

weather report

41°
noon
Monday



Today

- Sunset, 7:15 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:23 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 48 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 23-32 mph
- Barometer 30.16 inches and falling
- Record High today 86° (1932)
- Record Low today 18° (1945)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	67°
Low Sunday	33°
Precipitation	0.02
This month	0.02
Year to date	1.64
Below normal	0.55 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 75, winds breezy out of the west at 10 to 20 mph and a low around 38.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers at night, a high near 65, winds out of the north at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 40.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers at night, a high near 64 and a low around 37.
Friday: Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow, a high near 64 and a low around 37.

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

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$8 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$7.88
 - Corn — \$6.83 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$6.73
 - Milo — \$5.54 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$12.65 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$13.13
 - Millet — \$5 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$31.50 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.)

inside today

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Cowgirl wins 3-pt contest

Cowgirl Jade Herl won the S&T 3-point shootout at the Topside Tip-Off in December, and won a similar contest at a All-Star Classic basketball event held in Pratt. See photo, story on Page 10.

College asks for phone building

By Tom Betz

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Representatives from Northwest Tech met with Sherman County Commissioners on Thursday to ask if the county would consider donating the telephone building at 10th and Main Ave. to the college and the commissioners agreed it would be a good use for the building if the college can get the money for renovation.

Dr. Ed. Mills, college president, Ben Coumerilh, director of technology at Northwest Technical College, and Diana Stiles, Assistant V.P. of Student Affairs, met with the commissioners to update them on recent news from the Kansas Board of Regents.

Dr. Mills said the college is working on a new program to develop applications for the various devices such as an iPad, iPhone. He said the Board of Regents have given their approval of the program that

Sherman County under burn ban

Sherman County commissioners have imposed a burn ban throughout the county effective immediately.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the commissioners agreed on Monday to impose the burn ban after Commissioner Larry Enfield had talked to Fred Wedel of the Sherman County Conservation District and National Resource Conservation Service.

Rumpel said Wedel told Enfield he felt the burn ban was important based on the dry conditions and winds the area is seeing.

She said the commissioners had mentioned at the

meeting on Thursday the Sherman County Rural Fire Board had recommended the county impose a burn ban at their meeting. Enfield had said he would talk to Wedel and the commissioners could deal with the issue at the special meeting on Wednesday.

When Enfield talked to Wedel he felt it was important to get the burn ban in place, and with a phone consensus from the commissioners the county is now under a burn ban.

When the commissioners meet Wednesday afternoon they will determine more details and the length of time the burn ban is expected to last.

is expected to begin at Northwest Tech in August.

He said the college is working on a federal grant to create a good place to serve as the location for the new app development program.

Coumerilh said the Northwest Tech group was in Topeka on

Wednesday, and the plans for the telephone building is predicated on the success of the iPad program on campus.

"We are fortunate to be on the leading edge of the mobile app and entertainment program," he said. "Northwest Tech will be the first

college in the country to do this on a larger scale, and Apple and other companies in California are interested and want to hire the students. The companies are looking to hire the graduates and have them live in northwest Kansas where the cost of living is lower."

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad asked if the college will be teaching the technology to do this program.

Stiles said the college is planning to have a one year or two year certificate program for the app and entertainment development program.

Coumerilh said the college sees lots of opportunities for expanding this program and having a micro business incubator that is more tech based allowing the students to have mentoring.

"That is the sort of direction we are looking at," he said. "This has opened some avenues to the west coast we don't normally see."

Stiles said the college is working with the Department of Labor on a grant that would be from \$2 million to \$5 million, and with the app development program if the college gets the grant it would be

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Olympiad team takes second at State Tournament

By Brian Coon

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The Goodland High School Science Olympiad team earned a second place trophy at the state tournament held at Wichita State University on Saturday.

Fifteen students from Goodland helped the team earn its highest ever finish at state in the small school's division, school's under 1,000 students. The competition includes a large school division. Overall, Goodland finished in seventh place out of 30 teams, large and small schools. This is a school best.

