

weather report

57°
10 a.m.
Thursday

Today
• Sunset, 6:56 p.m.

Saturday
• Sunrise, 6:29 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:54 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 70 degrees
• Humidity 77 percent
• Sky cloudy
• Winds northwest 7 mph
• Barometer 30.50 inches and rising

• Record High today 101° (1895)
• Record Low today 31° (1993)

Last 24 Hours*
High Wednesday 69°
Low Wednesday 50°
Precipitation 0.22
This month 0.30
Year to date 8.46
Below normal 7.97 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Sunny with a high near 77, winds out of the southeast at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 42.
Saturday: Sunny with a high near 81, winds out of the south at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 51.

Extended Forecast
Sunday: Sunny with a high near 85 and a low around 54. Monday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers, a high near 68 and a low around 48. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 73 and a low around 53.
(National Weather Service)
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A lot of the water drained into this trench in the retaining pool by West Elementary School. This pool and others like it are designed to take water off the streets. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News



Although Wednesday's rain showers didn't do much to fill up area rain gauges, it did fill up gutters and drains around Goodland. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Not much rain from all-day storm

By Kevin Bottrell

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Sherman County experienced its first all-day rain shower in recent memory on Wednesday, but the total rainfall was less than you might think.

A strong cold front has been through the west, central and southwest United States, dropping temperatures and bringing precipitation. The southern part of the country is expected to see more moisture through Friday.

For Goodland, the National Weather Service is reporting .22 inches of rain Wednesday. That brings the area up to .3 inches for the

month. Overall rainfall in the Goodland area this year was 8.46 inches, a little more than half of what it normally gets by this time of year. Last year Goodland had 16.08 inches by Sept. 13.

The service issued a report recently that said the continental United States experienced the third hottest summer on record. The average temperature across the country was 74.4 degrees in August, 1.6 degrees above the average. From June to August, the average temperature was also 74.4 degrees, 2.3 degrees above the 20th Century average.

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School district in messy internet service issue

By Pat Schiefen

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In an effort to have the internet capacity ready for the launch of the Ipad Initiative for the Goodland School District at the beginning of the school year, the Board of Education has found itself in a pickle.

S&T Communications won the bid to provide 60 megabytes of bandwidth to the district. The district and its tech support team had problems getting the bandwidth which it needed. S&T brought in a

consultant and upped the bandwidth to 100 megabytes but in the district's system, 60 megabytes were still not available.

S&T did not charge the district for the increase in the bandwidth but the system was still not up to 60 megabytes. With school around the corner and a solution to the problem not available, Superintendent Bill Biermann said he contacted Eagle Communications and eventually switched Internet providers on Aug. 17. He said the problems the

district's system was having were straightened out. The switch told them that the problem was with S&T and not in the district, he said.

Eagle wanted the district to sign a contract for a year, Biermann said, which they did. Board President Gary Slough, who also represents S&T, turned the meeting over to Vice President Mike Cochran. Slough made the case for S&T that since it had won the bid for the internet connection, it wanted the district to honor that by switching

back to S&T from Eagle. In the bid process the district had not signed a contract with S&T.

The cost of the service will be \$3,000 per month no matter which company, said Biermann.

Biermann said the District has two choices: going back to S&T or staying with Eagle.

Board member Jessica Cole said the problem was a tough one. Board member Amy Sederstrom asked what kind of legal problems are possible with Eagle having a contract.

Biermann said he doesn't know if Eagle would make them pay out their contract. Also the board wondered if accepting a bid is considered a contract.

Another complication is that the district and S&T have the same attorney.

Cochran said he wanted to table the issue to get legal advice. The board agreed.

In other business the board:

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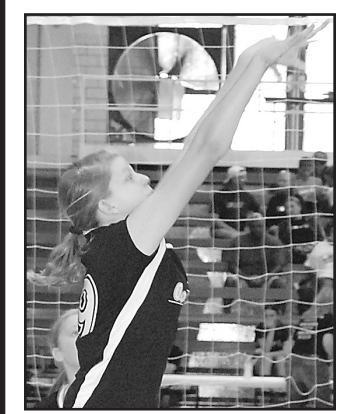
local markets

10 a.m.

