


weather report



52°
 noon
 Monday

Today
 • Sunset, 7:01 p.m.

Wednesday
 • Sunrise, 6:45 a.m.
 • Sunset, 7:02 p.m.

Midday Conditions
 • Soil temperature 46 degrees
 • Humidity 69 percent
 • Sky cloudy
 • Winds south 7 mph
 • Barometer 29.84 inches and falling

Record High today 83° (1916)
Record Low today 3° (1912)

Last 24 Hours*
 High Sunday 70°
 Low Sunday 45°
 Precipitation none
 This month 0.42
 Year to date 1.23
 Below normal 0.4 inches

The Topside Forecast
 Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 62, winds breezy out of the northwest at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 31. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 59, winds breezy out of north at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 30.

Extended Forecast
 Thursday: Sunny with a high near 58, winds breezy and a low around 30. Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 60 and a low around 32. Saturday: Partly sunny and breezy, a high near 57 and a low around 28.

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

Kids get to vote in April election

The students of Sherman County will have the opportunity to express their political beliefs on Tuesday, April 5, as well as the adult registered voters who will be voting that day.

Kindergarten to 17 year olds may vote at the Veterans of Foreign Wars at 824 Main Ave., on Tuesday, April 5, beginning at 7 a.m. and ending at 7 p.m.

The event is being done in conjunction with the Kids Voting Kansas program that has been engaging Kansas youth in voting

and democracy since 1992.

The Sherman County students' votes will not count in the election, but this event gives kids a chance to experience the election process firsthand.

The student voters will be voting on the same issues as the adults including the city commission candidates, school board candidates and the school bond issue.

Members of the Leadership Sherman County class for this year will be handling this event, and will assist student voters

while parents or guardians are casting their own vote.

The votes will be cast in an actual voting booth with replicate ballots at the VFW in Goodland. Individual ballots are confidential as with any election, but the overall results will be tallied and reported in the schools and released publicly.

Parents, students will need your help to get there! As you head out the door to go vote, remember to take the student(s) in your life. If you cast an early ballot, we encourage

you to bring your child to the VFW on April 5th to cast their vote. We hope to see you there!

Hosting Kids Vote in Sherman County are Leadership Sherman County Class members including Brendon Gross, Mike Hamilton, Kelly Hillman, Jeff Mills, Michelle Simoneau, Rich Simon, Ray Smee, LeAnn Taylor, Beverly Trupp and Jason Trupp.

Kids Vote Kansas is a statewide non-profit headquartered at the Kansas Press Association office in Topeka.

Planes to land on old 24

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Frontier Ag is planning a customer event for Thursday, and with permission from the Sherman County Sheriff plans to land two spray planes on old U.S. 24 to be on display for the special event.

John Holtzmeister of the Frontier Ag aviation department was at the Sherman County commissioner meeting on March 8 to let the commissioners know what was coming and to ask for permission to land on the county road.

Holtzmeister said he has been with Frontier Ag for 13 years and been involved in the aerial application of farm ground. He said the plan is to get more awareness for the Frontier Ag members of the aviation spraying program.

He said Josh Dechant, manager of the Frontier Ag agronomy program, was planning the event for Thursday, and said he would like to have the spray planes on location.

He said new turbine engines were being installed in the planes at Butterfly Aviation by John Colette, and wanted to have them on scene for the event.

"My problem is how do I get them there," he said. "The plan was to land on old U.S. 24, and taxi to the display area. It would be perfect if we can get the sheriff to help us in the landing and take off."

He said the alternate plan was to use the street behind Walmart, but it is not as pleasant to him because there are two dips on that stretch. He said it could be done.

"Safety is our top consideration," he said. "We are not doing anything that might be unsafe."

Commissioner Larry Enfield asked if there was any liability for the county.

Holtzmeister said it is not illegal to land on the highway, and the sheriff had said he had no problem with blocking it off for the landing and take off.

He said Frontier Ag carries \$1 million in property liability, and felt it would be the companies liability covering the planes.

Enfield said he wondered if the county gives permission what is the county liability.

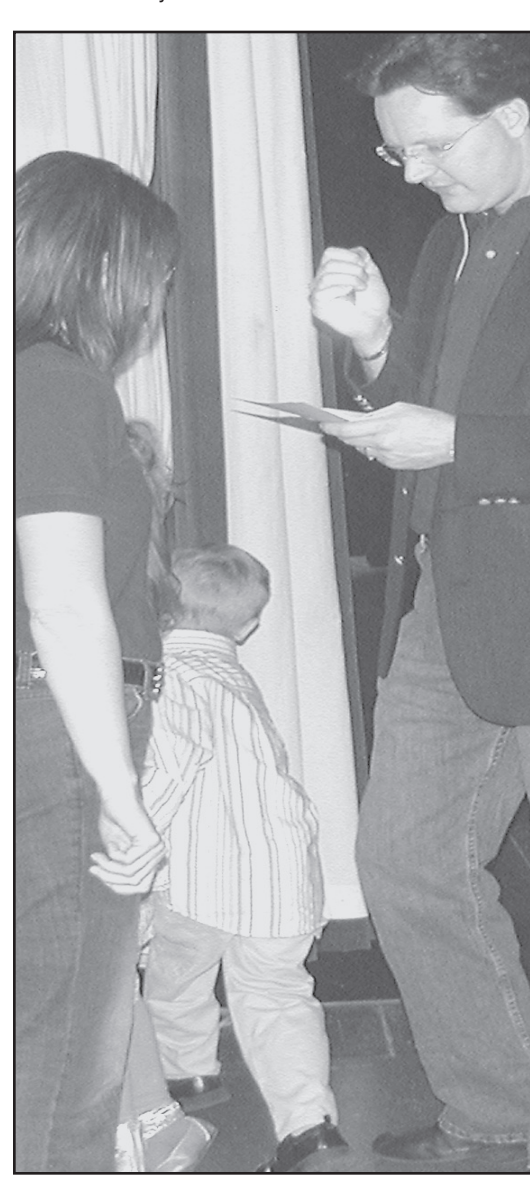
County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the county insurance people said it is the sheriff's call.

