

weather report



59°
noon
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 7:39 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:49 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:40 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 48 degrees
- Humidity 29 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 15 mph
- Barometer 30.12 inches and falling

- Record High today 88° (1967)
- Record Low today 17° (1908)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	54°
Low Wednesday	37°
Precipitation	0.41
This month	2.24
Year to date	3.86
Above normal	0.51 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 78, winds breezy out of the southwest at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 39. Saturday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers, a high near 55, winds breezy out of the north at 20 to 30 mph and a low around 33.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 56 and a low around 32. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 63 and a low around 37. Tuesday: Sunny and breezy with a high near 72 and a low around 43.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$7.62 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.83
- Corn — \$6.52 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.18
- Milo — \$6.39 bushel
- Soybeans — \$12.18 bushel
- Posted county price — \$13.03
- Millet — \$5 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$31.80 cwt.
- Confection — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$28 (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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Six seniors to attend tech college

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board agreed to let six students who will be seniors next year to also be enrolled full-time at Northwest Technical College. One junior will be enrolled half-time in the diesel mechanics program.

To qualify for the program the students had to go through an application process with a final interview. Goodland High School Sharon Gregory said some of the students had even taken some of the required classes for seniors this year. The parents of the students were also at the meeting and were asked to speak as well as the students.

Eric Barnes will be in the welding department.

Mikail Freeman will be in the carpentry department. His mother Tammy Freeman said she would also be going back to school at Northwest Tech in a different department.

Natasha Gaydusek will be in the business department.

Dylan Kersley will be in the auto technology program.

Taylor Peden will be in the medical assistant program. Her mother said it will give Taylor a head start in the medical field.

Page Seeger will enroll in the new mobile applications class.

Junior Mitchell Unger will go half-time in the diesel mechanics. His father who is an instructor in the diesel mechanics said his son will be in his classes.

Superintendent Shelly Angelos asked the board what their preference for the schedule for construction work for Goodland High School to be paid for by the \$1.4 million Quality Zone Assurance Bond. The board has decided the money will be spent on new windows for the high school, new heating boilers and electrical upgrades needed. They

figured that there would not be enough money to do a complete heating, ventilation and air conditioning system replacement at the high school.

The board had the choice between starting in December with the window replacement. Superintendent Angelos said that students would need to be moved around some and parts of the high school isolated to control heat loss. The other choice was to wait until the summer of 2012, she said. On the boiler replacement once the boiler is shut down the heat cannot be turned back on.

Board member Mike Cochran said he was concerned that if they didn't get the windows bought as soon as possible that with price increases the cost could go up 30 to 50 percent.

Board members Teresa Sieck, Amy Sederstrom and Chuck Wilkens favored doing the work in the summer of 2012.

The board wanted Superintendent Angelos to see if there was a way to lock in prices for the windows by preordering or prepaying. They also wanted to see what the schedule of delivery be and if the windows would need to be stored.

In other business:

- The board paid \$88,254 in bills.
- The board accepted the resignation of Sandra Redlin as a paraprofessional at Central Elementary on Wednesday, May 4.
- The board accepted the retirement of Threse Armstrong as Grant Junior High art teacher.
- The board accepted the retirement of Toni Becker as Grant Junior High language arts instructor.
- The board accepted the retirement of Sue Hagerman as a sixth grade teacher at Grant Junior High.

Northwest Tech hosts sixth graders



Northwest Tech hosted 401 sixth graders from area schools Wednesday morning to give the young people a look at possible career choices and let them have some fun. In the cosmetology department (above left) a student checks her iPad for the cat she painted on the face. Exercise and good balance are important (top right) and a lot of fun. Sixth graders checked out the pink iPad (left) used in business classes. Magic with water and ice was part of the fun with Frank Avila (above) in the Heating and Air Conditioning department that included a small cup of ice cream.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

City museum director retires

Director of the High Plains Museum Linda Holton retired Thursday, after working for 20 years at the museum and the City of Goodland.

Holton said she started as education curator for three or four years, and then became the director for 13 years.

At her reception on Thursday afternoon, around 60 people were there to wish her well.

"We were able to keep the museum up and maintain the integrity of exhibits," said Holton, as the thing she was most proud of during her tenure as director.

When asked about her retirement she said, "I was tired. I have not made plans but to relax for a month and then go see my sister in Oregon."

Holton said she plans to keep volunteering for hospice and the Good Sam Family Council.



Linda Holton with special gift given to her by city staff.

County pays dues to planning district

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County commissioners agreed to pay the dues for the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development District after hearing about how the program benefits the county.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad ask Randy Rhabe, director of Northwest Kansas Planning and Development of Hill City, about what the organization does for Sherman County.

Rhabe said he had hoped to be in Goodland earlier, but a snow storm had cancelled his plans.

He said the organization has three operations that benefit the 18 counties who are members. He said the annual dues is one-tenth of a mill, and the organization has been around since the 1970s.

He said the planning commission helps cities and counties on infrastructure projects, and over the years have helped Sherman County

with \$2.2 million in grants and more than \$4 million in projects.

A recent grant was for a fire truck in Brewster and a city water project in Kanorado.

The Pioneer Country Development is a Small Business Administration certified 504 program that can help businesses with loans in cooperation with local banks and the SBA.

Rhabe said the organization has helped Sherman County with the micro loan program that brought \$90,000 to the county, and continues to work with the program.

The most recent program he said is a Community Development Block Grant for Goodland for about \$400,000.

He said the organization started a housing program 10 to 12 years ago and have built 98 housing units including the duplexes on Cattletrail Avenue. He said the organization

