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weather report



61°
10 a.m.
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 6:33 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:41 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:33 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 63 degrees
• Humidity 81 percent
• Sky overcast and cloudy
• Winds variable 5 mph
• Barometer 30.23 inches
and rising
• Record High today 97° (1953)
• Record Low today 26° (1985)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 77°
Low Wednesday 54°
Precipitation trace
This month 0.32
Year to date 8.48
Below normal 8.48 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, fog before 8 a.m., a high near 69, winds out of the southeast 5 to 10 mph and a low around 51. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 74, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph switching to the southeast and a low around 52.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 77 and a low around 52. Monday: Sunny with a high near 79 and a low around 53. Tuesday: Sunny with a high near 83 and a low around 54.

(National Weather Service)

Fire danger



Sherman County Rural Firefighters wet down the grass on the side of the road between Exits 17 and 19 Monday afternoon after a moving truck's engine caught fire Monday. The westbound truck stopped

Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Tech College featured by Apple

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Northwest Kansas Technical College is getting national recognition after a film crew created several promotion videos for Apple highlighting the iPad program.

Radical Media, an international company that produces films, commercials, television shows and music videos, sent a production team to the college last year. Filming took place at the end of August, 2011. The film features several Northwest Tech departments using the iPads in their daily classwork as well as interviews with students and staff.

The film crew was impressed with how the college uses the iPad, said Automotive

Instructor Curt Goodwin.

"When they were in our department they said they liked it here because of the hands-on," Goodwin said. "They were really excited about the visual; it wasn't just kids sitting in front of computers."

"We've had the iPad for three years now, we're getting kind of good at it," said Diesel Instructor Greg Unger, who's diesel mechanics program was one of the programs featured in the video. "They were interested in how we use the iPads in hands-on work. We're using the iPad in a way they had never intended."

Unger said testing is all done using the iPad, and companies are increasingly making technical manuals available on the device. John

Deere in particular is going to the iPad for its manuals, he said. Any procedures the students do in the shop can be sent to the instructors, and students also use the iPad to look up parts, record progress and video lectures or repair procedures.

"It frees me up," he said. "If they need to go back over something they can watch the video."

Unger said there are tons of apps applicable to diesel mechanics, such as one that can create a virtual engine, which students can take apart and put back together. The new ways to use the device that each class comes up with are often used in teaching the next year's class, he said.

The college has continued to advance its use of the iPad after the film was made, said Brad Bergsma, chief information officer.

"Watching the video, it's amazing how much we had progressed since then," he said. "They came back out and were impressed with our progress."

The college has a faculty that is driven to find new ways to use technology, Bergsma said. The culture on campus has also helped, Bergsma said, since the college instructors are mainly people with industry experience who would know about tailoring new technology to real world applications.

The videos can be viewed by going to the college home page, www.nwktc.edu.

local markets



10 a.m.

Wheat — \$8.16 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.42
Corn — \$6.99 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.36
Milo — \$6.69 bushel
Soybeans — \$14.80 bushel
Posted county price — \$15.31
Millet — \$14 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$27.55 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.)

Flag work



City of Goodland employees were working on the big flag and flagpole at the intersection of Cherry Avenue and U.S. Business 24 on Wednesday. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Museum to open exhibit to recognize Goodland police

The High Plains Museum is opening a new exhibit on Monday chronicling the development of the Goodland Police Department.

The exhibit, "Serve & Protect: The Story of the Goodland Police Department" will be open through

Monday, Dec. 3. There will be a special reception from 2 to 5 p.m. Thursday at the High Plains Museum to celebrate the Department and the exhibit. Refreshments and activities for all ages are free for the public to enjoy.

The High Plains Museum is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday and Wednesday through Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. For more information, call the museum at 890-4595 or email museumdir@goodlandks.us or go to highplainsmuseum.org.

Child safety seat program planned

On Monday, Oct. 8, three child seat safety presentations will be given at the West Elementary School starting at 8 a.m. for students in pre-kindergarten through second grade.

The Booster to Belts program, sponsored by The Kansas Traffic Safety Resource, Smart Start Northwest Kansas and the Kansas Highway Patrol, includes an interactive PowerPoint presentation, a visit from Vince and Larry (the crash test dummies) and free educational material and prizes.

The sponsors will be available at West Elementary to answer any questions. Parents and caregivers are encouraged to attend.

Prior to 2006, Kansas was among the ranks of 21 other states in the nation whose occupant protection laws left children ages 4-9 inadequately protected when traveling in motor vehicles.

The Child Passenger Safety Act, KSA 8-1343, re-

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Volleyball team wins

The Goodland High School volleyball team struggled Tuesday, but swept their home games last week.

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Longtime Goodland business closes doors

The Wendys in Goodland, 2219 Enterprise Road, closed its doors last Thursday afternoon after one of the owners, Tom Dischner of Stratton told the employees that the commercial holding company who owns the land and building was doubling its rent, which forced he and his brother, Dave, to lock the doors, said General Manager James Schiefen.

On Friday Dischner removed the perishables and any equipment to their remaining franchise in Limon, he said.

Wendys had been in business for almost 30 years and was the first fast food place to open up on Exit 17 of I-70. There were 26 employees at the store.

Senior night



Goodland High School's senior volleyball players and their parents were honored at Tuesday's home games at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

