

## weather report



**22°**  
noon  
Thursday

### Today

• Sunset, 5:23 p.m.

### Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:38 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:24 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 31 degrees
- Humidity 71 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds north 23-29 mph
- Barometer 30.02 inches and rising
- Record High today 68° (1947)
- Record Low today -13° (2007)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	57°
Low Wednesday	27°
Precipitation	none
This month	0.41
Year to date	0.53
Below normal	0.03 inches

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 39, winds out of the west at 5 mph and a low around 21. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 51, winds southwest 5-10 mph and a low around 24.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 43 and a low around 19. Monday: Sunny with a high near 44 and a low around 21. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

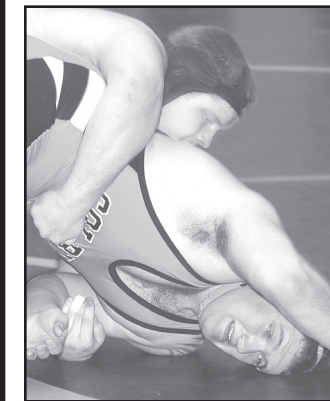
## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$10.16 bushel  
Posted county price — \$9.95  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$4.75 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.63  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Milo — \$4.50 bushel  
Soybeans — \$12.03 bushel  
Posted county price — \$12.03  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$7 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)  
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## inside today

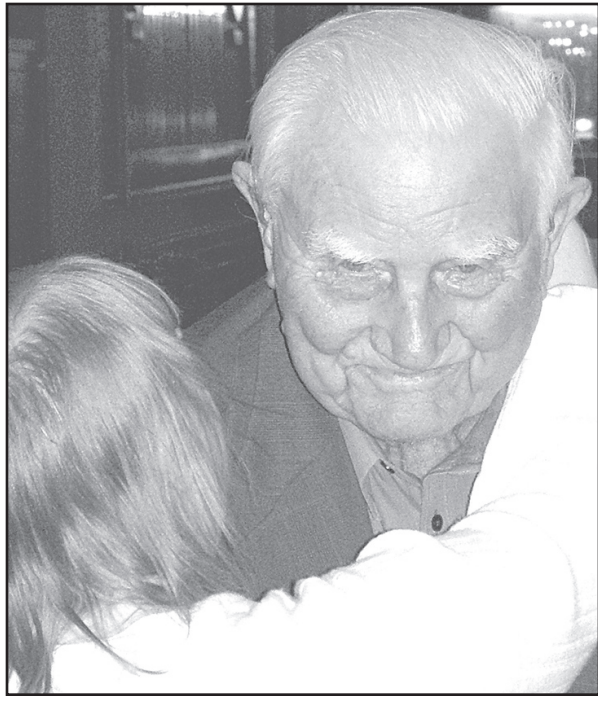
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## Cowboys win last dual

Senior Bob Doxon pinned Taylor Brown of Colby to win the heavyweight championship at the Northwest Kansas League tournament. He pinned Zach Figgs in a dual against Oakley on Friday. The Cowboys won 36-26. See photo, story on Page 10a.

# Chamber honors retired citizen



Chamber Citizen of the Year Clarence Scheopner got a special hug from his daughter Judy after he got the award at the Chamber annual banquet Saturday at the Elks Lodge.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

By Tom Betz

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About 85 people attended the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet and dance Saturday at the Elks Lodge, where Clarence Scheopner, 91, was honored as the Citizen of the Year.

Chamber Executive Director Andrea Nelson presented Scheopner with a set of Sherman County history books and a plaque.

"This award is determined by services and benefits rendered to other people," Nelson said, "that are above and beyond what is considered excellence in one's own profession, business, service or enterprise."

"The nominee should be someone whose projects have resulted in recognizable benefits to our community. The committee was certain the welfare of the community was of primary importance to this person."

After a standing ovation, Scheopner thanked the Chamber for the honor.

"I was asked to come to the banquet to represent the technical college," he said. "This is a sneaky way to do this."

Scheopner said he has been retired

for a long time, but was pleased he has been able to contribute to projects over the years.

He said he had a lot of good memories from working with Larry Keirns when he was on the board for the Northwest Kansas Technical School years before it became a college.

"He is a good person in my heart," said Scheopner's daughter Judy.

In her introduction, Nelson listed some of the things Scheopner has done over his 60 years in Goodland:

"The man receiving this year's award started Scheopner's Culligan soft water in Goodland in 1948," she said, adding that he was elected to the Sherman County School Board in 1964. He was a charter member of the Goodland Kiwanis Club, and served as president in 1970. He brought the KOA campground to Goodland in 1971.

He earned the fourth degree in the Knights of Columbus in 1977 and was chairman of the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church parish council during the 50th anniversary celebration.

