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weather report

49°
noon
Monday



Today

• Sunset, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:01 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:31 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 53 degrees
• Humidity 83 percent
• Sky cloudy
• Winds southwest 10 mph
• Barometer 30.11 inches
and steady
• Record High today 89° (1962)
• Record Low today 20° (1953)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 64°
Low Sunday 36°
Precipitation none
This month 1.30
Year to date 3.83
Above normal 1.01 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 9 a.m., a high near 66, winds out of the south southeast at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 44. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with patchy fog before noon, a high near 63, winds out of east at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 47.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 69 and a low around 44. Friday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and a high near 65. (National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.86 bushel
Posted county price — \$4
Corn — \$2.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.37
Milo — \$2.71 bushel
Soybeans — \$8.79 bushel
Posted county price — \$9.07
Millet — \$5 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$15.255 cwt.
Confection — \$28/\$15 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

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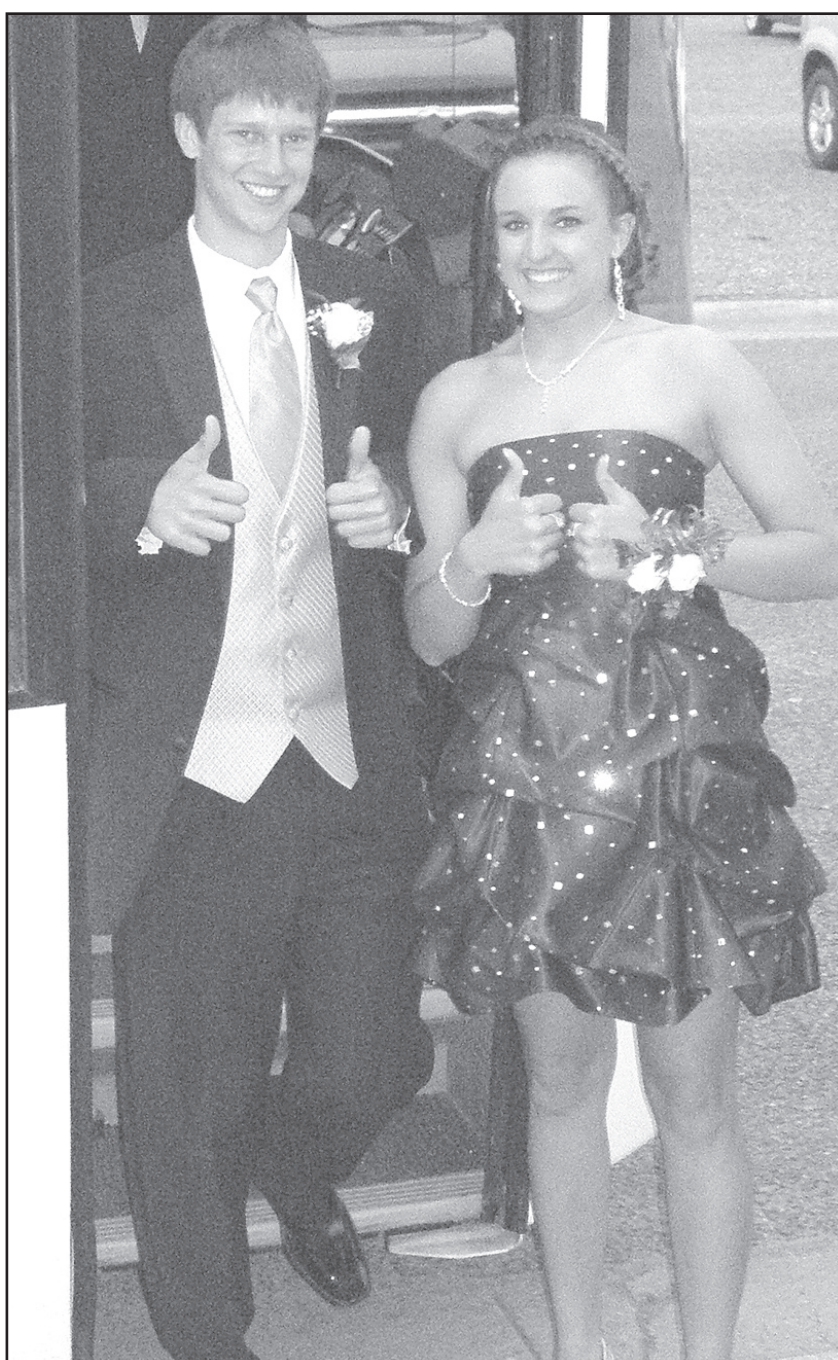


Cowboys win two

Cowboy pitcher Ryan Hillmer throws a strike in the first inning of the second game against the Burlington Cougars on Saturday. The Cougars won both games 8-2 and 11-9. See story, photos on Page 8.



