

## weather report



**56°**  
 10:30 a.m.  
 Monday

### Today

- Sunset, 7:13 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:26 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:14 p.m.

### Middy Conditions

- Soil temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds north 30-40 mph
- Barometer 29.67 inches and rising
- Record High today 86° (1943)
- Record Low today 15° (1936)

### Last 24 Hours\*

- High Sunday 89° record
- Low Sunday 49°
- Precipitation none
- This month none
- Year to date 1.11
- Below normal .83 inches

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of rain, a high near 50, winds out of the north at 15 mph and a low around 37. Wednesday: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of rain, a high near 56, winds out of the north at 10 mph and a low around 37.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday: Sunny and breezy with a high near 67 and a low around 45. Friday: Mostly clear with a high near 73 and a low around 41. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 62 and a low around 34.

(National Weather Service)  
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# New treasurer chosen Thursday

By Kevin Bottrell

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In a convention Thursday evening at the library, the Sherman County Republican Committee elected April Hall to serve as county treasurer.

Hall will fill the position – replacing Iris Scheopner, who resigned in March – until the term runs out at the end of the year.

“I will do my best,” Hall said. “I hope we can make some progress.”

Hall said she planned to go into the treasurer’s office Monday to introduce herself, and she will give a week’s notice to her current job at Kennedy and Coe.

Twenty-two of the 28-member Republican Committee came to vote or sent proxies. Chairperson Jeanie Schields was elected chair of the convention.

There were three declared candidates. Each was given three minutes to address the committee.

Hall, a lifelong Sherman County resident, spoke first.

In addition to her family’s farm, Hall said she has worked for the Farm Service Agency, helping implement farm programs and serving on a national Farm Bill task force. She was promoted to district specialist, covering 15 counties, where she did training, reviewed loans and reports and helped implement Geographic Information System mapping.

Most recently Hall has worked for Ken-

nedy and Coe, doing financial planning and accounting systems as well as handling leases and depreciation schedules.

“It has given me a good skill set for working with people,” she said.

Rosa McCord spoke second. McCord said she came to Goodland 13 years ago to attend Northwest Kansas Technical College. After graduating she got a job at Goodland Regional

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A Brewster High School musician Ashley Barrie (left) got in some last-minute practice on her bass clarinet at the Regional Music Festival on Saturday in Oberlin. The X-pressos (above) from Goodland High School earned the highest rating, allowing them to go to state at the end of April.

Photo by Cynthia Haynes/The Oberlin Herald

## Students compete at festival

Several small ensembles and individual students earned the top rating at the KSHSAA Regional Music Festival in Oberlin on Satur-

day, earning the right to compete at the state competition on Saturday, April 28, in Salina.

The X-pressos show choir earned a I – the highest rating – as did the Senior Vocal Quartet.

Individual students earning I ratings were Ian Bonsall, vocal; Chantel Coates, flute; Abby Jolly, vocal; Caleb Fugleberg, vocal; Cheyenne Stegeman, clarinet; Brooke Lockhart, vocal; Jacob Schnabel, low brass; Parker Sieck, vocal and Brendan Fulcher, trumpet.

The Freshman Women’s Vocal Ensemble earned a II rating.

Individual students with II ratings were Ryleigh Paxton, vocal; Levi Klemm, vocal; Sarah Baker, vocal; Kristina Stasser, vocal; Telanie Reicks, flute; Timothy Fugleberg, vocal; Trace Waugh, vocal; Brittany Brown, vocal; Ace Arteaga, vocal and Jessica Klemm, vocal.

Cheyenne Prevatt earned a III on her vocal solo.

The Regional Music Festival included students from around northwest Kansas including Brewster, Colby and Weskan.

Goodland High School students waited patiently while others performed at the regional festival. Two ensembles and nine individuals got the highest rating.

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## local markets



### 10:30 a.m.

- Wheat — \$6.48 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$6.34
  - Corn — \$6.26 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$6.18
  - Milo — \$6.02 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$12.87 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$13.09
  - Millet — no bid
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$26.45 cwt.
  - Confection — no bid
  - Pinto beans — \$28
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## inside today



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## Fort Hays State offering music program in July

String players, band students and vocalists can experience a week of quality musical performances and training in classes and workshops from professional specialists Greg Fishman, jazz saxophonist, and Allen Vizzutti, trumpet player and his wife, pianist Laura Vizzutti at the Fort Hays State University High Plains Music Camp, July 15 to July 21.

For the first time, vocalists will be able to choose, opera, music theater or diction classes as well as sing in the choir.

The 2012 camp line-up includes 16 mini courses.

- Alternative Strings will explore the different styles of string playing. Students will learn jazz, rock, Celtic and fiddling techniques.

- Conducting Fundamentals will allow students to learn the beat patterns, style, score reading and rehearsal techniques for conductors. It is a class for new drum majors or

choral-instrumental student directors.

- In Double Reed Making, students will learn the tricks of the trade for making oboe or bassoon reeds. Participants are asked to bring \$10 to cover the expense of materials.

- Drum Line Fundamentals includes a survey of rudimentary drum techniques that apply to traditional drum line preparation.

- Students learn the basics in Electric Guitar Class. Campers must provide their own instruments and amps.

- Flutists will be able to transform their playing with tips to create better tone, intonation, vibrato and faster fingers in Flutists Makeover, which includes an introduction to piccolo technique.

- Introduction to Opera will allow students to learn about opera and operetta literature and staging

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## Sign ups open for federal prairie-chicken habitat program

SALINA – U.S. Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack and Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar recently announced the Working Lands for Wildlife partnership that creates a \$33 million partnership with farmers, ranchers and forest landowners to use innovative approaches to restore and protect the wildlife habitats for seven identified species in specific geographic areas.

A cutoff date of Monday, April 30, has been set to rank eligible applications for funding in the first sign-up period. If funds remain, a second sign-up period will be held through Wednesday, May 30. The unique circumstances and concerns of interested, historically underserved ranchers are also addressed by offering a higher payment rate for them. For more information, contact your local USDA Service Center. Phone number and address are available on the internet at [offices.usda.gov](http://offices.usda.gov).

Kansas landowners may sign up to manage and restore high-priority habitats for the lesser prairie-chicken within the 36 eligible Kansas counties (see map). The targeted Kansas counties include: Barber, Clark, Comanche, Edwards, Ellis, Finney, Ford, Gove, Graham, Grant, Gray, Greeley, Hamilton,

Haskell, Hodgeman, Kearny, Kiowa, Lane, Logan, Meade, Morton, Ness, Pawnee, Pratt, Rush, Scott, Seward, Sheridan, Sherman, Stafford, Stanton, Stevens, Thomas, Trego, Wallace and Wichita.

“The aim of the new program is to focus available conservation dollars and wildlife expertise on the recovery of these at-risk species,” said Eric B. Banks, state conservationist for the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Kansas.

The targeted at-risk species in Kansas, the lesser prairie-chicken (*Tympanuchus pallidicinctus*), is a ground-nesting bird native to the rangelands of Kansas, Colorado, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas.

In the spring during the lesser prairie-chickens’ breeding season, they are known for their “gobbling” sounds and unique courtship displays on leks (booming or strutting grounds). Males attract females to the leks with elaborate dancing displays, showing off their yellow combs and red air sacs that inflate. Lesser prairie-chicken populations declined dramatically during the past several decades due to loss of native

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## Baseball team gets first win

The Goodland High School baseball team won one of two against Scott City on Friday.

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