

## weather report

**40°**  
noon  
Thursday



### Today

• Sunset, 7:28 p.m.

### Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:03 a.m.  
• Sunset, 7:29 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 47 degrees  
• Humidity 85 percent  
• Sky cloudy and rainy  
• Winds north 20 to 25 mph  
• Barometer 30.06 inches and rising  
• Record High today 91° (1987)  
• Record Low today 14° (1944)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday 69°  
Low Wednesday 37°  
Precipitation .38  
This month 1.07  
Year to date 2.00  
Below normal 0.77 inches

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 66, winds out of the west 5 mph and a low around 37. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 77, winds south 10 mph and a low around 44.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 76 and a low around 41. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 65 and a low around 33.

(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$9.05 bushel  
Posted county price — \$9.11  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$5.67 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.68  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Milo — \$5.27 bushel  
Soybeans — \$11.98 bushel  
Posted county price — \$12.36  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$7 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)  
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## inside today

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## Winds make scoring hard

Cowboys freshman Bryan Guyer took a practice swing before driving his tee shot on the par four-fifth hole at Sugar Hills Golf Club in a gusty wind Tuesday afternoon. Guyer shot a nine-hole total of 69. See story, photo on Page 12.

# Lt. Gov. visit promotes programs

By Tom Betz

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Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson was in Goodland on Monday morning to promote two of his favorite programs, Volunteer Kansas and growing more wind farms for the state.

Parkinson, who lives now in Olathe, grew up in Wichita. He said his family has a farm near Scott City.

The lieutenant governor stopped in Goodland to spend some time at the Senior Center before flying over to Colby to speak at a wind-power summit Monday afternoon.

"I had not been out here," he said, "and was happy to work out a way to come to Goodland today."

He said he would be volunteering for an hour at the Senior Center and expected them to put an apron on him and have him help serve lunch, but he would do anything they asked him to.

The volunteering is part of Volunteer Kansas, which he said is a way to match people who want to help with organizations that need volunteers. He said he volunteers in places he is visiting, but people can go to his website ([www.governor.ks.gov/litgov/volunteer/](http://www.governor.ks.gov/litgov/volunteer/)) to see a state map and information about organizations who are looking for volunteers.

Parkinson said he feels a lot of seniors like to volunteer, and he feels the movement will get bigger with the retirement of the Baby Boomers now starting to retire.

He talked to the seniors here about their volunteer work and asked about the farm economy while waiting to serve lunch.



Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson (center) talked with people playing cards at the Goodland Senior Center on Monday morning during a visit to

promote Volunteer Kansas and talk about the future of wind power in the state.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Most of the seniors agreed that higher prices for farm products were helping people here, but said the costs for fuel is a worry to them.

Turning to the subject of wind farms, Parkinson said he and Gov. Kathleen Sebelius have been working over the past two years to increase the amount of wind power

produced in the state.

He said two years ago, 364 megawatts — only 3 percent of the state's energy — came from wind. He said with new wind farms, by the end of this year, over 1,000 megawatts of wind power will be online — 10 percent of the electricity produced in Kansas. He said this will make

Kansas the seventh state to have over 1,000 megawatts of wind power.

He said utilities are volunteering to grow the wind power to about 20 percent by 2010.

Parkinson said he thinks the state is doing well in attracting large wind farms, and with the natural wind

patterns here, he believes more wind farms are in the future.

He noted that Quinter is one of the 10 schools in the state who are part of a "small wind for schools" program, and he hopes to see more

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# Kansas' future tied to more wind power

By John Van Nostrand

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Settlers found gold in California, Colorado and the Black Hills of South Dakota, and Lt. Gov. Mark Parkinson said Kansas can also have a gold mine, but people won't be digging in the ground to find it.

They'll be looking up. Parkinson said Kansas can benefit from the development of wind-generated electricity.

"It would be like a gold rush to the middle of the country," he said Monday as the featured speaker at the Colby Wind Summit. "This

would be the biggest boon ever in my lifetime in western Kansas."

Parkinson said research shows winds are strong enough to turn turbines to generate electricity throughout western Kansas, especially the counties that border Colorado. With continually increasing costs for other forms of energy, including oil, natural gas and coal, he said, wind is becoming a more attractive way to generate electricity.

He said Kansas currently makes 3 percent of all of its electricity generated by wind in the U.S. In her 2007 state of the state address,

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius said her goal is to have 10 percent by 2010 and 20 percent by 2020.

Parkinson said other states have more wind-generated electricity than Kansas.

"Why is Kansas behind the times?" he asked.

The challenges Kansas faces to increase wind generated electricity include finding locations for wind farms, getting utilities to buy the electricity and building transmission lines.