Scheopner was selected a state Outstanding Leader and a Friend of Educa-

tion in 1983.

His family was selected as state Knights of Columbus family of the year, and was first runner up in the International Family of the Year competition, in 1992.

He was king of the Sherman County all-school reunion in 2001, and has served as president of the Goodland Senior Center board.

"When blessed with a child with downs syndrome, he was told she would never walk or talk," Nelson said. "Scheopner made sure she did. When she had trouble in public school, he began a new kind of school for the intellectually disabled."

"He was instrumental in starting the Prairie Development center in Atwood. Prairie Development joined with other centers to become Developmental Services of Northwest Kansas, which ... works with the Golden West Services facility in Goodland."

Scheopner has served as president of the regional agency's board, and still is a Sherman County representative on the board.

He was born Feb. 20, 1916, and married

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# Kanorado family entertains at banquet



Danny and Devin Mangus performed a duet of "House of the Rising Sun" as part of their program at the Sherman County Conservation District banquet on Monday.

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Three members of a Kanorado family entertained a crowd of more than 130 at the 64th annual Sherman County Conservation District banquet and annual meeting Monday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

Lonnie Whiteker, district board chairman, welcomed everyone and Fred Wedel, district conservationist, gave the invocation. After a dinner served by the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, board member Bill Selby introduced the Mangus Family.

Devin Mangus, 17, opening the performance with "Delilah," "Big Rock Candy Mountain," and "Help Pour Out the Rain." He was joined by sister Dani, 10, for a duet of "You Are My Sunshine, and Dani then sang "Suds in the Bucket" and "Our Song."

Their father, Danny Mangus, sang "God Bless the U.S.A." and "The Auctioneer." He then asked Devin to join him on "House of the Rising Sun."

Mother Charlene taped the performance, noting that it was probably Dani's second largest public performance.

"She has been singing since she was little," Charlene said, "but it has been about the last two years that she has sang at the 4-H barbecues, and this is her second performance."

"Dani loves to sing, and she has grown up listening to her father and brother sing and play the guitar. She is the song leader for the 4-H group, and everyone loves to hear her sing."

District Manager Sandy Rodgers presented the Friend of Conservation award to Ralph Duell, who served as a district supervisor and board member from 1959 to 1989.

Board member Dean Graber presented a third-place award from the state poster contest to Shaley Miller, and state honorable men-

tions to Dani Mangus and Cory Sampson for their limericks.

Chance Schilling of People's State Bank presented the annual Windbreak Award to Perry and Jan Lohr and the Bankers Award for general conservation to Larry Gutsch.

Board member Lynn Ihrig presented the Conservationist of the Year Award to Keith, Gina and son Todd Snethen.

Board members Dennis Shank and Selby were re-elected for three-year terms with Shank getting 52 votes and Selby 51.

Rodgers and Technician Danny Farmer presented the district poster, limerick, essay and computer technology awards:

**Posters, third and fourth grade:** first, Lindsey Geeska; second, Savannah Brighton; third, Tristan Cooper; honorable mention, Braxton Redlin and Ruby Smith.

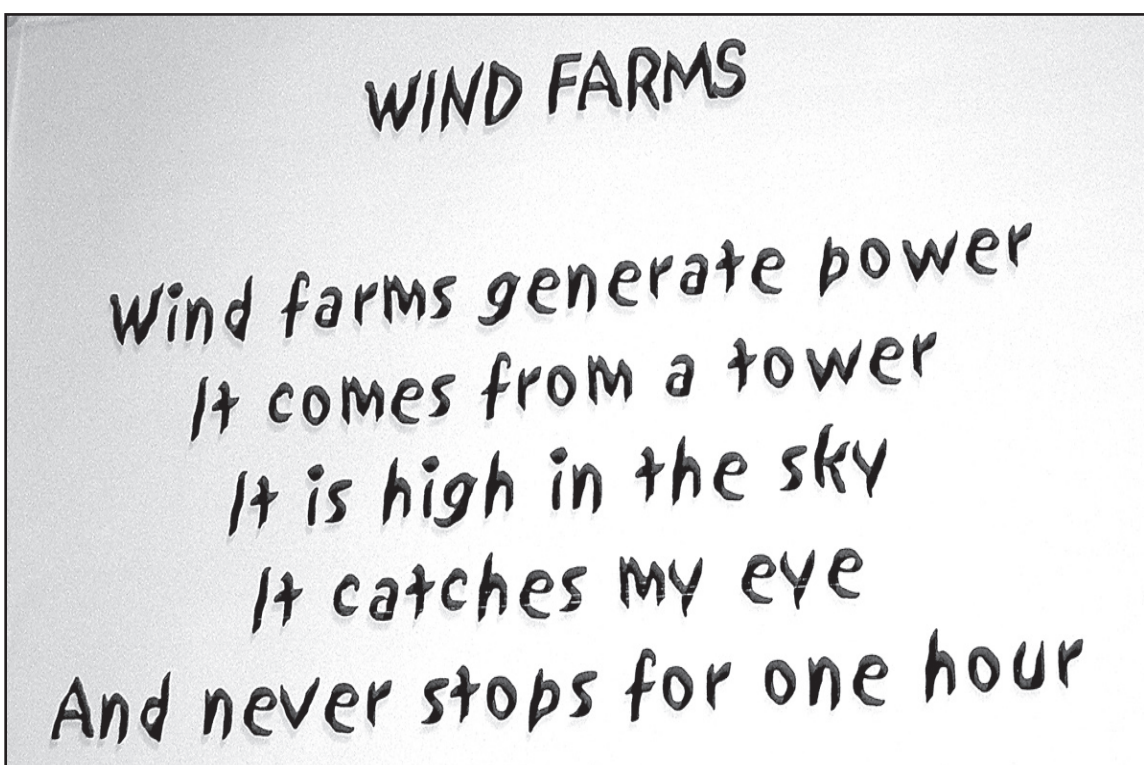
**Posters, fifth to eighth grade:** first, Nicole Sederstrom; second, Holton Witman; third, Garrett Taylor; honorable mention, Kristina Stasser and Gerell Miller.