Wheat — \$8.45 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.43
Corn — \$7.68 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.77
Milo — \$7.24 bushel
Soybeans — \$16.46 bushel
Posted county price — \$16.64
Millet — \$14 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$28.40 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.)

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Junior high holds tourney

The Grant Junior High volleyball teams played in their home invitational tournament on Monday, facing six teams from around Kansas and Colorado.

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Chase suspect also accused in burglary

Police have confirmed that the man accused of leading the Goodland Police Department and the Sherman County Sheriff's Office in a chase around town Monday is the same man accused of burglarizing Hitchcock Inc. in August.

Police Chief Cliff Couch said Joseph Rohn, 34, of Goodland was the suspect arrested in the chase. Rohn was also arrested Aug. 27 after briefly fleeing from police who were looking for him as a suspect in the Hitchcock burglary.

Couch said police received a report on Monday of a man passing a fake check. Sheriff Kevin Butts spotted the black Chevrolet pickup truck — Couch said they had reason to believe belonged to the man passing the checks — and when Butts fell in behind the truck, it sped off.

Couch said Rohn had a good head start, racing south through town to I-70. Then, the truck turned around

and headed north on K-27. At that point, Police Officer Bob Juleson had started to set up spike strips on K-27 in an effort to stop the truck. Couch said Rohn saw Juleson and turned back into the city.

Couch said Rohn damaged his vehicle and baled out. Juleson and Butts continued the chase on foot and caught him within minutes.

The Kansas Highway Patrol was called for assistance, but the nearest troopers were in Colby, and the chase was over before they could be deployed.

Rohn was booked into the county jail Monday on charges of fleeing and eluding, forgery, felony theft, identity theft, aggravated assault on a law enforcement officer, criminal damage to property and reckless driving. He had been booked on Aug. 27 for burglary, forgery, misuse of a financial card, theft and obstruction of justice.

Helping out at the state fair



Jeff Deeds was busy last Saturday at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson. He is a member of the Kansas State Fair Board. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Scoutmaster sentenced to probation in lieu of a year in prison

Editor's Note: An incomplete version of this story that was not yet intended for publication appeared in the Tuesday, Sept. 11, edition of the Goodland Star-News. Below is the full version. We regret the error.

By Sam Dieter

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A former Cub Scout leader pleaded guilty last month to stealing more than \$16,300 from the kids he claimed to serve.

Gary Schuette, who lead Cub Scout Pack 140 in Colby for about four years, pleaded guilty Aug. 29 to using the Scouts' money for personal expenses. In return, the two felony counts he had been charged with were reduced

to a misdemeanor. District Magistrate Judge Rick Ress sentenced him to a year in prison, but ordered that he be allowed to serve probation instead.

Another provision of his probation allows him to apply to have the conviction expunged after the five years is up, assuming he does not get in any more trouble, court papers showed.

Schuette's actions were discovered when his pack was too broke to pay for popcorn which the Scouts sold during a 2010 fund raiser. He will have to pay back \$16,309.85 to the Scouts, about \$4,200 of which will go to the Coronado Area Boy Scout Council to cover the popcorn that the Colby pack could not pay

for. The rest will go back to the pack.

He must pay back this money seven days before his probation ends, a year from Aug. 29.

"He almost single-handedly destroyed Cub Scouts in Colby," said Mary Zerr, who took over as Cubmaster of the pack in May.

During Schuette's time with the pack, he acted as both the Cubmaster and treasurer for the pack, she said. He used the Scouts' money to pay his taxes on his house, among other personal expenses, she said.

"He wrote checks for personal expenses out of the Cub Scout check book," Zerr said. "He got the bills, he had the check book, he did it all."

Court records described the thefts as having taken place between Feb. 1, 2008, and Aug. 11, 2011.

Jan Barnum, a Cubmaster before Schuette, helped dig through the pack's finances during the investigation and now serves as an independent auditor for the pack, checking the books and accounts.

"I would have never guessed that Gary would have done this," Barnum said, "I don't know what drove him to do this."

She said that the other adults involved with the pack only learned about the thefts months after the 2010 popcorn sale. By then, she

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