The team qualified for state by finishing first for the third year in a row at the regional tournament in Hays.

Brian Coon and Jeff First coach the Science Olympiad team, and invite interested community members to attend a Science Olympiad Showcase from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 25, in the high school auditorium. On that evening, the team members will demonstrate and describe some of their events for the community.

At the state tournament, five building events earned medals with finishes in the top 10 overall.

Nick Thomas and Jason Cowan were silver medalists and placed second overall in sumo bots, an event where the students build a robot designed to push other robots out of a five foot by five foot ring.

Caleb Fugleberg and Berkley White competed in helicopters, an event where students build a rubberband powered helicopter and earned a silver medal and placed fifth overall.

Fugleberg and Garrett Geist competed in "sounds of music" where students make a homemade musical instrument and finished fifth overall, earning a silver medal in small schools.

In towers, Tanner Jones and Thomas built a 19.75 gram tower that held 15,000 grams and earned a silver medal with a seventh place overall finish.

Mission Possible is an event that requires students to build a Rube Goldberg type machine. Parker Sieck, Geist and Fugleberg made a machine that finished sixth overall and was a bronze medalist.

In written events, Goodland won seven medals, including overall state champions.

In Forensics, Michaela Garrett and Carly McCracken finished first in small schools and first overall. In forensics, students do their best to impersonate crime scene investigation shows off TV. They are given a crime scene and must analyze fingerprints, plastics, fibers, and other



materials in order to figure out who committed a crime.

Garrett, LeRoy Prine and Jared Lake competed in protein modeling earning silver medal and sixth place overall. Students take a test over the relationship between protein structure and function, with an emphasis on induced pluripotent stem cells.

Microbe Mission, an event where students answer questions on microscopic organisms such as bacteria, fungi, and viruses, was competed in by Garrett and Chantel Coates. They earned a silver medal and seventh place overall.

McCracken and Fugleberg earned silver medals in dynamic planet, an event where students are tested over earth's fresh waters.

Anatomy and physiology was competed in by Day Waugh and McCracken. They earned silver medals and ninth place overall; they had to show their knowledge of the respiratory, muscular, and endocrine systems.

Prine and Geist were bronze medalists and fifth overall in fossils. In the fossils event, students had to show their knowledge of ancient life and fossil identification.

Garrett and Waugh competed in Ornithology, an event about bird knowledge and identification. They earned third place in small schools and were sixth overall.



Other team members competing at state and vital to bringing home the team trophy with finishes inside the top 15 overall include Hazen Deeds and Kayler Rietcheck.

Courtney Cowen, Chloe Goodwin, Brooke Lockhart, Ian Bonsall and Brianna White were alternates for the state meet and have worked throughout the year to help the team

compete at it's highest level.

Science Olympiad is a national organization that promotes science education by sponsoring competitions. Each fall national rules and events are decided, and then teams of high school students prepare to compete against other students from different high schools. There are two different types of events,

building and written. In the building events, students build projects within certain criteria before the competition. Written events test the students' knowledge within the various areas of science. The results are divided into overall placing as well as the opportunity to earn medals in your division.

Today is Election Day – Have you voted?

Today is Election Day for Sherman County voters for Goodland and Kanorado, Goodland School board, the Goodland School District bond proposal and the Sunflower Extension board.

Polls at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main Ave., open at 7 a.m. and close at

7 p.m.

The ballot for the General Election includes the Goodland city commissioners plus voters from Kanorado will be voting for mayor and councilman, the Goodland School District and Brewster School District residents of Sherman County will be eligible

to vote for board positions, the Goodland school district proposed bond issue and two Sherman County positions on the Sunflower Extension District board.

Leadership Sherman County has a Kids Voting program to allow students from kindergarten to age 17 vote in a mock elec-

tion at the VFW today at the same time as the adults.

The VFW Ladies Auxiliary will have food and drinks available for those who come to vote with rolls about 8 a.m., will be serving hamburgers, chicken noodle soup and 'soup' for lunch and will serve an early supper.

