

**weather report**



**67°**

noon

**Thursday**

**Today**

• Sunset, 7:11 p.m.

**Saturday**

• Sunrise, 6:20 a.m.  
• Sunset, 7:09 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 64 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds calm
- Barometer 30.07 inches and falling
- Record High today 104° (1931)
- Record Low today 40° (1961)

**Last 24 Hours\***

- High Wednesday 70°
- Low Wednesday 42°
- Precipitation none
- This month none
- Year to date 13.17
- Below normal 3.35 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 62, winds out of the east at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 48. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 74, winds out of the west at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 47.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: Partly sunny with a high near 75 and a low around 50. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 74 and a low around 51. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 78 and a low around 52. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**



**Noon**

- Wheat — \$7.20 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.14
- Corn — \$5.26 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.06
- Milo — \$4.63 bushel
- Soybeans — \$11.18 bushel
- Posted county price — \$11.98
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$21.70 cwt.
- Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

**inside today**

More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News



**Cowboys open tonight**

Quarterback Kelly Pearson threw a pass under heavy pressure from other Cowboys at the Soap Scrimmage Friday. The Cowboys face Oakley at 6 p.m. tonight at Cowboys Stadium. See photo, story on Page 10.

## Gov. Palin steals show, hearts

By Tom Betz

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The Republicans officially nominated Sen. John McCain as the party nominee for president in Minneapolis on Wednesday, but Alaska Gov. Sarah Palin, the vice presidential nominee stole the show and hearts of the delegates with her speech.

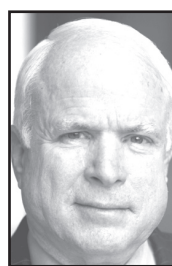
Palin followed former New York Mayor Rudy Giuliani who was one of the prime time speakers for the third day of the Republican National Convention.

When Palin appeared for her speech the crowd cheered and waved and celebrated for six minutes before she could begin speaking.

Palin, who has been Alaska governor for two years is the first woman to be a vice presidential candidate for the Republican Party. The first woman to be nominated for vice presi-



Palin



McCain

dent for a major political party was Geraldine A. Ferraro who was nominated

process of officially nominating him, but when the vote total got close to the magic 1221 votes each state passed to allow Arizona to be the state to put McCain over the top and win the nomination.

McCain was to give his acceptance speech on Thursday to wrap up the convention.

In her speech Gov. Palin talked about her experience in politics in Alaska.

"I was just your average hockey mom, and signed up for the PTA because I wanted to make my kids' public education better," she said.

"When I ran for city council, I didn't need focus groups and voter profiles because I knew those voters, and knew their families, too.

"Before I became governor of the great state of Alaska, I was mayor of my hometown.

"And since our opponents in this presi-

dential election seem to look down on that experience, let me explain to them what the job involves.

"I guess a small-town mayor is sort of like a 'community organizer,' except that you have actual responsibilities."

Speaking about her pride in being picked by McCain to be his running mate Palin brought up her family.

"Our nominee for president is a true profile in courage, and people like that are hard to come by," she said.

"He's a man who wore the uniform of this country for 22 years, and refused to break faith with those troops in Iraq who have now brought victory within sight.

"And as the mother of one of those troops, that is exactly the kind of man I want as com-

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## Administration building to get new roof

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Leaks down into the police chief's office and hail damage are reasons the city commission was considering bids to replace roofs on the city administration buildings and fire station on Monday.

The commissioners voted 4-1 to accept a bid from Weathercraft of Goodland for \$42,774 to replace all four roofs with a 15-year warranty. Mayor Rick Billinger voted against because he felt it would be better for the city to put metal roofs on the buildings.

City Manager Wayne Hill said there were two bids, and that the commission could look at replacing the roof on the main administration building or do a combined bid for all four sections of the buildings and fire station.

The bid from Roofmasters of Colby for the administration building was \$16,900, and \$61,470 for all four building roofs. Weathercraft bid \$11,494 for the administration building roof and a total of \$42,774 for all four roofs.

City Clerk Mary Volk said the city had \$40,000 in the budget and had an insurance check for \$9,000 for hail damage to the east addition to the building.

Steve Criswell, building inspector, said the staff thought it would be good if all four sections of roof could be done at the same time and be under the same warranty.

