

weather report



76°

noon
Thursday

Today

Sunset, 6:37 p.m.

Saturday

Sunrise, 6:40 a.m.

Sunset, 6:35 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 67 degrees
- Humidity 49 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds southwest 9 mph
- Barometer 30.18 inches and falling
- Record High today 90° (1974)
- Record Low today 22° (1942)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	84°
Low Wednesday	59°
Precipitation	none
This month	none
Year to date	15.09
Below Normal	2.22 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high in the upper 80s, winds out of the south at 10 mph and a low in the lower 50s. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high in the lower 80s, winds out of the northeast at 10 to 15 mph, and a low in the upper 40s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorm, a high in the lower 80s and a low in the upper 40s. Monday to Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a high in the mid 70s and lows in the mid 40s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$6.69 bushel	Posted county price — \$6.80
Corn — \$5.27 bushel	Posted county price — \$5.15
Milo — \$4.59 bushel	
Soybeans — \$10.67 bushel	Posted county price — \$11.18
Millet — \$7 hundredweight	
Sunflowers	
Oil current crop — \$23.40 cwt.	Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)	(Markets by Scoular 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



Players plan next moves

Coach Jerry McKee had a heart-to-heart talk with senior Ericka Gonzales (No. 11) while Sophomore Ashley Archer (No. 5) checked the scoreboard during Goodland's home volleyball quadrangular Saturday. See story, photo on Page 12.

Flatlander weekend offers variety

By Sharon Corcoran

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The Flatlander Talent Contest Saturday will feature the return of popular winners from last year, along with some fresh faces. The winners will perform at Sunday afternoon's Picnic in the Park along with the Goodland High School X-Pressos and the Barbershop Connection.

The talent contest will be from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday on 11th street, just east of Main, and the picnic will be from 11 a.m. until 4 p.m. Sunday at Chambers Park. Free hot dogs, hamburgers, Lincoln Wilson's Famous Baked Beans and cokes will be served from 11 a.m.

until they run out. Entertainment will be from noon to 4 p.m. There is no charge for the event.

The Oharah brothers, Tanner and Riley, who won in the teen category last year, will team up with third-place winner Kade Sheldon to compete as J-Factor. They will perform the original "Temptation Man," "Red Letter" by D.C. Talk and "Carry On My Wayward Son" by Kansas.

They face competition from three newcomers to the event, Jessica Klemm singing "Hero" by Mariah Carey, Jessica with her sister Emily Klemm singing "Because of You," the Reba McEntire and Kelly Clarkson arrangement, and Jordan

Knitig singing "Twisted" by Carrie Underwood.

Kicking off the talent contest will be last year's winner in the pre-teen division, Demi Mitchek, singing with Braelyn Hoelting. The girls take their inspiration from the recent movie "Mama Mia," singing Abba tunes "Mama Mia" and "Dancing Queen."

They will be followed by Annika Linin tap dancing to "Play Time" and Sophia Williams singing "Our Song."

Jacob Ries will perform Christian rock in the adult category with two untitled numbers and one called "Undignified."

2008 Flatlander Schedule

Friday, Sept. 26	Garden
10:00 a.m. — 18 Hole Golf Tournament (Sugar Hills Golf Club)	11 a.m. — 12:00 p.m. — Scruffy Dog Contest (On the Grandstand)
6:30 p.m. — Stock Car Races (Sherman County Speedway)	12 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. — Talent Contest / Live Music on the Grand Stand
Saturday, Sept. 27	4:30 p.m. — Stock Car Races (Sherman County Speedway)
(Main Street, Goodland)	Sunday, Sept. 28
10 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. — Street Festival (Vendors, Food, and Games)	11 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. — Picnic in the Park (Chambers Park)
10 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. — Brick Top Cruisers Car Club Show and Rod Run	12 p.m. — 4:00 p.m. — Live Music and Vendors (Chambers Park)
10 a.m. — 3:30 p.m. — Northwest Kansas Bike Show	Many more events throughout the weekend!
10 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. — Beer	

New class builds team work

Part of the first session for the new class of Leadership Sherman County was the ropes course at North Elementary School on Wednesday afternoon. The ropes course is part of a team building process which also included a True Colors course held at the 4-H building at the county fairgrounds.

Sessions continue for the next seven months on a Wednesday with topics including agriculture, community media outlets, school district, hospital and health care, city and county government and a trip to Topeka to witness state government in action.

The members of the new class are Nicole Roeder of Frontier Ag, Brittny Heiter of Brittny's Photography and In the Can, Rodney A. Nelson of National Weather Service, Oura Grrett of Northwest Kansas Technical College, Craig Boggio of First National Bank, Craig Sloan of Bankwest, Bailey Evans of First National Bank, Mary Ellen Coumerilh of Word of Life Church and John Coumerilh of Word of Life Church.

The co-chairs for this twelfth class are Doug Sederstrom of Goodland Energy Center and Kristi Franz of Frontier Ag.



Photo by Pat Schiefen
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Top 16 wonders picked, voting starts

The votes are in for the first phase of naming the Eight Wonders of Sherman County, and the list of the top 16 is in today's *The Goodland Star-News* for people to start voting on the top eight.

People vote by filling out the ballot in today's *Star-News* or by going on-line to *The Hays Daily News* web site at 8wonders/hdnews.net/sherman/.

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.

In Phase 1, people named their own top 8 list. From that list the top 16 were nominated for the second phase in which voters will decide on the top Eight Wonders.

The votes that were turned in at the Star-News office were com-

bined with those who voted on-line, and when tallied, the top 16 were determined.

The top 16 (not in vote order) included: High Plains Museum (America's first patented helicopter), Sugar Hills Golf Club, Northwest Kansas Technical College, Van Gogh painting, Kidder Massacre site, Ennis-Handy House, Carnegie Arts Center, Antique Warehouse (B.E. Bridges Wholesale Grocery), Max Jones Fieldhouse, Kuhrt Prairie Castle Ranch, Smoky Gardens, Goodland Historic Brick Streets, Steever Water Park, Dr. A. C. Gulick's house, Crazy R's Bar and Grill and the Vault Creamery.

From the list you will determine the Eight 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: 8Wonders/hdnews.net/sherman/.

Phase two voting starts today, and will be open through Monday, Oct. 6.

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

This marketing effort will produce a special brochure showing people 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.

Be sure to vote

New member picked for board

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board had interviews of the four people who applied for the vacant seat of LeAnn Friedrichs who resigned because she had moved to St. Francis.

The four people who expressed an interest in serving on the board were Pat Bostwick, Mike Cochran, Gary Slough and Rob Tomsic. After the dust cleared the board selected Slough to finish Friedrich's term.

When a board member resigns, the board puts out a notice for people who are interested to submit a letter of interest. The seat will go through the election process in the spring of 2009. Also up for re-election will be Amy Sederstrom and Dick Short. Board President Chuck Wilkens reminded everyone that the deadline for filing for the April election is Tuesday, Jan. 27.

The board interviews each in-

terested person and then appoints one. The board had the people draw for the order in which they were interviewed.

The board gave each a short time to give a statement and had 10 questions to ask each of them. They were 1) What the two greatest challenges for the school district, 2) What is the responsibility of a school board member, 3) Who has the ultimate responsibility to make sure that kids get an education, 4) What should be done to retain and attract the best employees for the district, 5) Should the board have say in the day to day operations of the district, 6) What role does the board have in improving curriculum, 7) How much influence should the board have on the budget, 8) What will the district look like in five years, 10 years and 15 years, 9) If selected how would you improve your skills

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