Sheriff Kevin Butts said Monday he expects to block the road between 9 and 10 a.m. on Thursday morning to land the planes and again in the afternoon to allow them to take off.



Competitors in the junior group for the Fourth Annual Goodland's Got Talent on Saturday night at the Goodland High School auditorium lined up in the hall before making their appearance on stage. They were (top picture from left) Katie Purvis, Demi and Jaxi Mitchek and Kit Boyington. Suri Hoss (bottom left) was getting her costume on and Brian and Janda Linin were checking the list of performers backstage as their kids Annika, Blair and Mirari Linnin headed toward the stage.

Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News



Goodland's Got Talent great show

At the Fourth Annual Goodland's Got Talent people were treated to performances in different age groups, an art auction by Terry Richardson of Homestead Auction, an art and coloring contest.

The audience voted for Chase McNinch of Colby for the Best of Show. He played the dulcimer.

The winner of the tiny group talent was "The Gymnast by Jackson Daise on the piano. Others in that group were Nicole Eli with a vocal; Annika, Blair and Mirari Linin with a vocal; a recitation by Saige Newman; and Suri Dorn sang.

In the junior group The Performance Company won with a dance routine. Other competing were Demi and Jaxi Mitchek singing; Katie Purvis singing; Bryson West with Taekwondo; and Kit Boyington singing.

The winner in the teen group was Elizabeth Fulcher singing and dancing. Others competing were Rebecca Farrow dancing, McNinch on the dulcimer and Skatter Niblett dancing.

In the adult group Sabrina Erhart and Michael Lee Chalou won with a duet. Others were Joseph Eli with a vocal instrumental, Bobbi and Jeff Wolski with a vocal instrumental, Charlie Baker with a vocal and Mitchell Collette with a vocal instrumental.

The winners of the art contest in the junior high division was Hagan Hoss and in the high school division was Amy Floyd.


Winners in the coloring contest were Josie Hill in pre-kindergarten and kindergarten, Caleb Dechant in first and second and Joseph Tompkins in the third to fifth division.

Elwyn Vatcher painted a work during the performance that was sold at the auction. Other items sold at the art auction were a black and white picture by Brittney Heiter, a western watercolor by Tim Cox, two works by Laurie Pietila of White Bear Lake, Minn., a photograph by Roxie Yonkey and an iron sculpture of a butterfly by Clayton Hoss.

The money was raised for the Brianna Linin scholarship fund to start for the Class of 2017. The event raised a preliminary figure of \$2,900.

The committee for the event were Calli McDaniel, Darren and Jessica Kannady, Kim Horinek, Kim Linin, Koren Dechant, Tiffani Overstreet, Travis Blake, Wendy Wellman and Brian and Janda Linin.

local markets



Noon
 Wheat — \$7.14 bushel
 Posted county price — \$7.07
 Corn — \$6.09 bushel
 Posted county price — \$6.22
 Milo — \$5.96 bushel
 Soybeans — \$12.08 bushel
 Posted county price — \$12.60
 Millet — \$5 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$30.55 cwt.
 Confection — no bid
 Pinto beans — \$18 (new crop)
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys sweep opener

Cowboy Michael Pettibone who pitched the final three innings of the opening baseball game at Burlington on Friday. Goodland won 13-6, and 8-5 in the second. See photos and story on Page 12.

Springtime brings thunderstorms, tornadoes

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Spring officially began Sunday afternoon with the Vernal Equinox when the days and nights are equal.

The weather has been anything but winter in the past two months, but March and April are usually wetter months for northwest Kansas. February was the 17th warmest on record since the records began in 1880.

The National Weather Service office in Goodland is doing a month long series of weather spotter classes, and held one in Goodland on Monday, March 14 at the Murray Center on the Northwest Tech campus.

Upcoming weather spotter training events will be held on Friday at 6:30 p.m. at CAB Building, Fairgrounds south of Sharon



Chris Foltz

Springs. Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Burlington Community Center, 340 S. 14th Street, Burlington, Colo. Tuesday, March 29, at 6:30 p.m. at the EMS Building, Greeley Ave., west of K-27 in Tribune.

Chris Foltz led the class in Goodland and started the class with a video of a tornado and people hiding under an overpass as the storm came right at them. In this video the tornado rolled past them and is seen going away.

Foltz said this was a baby twister and the weather service has been trying to undo what the video shows since 1991. He said hiding under an overpass is not a good idea, and later showed a video of a tornado where people were killed hiding under an overpass.

He said in some cases with higher winds like the Andover tornado in 1991 people

would be sucked out from under the overpass or might be crushed if the overpass is damaged.

Foltz talked about the National Weather Service as part of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. He said the weather service has 122 offices around the country and does about 1.5 million forecasts a year and issues more than 50,000 warnings.

The Goodland office has a forecasting and warning responsibility for eastern Colorado to the Flagler, Colo., area, southwest Nebraska to Imperial, Neb. and points east near Kearney, Neb., and western Kansas from the state line east to about WaKeeney and south to Tribune. He said they cover at least 19 counties