Goodland annual promenade shows off prom attendees



The annual Goodland Promenade brought a good crowd to Max Jones Fieldhouse Saturday evening (above) to allow family and friends to see the couples and those attending the prom. The line of couples paraded individually and then took a second trip to give the audience a good look and chances to take photos. The prom attendees were brought from the Elks Club by bus and the couples were excited like Brock Wilkens and Ashley Archer (left). Each couple wanted to be special for those who had come, and Lorenzo Delgado picked up his date Brandi Bahe and carried her off the special Hollywood backdrop set up for the event.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



Bonds best way to pay for road chip seal

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Old U.S. 24 that stretches across Sherman County was repaved about five years ago, and the county is looking for about \$600,000 to help pay for the chip sealing of the road this year.

Kevin Cowan from Gilmore and Bell of Wichita, county financial advisor, was at the meeting to talk about options the county might have to deal with the short term project and what could be done in the long term.

The commissioners are looking at issuing general obligation bonds to pay for the chip sealing, and asked what other options they might have.

One question asked was if the county could extend the existing one percent sales tax that is paying for the \$12 million city and county road projects.

Cowan said he had been looking at the options, and felt the county has some long term options to ask the voters to extend the sales tax to help pay for the maintenance of the paved roads.

Thomas said that was important because when the people voted for the road projects and sales tax a lot of them told him they wanted the

county to maintain those roads.

Cowan said the county could use a portion of the sales tax money if the income was higher than what was needed to pay the bonds off. He

Someone needed to care for garden

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County commissioners heard Monday about more problems at the 17th Street building, and are looking for someone to help mow the lawn and possibly help with the flower garden on the corner at Broadway.

William McKnight, grounds supervisor told the commissioners the roof has been fixed, but there is a leak inside the wall of the garage area.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said he had gone with William to look at the leaks.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said she felt like going home. "I don't want to hear about more problems with that building," she said.

McKnight said the water is leaking down the inside wall and that is why there is chipping paint.

"Before you go any further," Strnad said, "I'm going to vote no. I think we ought to send the bill to the economic development people who accepted this building."

McKnight said he had Joe Ginn up looking at the problem and that the pieces are peeling off and coming off in big chunks.

The rest of the roof did not leak, he said, but had

rain and snow and the rain was running down into the garage. It is on the outside part and leaking into the ceiling part of the garage.

Thomas said Marilyn Bohl has said she would like to rent more of the building. He said she had said she would have the work done, and wanted to know if she could rent the rest of that area.

Strnad asked if she decided to move out the county would have to pay her for any improvements?

A question was asked about the stuff being stored by the original building owner, and if the two years under the agreement was about up.

McKnight said he was told the original building owner was not going to move what he has in storage.

Thomas suggested the county look at a storage rental rate for the space.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby suggested they look at the original agreement first.

McKnight said he thought the time was up in October.

He said a question was raised about the flower

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bonds that are to pay off in about 14 years.

He said the present commissioners could give future commissioners an option by taking the sales tax question to the voters to extend the sales tax for continued maintenance of the roads.

Thomas said that could be done with about a quarter-percent rather than the full one percent.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said the problem the county will face is having to do the chip seal again in another five years and in 10 years.

Cowan said the county has special authority for 2.25 percent of sales tax, and any addition on that would take legislative approval. He said the county could probably get that as this is not the highest tax level in the state.

The problem is this would take time and probably not be possible before the next session and then a ballot by the voters.

He said this might work for the long term project, but not for the current one.

He said it is generally a good time to be borrowing money with the low interest rates. He said it anybody's

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