


## weather report



**58°**  
10 a.m.  
Monday

**Today**  
• Sunset, 6:38 p.m.

**Wednesday**  
• Sunrise, 6:39 a.m.  
• Sunset, 6:37 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**  
• Soil temperature 59 degrees  
• Humidity 47 percent  
• Sky cloudy  
• Winds south 5 mph  
• Barometer 30.03 inches and falling

• Record High today 97° (1998)  
• Record Low today 21° (1926)

**Last 24 Hours\***  
High Sunday 73°  
Low Sunday 45°  
Precipitation none  
This month 0.30  
Year to date 8.46  
Below normal 8.39 inches

**The Topside Forecast**  
Today: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 76, winds out of the northwest at 5 to 10 switching to the southeast and a low around 51.  
Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 69, winds out of the northeast at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 50.

**Extended Forecast**  
Thursday: Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 74 and a low around 52. Friday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.  
(National Weather Service)

## Truck catches fire at Brewster



This semi-tractor rig caught fire Thursday afternoon after the driver had pulled over at Brewster because of engine trouble. The fire was spotted by a passing trucker, who called the Brewster Fire Department.  
Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

## Homecoming parade set for 6:30 p.m. Thursday

After three away games, the Goodland High School football team will be returning for the annual Homecoming Game on Friday, but that's just one part of the week's festivities.

The Homecoming parade will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Eighth Street and Main. It will head south to 13th Street, then turn east and continue to Cowboy Stadium.

Participants are asked to arrive at 6 p.m. Convertibles, classic cars and motorcycles should assemble in front of the library on Broadway; floats, flatbed trailers and organizational entries should assemble on Eighth Street.

The Goodland high school Marching band will lead the parade along with a color guard and members of the Goodland Police and Sherman County Sheriff's departments.

Parade entries include the Homecoming king and queen candidates, the Goodland High sports teams,

## Chamber to serve hotdogs before parade on Thursday

The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce will be serving hotdogs, chips and drinks from 4:30 to 6 p.m. Thursday at 11th and

Main Streets before the beginning of the Goodland High School Homecoming Parade.

senior parents, cheerleaders and the Black and Gold Booster Club. Also marching in the parade the Class of 1962 from Goodland, Edson and Kanorado.

All other entries are welcome in the parade in addition to student and faculty entries. The Sherman County High School Alumni Association, which sponsors the parade, is giving away \$50 to each student organization in the parade.

Once the parade is finished, the students will have the annual pep rally and bonfire at Cowboy Stadium. The rally will feature skits by

senior parents and senior football team members, routines from the cheerleaders, music from the high school band and the annual presentation from the Jumpin' Juniors.

Since Friday's homecoming game is against Ulysses, the Goodland students chose "Cage the Tigers" as this year's theme. The theme will be featured on the parade floats, at the pep rally and in school decorations.

The Homecoming game will kick off at 6:30 p.m. Friday at Cowboy Stadium.

## City commission still in discussions over water project

By Kevin Bottrell

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Despite voting down a proposal for a private audit of Goodland's utility system, the city commission continued to debate a possible water project at the regular meeting on Sept. 17.

Gerber said the initial discussion had begun when water department head Rich Simon had sat down with engineering firm EBH and drew up a line replacement project for 57 blocks and \$3.2 million.

Gerber said the city has about \$36,000 in reserves, some of which could be used for water meter replacement, but meters are expensive and the water fund owes money to several other city funds that it borrowed for the water treatment plant project.

Commissioner Gary Farris asked what the city employees thought should be done.

Shauna Johnson, utility billing clerk, said she thought the city should have gone with the audit of the utility system proposed by Johnson Controls, which was voted down earlier in

September. Under that proposal, the company would have fixed and replaced meters, looked at building efficiency and billing and done a leak detection study.

"Why wouldn't we do that instead of guessing?" she asked.

Simon said the city already knows where some leaks are, mainly on Sherman and Kansas Avenues, but there could be lots more.

Commissioner Bill Finley asked if the city could do an internal audit. Simon said the city doesn't have the leak detection equipment

necessary.

Finley asked if there were other companies that can do studies similar to Johnson Controls. Gerber said there are about 10 such companies that are licensed to operate in Kansas, and the city is pursuing some of those angles.

Finley went on to say that he didn't think this was the time for a major project, and that we has not comfortable embarking on one

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## Flatlanders kicks off this Friday

The 2012 Flatlander Festival is just around the corner, with the first event starting Friday and the main attractions on Saturday and Sunday.

The festival will open with stock car races at 5:30 p.m. Friday at the Sherman County Speedway.

On Saturday morning, things will start with booth vendor setup from 6:30 to 9:45 a.m. Also at 6:30 a.m. will be the 5K race registration at Eighth and Main Streets. The race itself will begin at 7:30 a.m.

The car show will begin at 8 a.m. at 13th and Main Streets, outside Central Elementary School. The Bike Show will begin at 9 a.m. at Ninth and Main Streets, outside the Veterans of Foreign Wars post. One attraction at this year's show is the Army National Guard Patriot Bike, a custom-built motorcycle put together by Orange County Choppers, a New York shop famous for their television show "American Choppers." The Bike Show games will be from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. in the Bankwest parking lot.

The Street Festival – which includes crafts, games, food and other vendors – will run from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Main Street between the two shows. Events going on during the festival include the Scruffy Dog Contest at 11 a.m. at the grandstands at 12th and Main; a performance by award-winning singer Lulu LaFever at noon at the grandstands; a motorcycle driving skills demonstration at noon in the Bankwest parking lot; buffalo patty bingo at 3 p.m. in front of The Buffalo Guys at 114 W. 12th Street; a beer garden in the parking lot of The Basement on 17th Street; and live open-mic music from 1 to 4 p.m. at the grandstands.