**Limericks, third and fourth grade:** first, Mangus; second, Katie Seeger; third, Amber Chaffman; honorable mentions, Hiram Hendrich and Sophia Williams.

**Limericks, fifth to eighth grade:** first, Stasser; second, Ellie House; third, Brooke Fairchild; honorable mention, Berkley White and Gannon Ihrig.

**Essays:** first, Halie Price; second, Sederstrom; third, Sabre Yarbrough; honorable mention, Amanda McClary and Carlee Cooper.

**Computer technology:** first, Witman; second, Stasser; third, Brianna White; honorable mention, Fiona Cruz and Kolt Trachsel.



Darin Stewart, 13, was a sixth grader when he wrote a limerick entered in the Sherman County Conservation District contest on wind power. The walls of the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall were filled with the posters and limericks entered in this year's district contests for the district's 64th annual meeting Monday.

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# Visitor's board hears about bull riding program

By Sharon Corcoran

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Bulls bucking high as riders hold on tight will draw crowds to this year's Northwest Kansas District Free Fair, and the committee planning the Professional Bull Riders Association event is more than halfway past the financial hurdle of making it happen.

The Thunder on the Plains committee has raised more than half the \$36,000 they need to bring the event to Goodland during fair week in August, said member Mike Yarger. He told the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau the group has between \$18,000 and \$19,000 for the event and continues to look for support.

Yarger asked if the bureau could help pay for printing the tickets and programs. He said he would like to have help from Director

Donna Price, since she has worked with several printing companies. The bureau's board expressed interest, but no dollar amount was specified and no vote taken.

Board chair Dale Neill said if the bureau was going to supply printing and postage, it could do an "in-kind" donation, rather than cash, but Board member Lincoln Wilson, owner of the Howard Johnson Hotel, disagreed.

"I think we should put a dollar figure to it," he said.

Yarger said he needs to know how much the printing will cost first.

"I'm not trying to put a dollar figure on it," he said, "but am just trying to get my foot in the door and see what we can do."

Yarger said the event will be Wednesday, Aug. 6, during the fair, and the committee ex-

pects 3,000 people to come to Goodland for it. All participants and their families need places to stay and eat, he said; the motels, restaurants and gas stations will benefit right away.

Steve Duell is helping to sell tickets for the fair events, Yarger said, and the first day he had the bull riding on the web site, he had 20 hits to buy. It will be an Enterprise Event this year, he said, and a Challenger Event next year, but the committee and Goodland have to prove themselves as event hosts before major sponsors will help put it on.

He said the committee has already heard that one sponsor would donate \$10,000 next year if the event is successful this year and thought others would be on board as well.

It was impressive being accepted by the riders' group, he said, and once the event date is confirmed, no one else within 150 miles can

schedule one within three month here. And the bull riders will be in Guthrie, Okla., before and in Weatherford, Texas, after. Since they can gain double points at this one, he said, a lot of big-name riders will probably come to Goodland.

Seating for 3,000 won't be a problem, Yarger said; using the existing bleachers at the fairgrounds along with all the bleachers from the ballpark, the capacity is 2,500. He said the committee plans to bring in more bleachers from a company in McCook, Neb., or one in Denver to fill in the rest.

This will no doubt be a big boom for the community, said Bill Stoick, owner of the Super 8 Motel.

Yarger said the committee would get details about the costs of printing.