He said the roof on the administration building is leaking down into the central printing room and down into the police chief's office. He said the water has been running down into a power panel, and they have not been able to figure out where the leak is on the roof.

City Commissioner Dave Daniels said he would like to have an estimate on putting metal roofs on the building.

Criswell said he asked Darin Neufeld for an estimate on a metal roof for the administration building and he said it would be \$114,500.

Randy Topliff, owner of Weathercraft, said he would estimate the cost for metal on all four roofs would be around \$300,000. He said he did not think putting metal roofs on the buildings would look good.

Billinger said he did not care how the roofs looked, but he felt metal was a better answer and would last longer than the rubber roof being proposed.

Criswell said putting metal roofs on the



Replacing the roofs is not the only improvements being done to the city administration building. Nick Gebhardt from Dependable Glass recently fit weather stripping around one of the new windows being installed at the city administration building at 204 W. 11th. In May Dependable Glass was awarded a contract to

replace 34 windows at the administration building at a cost of \$22,550 to be installed before the end of the year. Tom Rohr, owner of Dependable Glass said they have a few of the windows installed and he has completed building all the frames.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

buildings would be a problem with drainage.

Daniels asked how long the Weathercraft roof would last.

Criswell said the administration building roof was put on back in the 1980s.

Topliff said he would expect the roof to outlast the warranty, and said that at the cost of the metal roof the city would replace the

roofs three times over a period of more than 50 years for about the same cost.

Commissioner Josh Dechant said he could appreciate the idea of putting metal roofs on the buildings, but there was not enough money in the budget and it would take more than a year to get enough money to even bid on metal roofs.

Commissioner John Garcia said he would

prefer the metal, but said that with the current economic conditions and the city budget he would go with the recommendation.

Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said she agreed it would be nice to do metal, but felt it was better to go with what the city could afford.

Daniels made the motion to go with the low bid from Weathercraft, and Fairbanks seconded. Billinger voted No, but it passed 4-1.

## Search begins for 8 Wonders

Sherman County residents know the best spots to show tourists when they visit, and what the best attractions are in the county.

The Sherman County Economic Development Council, Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau and *The Goodland Star-News* in cooperation with *The Hays Daily News* are asking people to help name the 8 Wonders of Sherman County.

We need your help to identify the best of the best.

It could be a building, museum, a house, a business, a remote place in the country or an in town hot spot, Sherman county people are the most knowledgeable about

what is the best in this county.

Voting on the 8 Wonders takes place in two phases.

In Phase 1, which begins today we are asking people to name their own top 8 list. You can fill out the form printed on Page 3 in today's *The Goodland Star-News* and return it to the office at 1205 Main or vote online at [www.8wonders/hdnews.net/sherman/](http://www.8wonders/hdnews.net/sherman/).

Voting will continue through Monday, Sept. 15.

Phase 2 will feature the top 16 sites voters have selected as finalists.

From that list you will determine the 8 Wonders of Sherman County. Once again you will be

able to vote through *The Goodland Star-News* or online through *The Hays Daily News* web site for 8 Wonders/[hdnews.net/sherman/](http://hdnews.net/sherman/).

The phase 2 voting will start on Friday, Sept. 26.

The 8 Wonders of Sherman County will be announced on Friday, Oct. 24.

This marketing effort will help show people who visit what the top eight attractions Sherman County has to offer. The development council and convention and visitors bureau will be able to use this as another tool in promoting Sherman County to visitors and those who may be looking to move here or open a business.

## City sets hearings for two unsafe homes

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Two more Goodland homes are being listed as unsafe and dangerous, and the city commission will hold hearings at 5 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20 to determine the future of the properties.

Steve Criswell, building inspector, said setting the hearings is the first step in the process. He said once the resolutions are passed the homeowners will be notified of the hearings and at the hearing they can present any plan they have for the property other than demolition.

Criswell said the two homes are at 524 W. 11th and 625 Washington. He said the one on 11th is owned

by James F. Boyles, and is vacant. He said the walls are crumbling and the floor has buckled. There is no utility service to the property he said, and there is an old dilapidated garage being propped up by two by fours.

Commissioner Josh Dechant asked if Criswell had any contact with the owner.

Criswell said he had not, but the published resolution will be sent to the owner.

"Is the owner here," Dechant said.

"He wasn't," Criswell said, "but just moved back and is living in

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