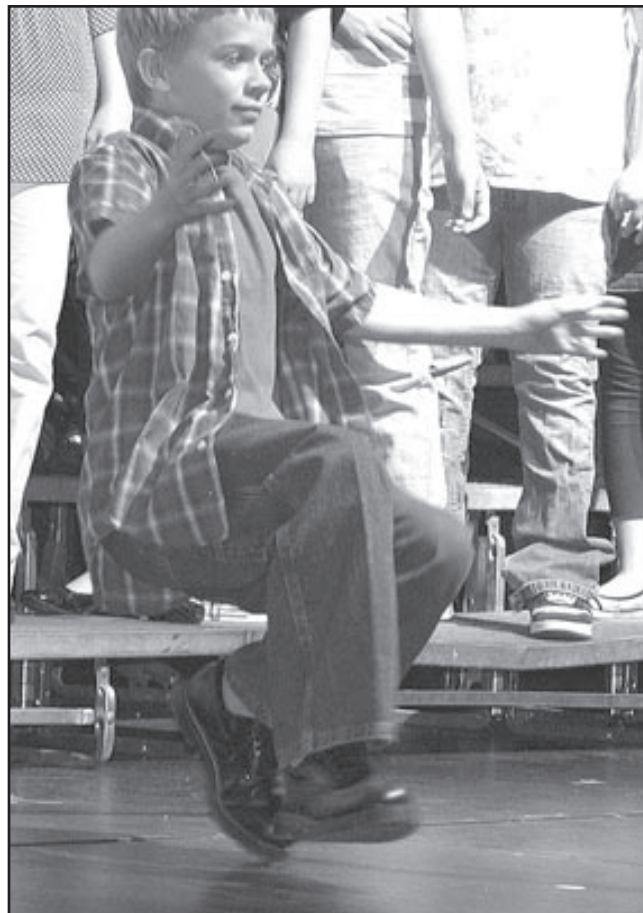
"The first step is to find a great site," he said.

"The hardest step is to get a utility to buy it, by far the most difficult."

Parkinson said studies, which may take up to four years to finish, are underway to improve electric transmission lines. One proposal is to install transmission lines from wind projects near Spearville east to Wichita and north into Nebraska to connect with other transmission lines. He said a cost estimate for construction is \$1 million per mile.

Parkinson also said some wind and utility

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North Elementary School sixth grader Todd Snethen (left) showed off his dancing skills during the song "Footloose" at the music program on Tuesday night at the Goodland High School auditorium. A group including John Hendrich (above left), Gage Ihrig, Taylen Smith, Aidan Crosby and Holton Witman danced in their top hats to "Down to the Bone."

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## Sixth graders dance, sing for people

By Pat Schiefen

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Sixth graders from North Elementary Grade School showed off their musical abilities on Tuesday night at the Goodland High School auditorium, starting off with a breathtaking dance number.

Todd Snethen wowed the audience with his break dance while the rest of the choir sang "Footloose."

Old television show tunes were the theme, including "Mission Impossible," "The Addams Family," "Happy Days," "I Love Lucy" (with Hope Cochran as Lucy), "The Beverly Hillbillies" (Garrett Taylor and Ellie House were the Clampetts) and the "Ballad of Jed Clampett," and "The Brady Bunch" of Breanna Garrett, Katera Johnson, Shelby Arnold, Mabelle Zupko, Austin Rains, Tim Fugleberg, Snethen and Taylen Smith showed up.

The British rock invasion started with "The Beatles" featuring John Aguirre, Jesse Cooper, Pilar Olave and Raymond Eli playing brightly colored inflated guitars.

Part of the choir did a rhythm number using four sizes of drums that was involved and very good.

The group sang several songs to honor the men and women serving our country in Iraq and elsewhere.

House, Brianna White and Berkley White played numbers on the piano.

Members of Lindsey Emig's class include Aguirre, Arnold, Brook Bahe, Aidan Crosby, Katrina Delgado, Lauren Espinoza, Sonya Garza, Tyler Gastineau, Miranda Hernandez, Gage Ihrig, Gannon Ihrig, Olave, Amber Perdew, Bracelyn Redlin, Dax Ruhs, Megan Siruta, Amber Smith, Taylen Smith, Darin Stewart, Taylor, and Zupko.

Members of Pamela Hardy's class

are Milan Brannick, Cochran, Colton Cooper, Jesse Cooper, Fugleberg, House, Katera Johnson, Mara Kling, Jarod Lake, Amanda McClary, Shay Miller, Johnathan Peden, Halie Price, Rains, Zabdell Salazar, Elisa Soto, Tyler Steggall, Carrica Stevens, Brianna White and Holton Witman.

Linda McKee's class includes Ace Artega, Ian Bonsall, Ashleigh Borders, Fionna Cruz, Eli, Sierra Estes, James Fifer, Breanna Garrett, Brooke Heinrich, John Hendrich, Dakota Hooker, Steven Johnson, Jordan Knitig, Zachary Miller, Jose Nunez, Karlee Raile, Gabriella Rangel, Abraham Sarmiento, Connor Simpson, Snethen, Janeth Soto-Lara and Berkley White.

Jim Mull is the principal of North. "This is a great group of kids," said music teacher Char Avila. "I am going to miss them."

## City agrees to look at option for museum

By Tom Betz

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The city-owned High Plains Museum has been out of room for several years and its board has been planning a new museum, but on Monday city commissioners were told the board is considering an alternative, a historic building that could cost less to fix up.

The commissioners agreed to meet with the county commissioners to tour the Antique Warehouse building as an

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