

**weather report**

90°



noon Monday

**Today**

- Sunset, 8:17 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 5:22 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 81 degrees
- Humidity 33 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south at 21 mph
- Barometer 29.95 inches and falling

- Record High today 107° (1971)
- Record Low today 42° (1968)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Sunday	94°
Low Monday	61°
Precipitation	—
This month	.98
Year to date	7.44
Below normal	2.24 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. High near 88, low near 60.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. High near 80, low near 60. Thursday: Partly cloudy, high near 84, low near 62. Friday: Mostly sunny, high near 88, low around 62. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 89, low around 61. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 92.

(National Weather Service)  
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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$5.13 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$5.19
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
  - Corn — \$3.72 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.43
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
  - Milo — \$3.42 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$7 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$6.89
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
  - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - NuSun crop — \$17.5
  - Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
- (Markets by The Scouler Company, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

**inside today**

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**Speedway race results**

Goodland Econo class driver Adrienne West tested the engine in her car (7) before the races on Saturday, June 16. She finished third in the econo main. See story, photo on Page 10.

## Stars raise money for hospital

By Tom Betz

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The red carpet rolled out Saturday night at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall as a crowd of more than 150 gathered to meet celebrities, bid on memorabilia and raise money for the Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation.

Dale Shields, foundation director and hospital resource development director, said the night was a great success, raising more than \$95,000, which tops the \$80,000 raised last year. He said the money will be used for equipment and scholarships for the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

He said with the money raised during a golf tournament Sunday, the program may set a new record. He said it would be later in the week before everything is totaled.

Honorary chairman Scott McPhail, a filmmaker and actor with DreamWorks, presented a special Academy Award "Oscar" for rural health care to Brenda McCants, director of marketing and volunteer services at the hospital, who is retiring after 12 years of organizing the annual gala.

Josh Vignery, a hometown boy, was one of 20 celebrities who helped raise money at the 18th annual Slice of Life benefit auction and golf tournament over the weekend.

Vignery, a 2000 Goodland graduate who was involved in a number of theater productions at the University of Kansas, moved to California to break into the film business. He was a production and location assistant on "Out at the Wedding," which is appearing in several film festivals this month.

Elvis was in the house on Saturday as Dennis Wise, an Elvis impersonator from Las Vegas, was dressed in a black leather outfit with the classic Elvis hairdo, and looked every bit the part of the singer. He gave the audience a sample of his singing, and demonstrated some classic Elvis moves to applause.

"Gator" Rivers, former Harlem Globetrotter and longtime Slice of Life supporter, put on his special brand of magic with a basketball, saying he could work with the ball much like the people in the room could work together to help the hospital.

Terry Richardson, auctioneer for Homestead Realty and Auction, sold about 10 items plus "selling" the celebrities to play golf on Sunday.

The items included a KU signed basketball, a pair of Joe Frazier boxing gloves, an autographed John Elway football and the one that brought one of the highest prices of

the night, a Chicago White Sox "Jordan" jersey that went for about \$4,000.

When Richardson was ready to sell a celebrity, they would come to the front and take the microphone to tell why they would make a good golf partner. Larry Brunson of the Denver Broncos was a cheerleader for his cause, getting the price up to \$3,600. Not to be outdone, Mark Randall of the Denver Nuggets said his low golf handicap would make him a great partner and he too sold for \$3,600. Most of the celebrities went for about \$2,500.

Other celebrities included Jack (Pretty Boy) Gehrke, Leroy Mitchell, Fran Lynch, Dr. Charley Johnson, Wade Manning, Dave Preston and Billy Thompson of the Broncos; Tony Adams, Danan Hughes, Kelly Goodburn, Dave Lindstrom, Larry Marshall, Tony Reed and Walter White of the Chiefs, and Isaac "Bud" Stallworth, who played for the University of Kansas, the Seattle SuperSonics and New Orleans Jazz.

A long table was set up along the south wall with items for a silent auction, with everything from major sports and some high-tech digital equipment. The sports items included boxing, golf, baseball, Olympic track, NASCAR racing, hockey, the National Football League and the National Basketball Association. Another group included items from Hollywood movies and movie stars.



Elvis (Wise)



Vignery



Gator Rivers, former Harlem Globetrotter, put on a basketball exhibition at the Slice of Life benefit auction Saturday. Rivers is a long-time Slice supporter.



Brenda McCants wiped a tear from her eye Saturday evening as Scott McPhail, a DreamWorks executive and this year's honorary Slice of Life chairman, presented a special Academy Award "Oscar" for rural health to the hospital official, who has retired after 12 years of planning the annual gala.

Photos By Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Businesses, homes awarded improvement grants

By Tom Betz

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Two business and two housing improvement grants of \$1,500 each were awarded Tuesday by the Sherman County Economic Development Council as part of the development project program for the year.

At the council's meeting Tuesday, Development Director Tiffani McMinn said the council got over 100 applications for the grants, and the selection committee had quite a time

narrowing down to the top projects.

"I wish we could have awarded everyone we looked at," she said, "and I know the people are interested in improving their businesses and homes."

Gary Slough, a council member

who served on the selection committee, said it was a tough decision especially on the homes.

McMinn said the housing grant went to Lola Wiley at 1501 Center to help paint and shingle her house,

and LeAnn Haarberg at 1307

Harrison to replace rotting soffit and fascia. She said the homeowners are matching the \$1,500 grants with a total of \$8,860. Total cost of the two home projects is \$11,860.

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## City approves leasing old 'barrel' hangar

Spared from destruction 10 months ago, the 73-year old Goodland Aviation barrel hangar at Renner Field appears to have been saved, and will be renovated to house airplanes under a lease plan agreed to by the City Commission.

The commission listened last Monday to plans from John Topliff, owner of Mr. Jim's His and Hers Shop and vice president of flight operations for a company in California, who approached the city in October with an offer to buy the hangar from the city.

Topliff talked about his plans for the old barrel hangar and presented a tentative contract to lease the ground. He said he wanted enough land so that the lean-to that had been added to the east side of the original building could be rebuilt if he could find the money.

That section — built between 1934 and 1943 — was torn down about three years ago because it was considered unsafe.

Topliff said he and Darin Neufeld, engineer for Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who inspected the hangar for the city, had checked to see if there was any more damage

because of the winter weather, but found none.

City Manager Wayne Hill proposed demolishing the hangar in July, saying he felt the building was unsafe and should not be used to store planes. He told the commissioners he did not feel the building was something the city could afford to save.

The commission asked if the Airport Advisory Board had been consulted about the hangar. Hill said the board felt it was not historic enough to spend the estimated \$150,000 to \$200,000 needed to bring it up to a safe, usable condition.

Hill told the commissioners he and Rich Simon, city public works manager, had a plan for the city crew to tear the hangar down. That was put on hold after Simon was involved in a powered parachute accident at the end of August.

A last-ditch effort to save the building was launched in September, with stories about the history and letters from Judi Vignery and Susan Elliott, who grew up in the hangar when their father, Watson

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## Final phase on 17th Street



Construction along 17th Street moved into the final stages this week, with the north side poured from Main to Clark and crews spraying the concrete prior to sawing the cuts. Again, there is no way out of downtown to the southeast. Work began Monday at the intersection of Cherry and 18th, and Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who is handling the project for the city, said the intersection will be closed for about three weeks. He said Sporer Land Developing will be pouring the north side of 17th from Clark to Cherry this week, and hopes to pour the last stretch next week. The street will be opened to two-way traffic after a seven-day cure, he said.

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