art teacher Jeff First and Chantel Coates displayed their new painting that their art class created. A small ceremony was held Saturday at Rosewood Park the installation of the artwork. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Third mini-easel painting unveiled

By Kevin Bottrell

kbottrell@nwkansan.com

In a small ceremony Saturday at Rosewood Park, the third mini-easel painting was officially unveiled.

Painted by Goodland High School students with help from Giant Easel artist Cameron Cross, the painting depicts several Native American images such as a snake, a teepee and a buffalo skull. The easel for the painting was not ready at the ceremony. Economic Development

Director Michael Solomon said it still needed to be painted, but once it was done the painting would go up for good.

Art teacher Jeff First along with students Jacob Schnabel and Chantel Coates spoke about how they created the painting. First said that although many school art projects involve copying existing works, this painting is entirely original to the class. The class spent a day researching and discussing Native American themes and looking at various native art.

First said a lot of the inspiration came from Native American artist Norval Morrisseau, a Canadian that Cross was a fan of. Morrisseau's work often incorporates an “x-ray” view, showing internal parts of objects, animals or people. He said the students chose to use images important to tribes that inhabited northwest Kansas, such as the Arapaho. In their research, they focused on the importance of the Sun Dance,

See PAINTING, Page 5

Scoutmaster stole money from pack

A former Colby cub scout leader was charged with bilking his pack of over \$16,000 over the four years he was on the job.

Gary Schuette's actions were discovered only after the pack was too broke to buy popcorn for a fundraiser.

Court records show that Schuette, the former scoutmaster for cub scout pack 140, was sentenced to a year in prison when he plead guilty on Aug. 29 to misdemeanor theft, a charge which was plead down from two felony counts.

He will have to pay back over \$16,000 to the scouts. About \$12,000 will go back directly to the cub scout pack, the rest to the Coronado Boy Scout Council to cover bounced checks.

“He almost single-handedly destroyed cub scouts in Colby,” said new scoutmaster Mary Zerr.

Schuette, Zerr said, acted as both

See PACK, Page 5