More stock car races will be held at 5:30 p.m. at the Sherman County Speedway. The day will end with a car and motorcycle parade up Main Street at 8 p.m.

On Sunday, the Bike Show will continue at the VFW and the Car Show will continue at the Elks Lodge, both beginning at 8 a.m. From 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. will be the Picnic in the Park, a free lunch at Chambers Park. The picnic, sponsored by the Goodland Chamber of Commerce, will include live music and vendor booths.

## Western Plains Art to feature cloggers


Joel Harrison, leader of the group "Tap This" Cloggers from Nebraska, will present a lively show of dance steps on Sunday, September 30th, in the Atwood High School Auditorium at 2 p.m. (Mountain Time).

Harrison is the director of the competition teams for the Capital City Cloggers of Lincoln, Neb. He was the youngest clogging instructor ever inducted into the National Clogging and Hoedown Championship's National Clogging Hall of

Fame, and was selected director of the 2002 All Star Pro Team for the Western United States. This particular group has recently competed on the well-known reality show "America's Got Talent", and will be sure to thrill the audience.

The teams of cloggers are recognized for their high-energy precision and innovative choreography. Admission is by Western Plains Arts Association season ticket or at the door; Adults, \$20; Students kindergarten through 12, \$10.

## local markets



**10 a.m.**  
Wheat — \$8.43 bushel  
Posted county price — \$8.49  
Corn — \$7.23 bushel  
Posted county price — \$7.46  
Milo — \$6.86 bushel  
Soybeans — \$15.18 bushel  
Posted county price — \$15.55  
Millet — \$14 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$28.05 cwt.  
Confection — no bid  
Pinto beans — \$28  
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## inside today



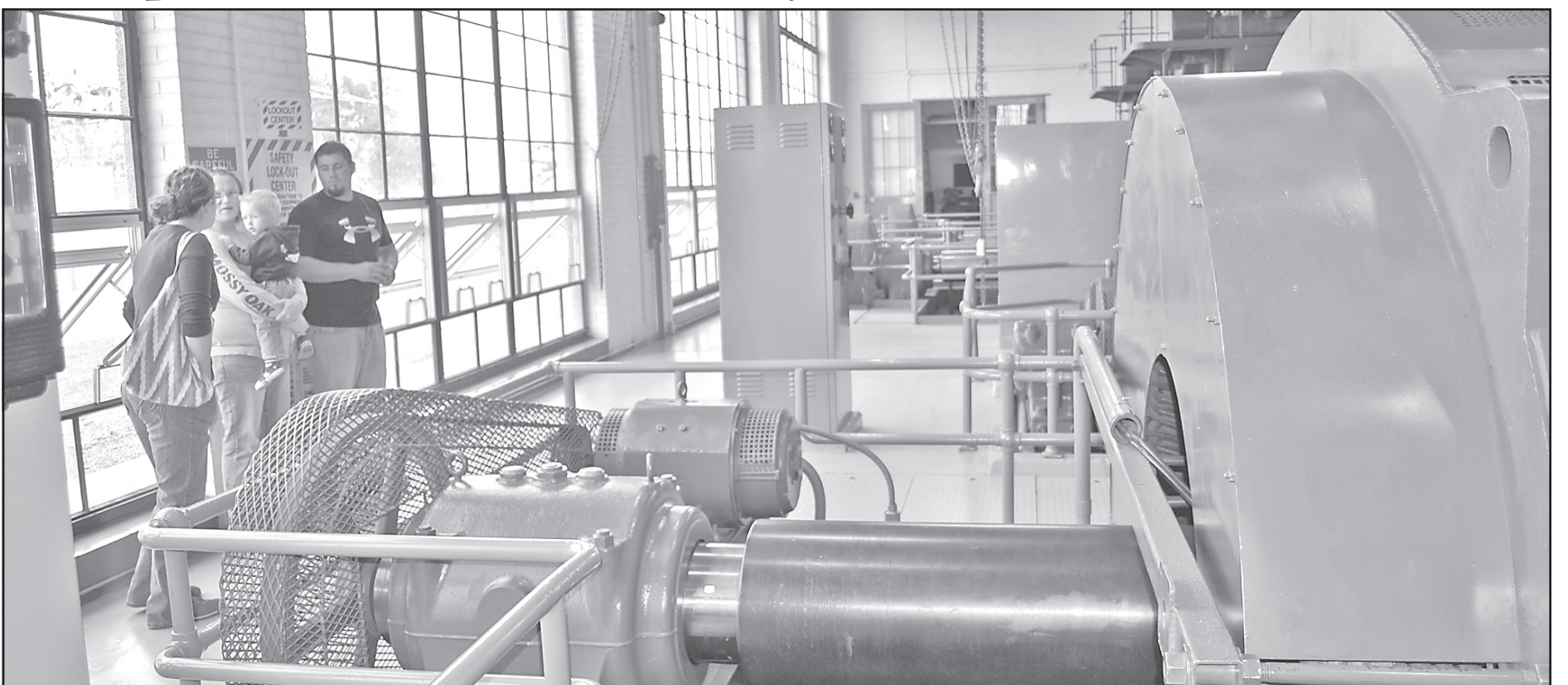
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## Junior varsity wins 20-6

The Goodland High School junior varsity football team beat Burlington 20-6 in a home game on Sept. 17.  
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## Power plant celebrates 75th birthday



Museum Director Karen Anderson spoke to visitors at the power plant open house on Saturday. The power plant was celebrating 75 years in its current building. The plant moved to its current location in 1937. Before that, it had been located on 17th Street.  
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