

## weather report

**53°**  
noon  
Thursday



### Today

Sunset, 7:32 p.m.

### Saturday

Sunrise, 5:54 a.m.  
Sunset, 7:33 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 47 degrees
- Humidity 56 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds southwest 16-24 mph
- Barometer 29.90 inches and falling
- Record High today 96° (1989)
- Record Low today 22° (1982)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	54°
Low Wednesday	35°
Precipitation	0.01
This month	0.72
Year to date	2.34
Below normal	0.58 inches

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 67, winds out of the northwest at 15 to 40 mph and a low around 30. Saturday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers at night, a high near 55 and a low around 36.

### Extended Forecast

Easter Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers, a high near 60 and a low around 40. Monday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers or thunderstorms, a high near 59 and a low around 38.  
(National Weather Service)  
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## local markets

### Noon

- Wheat — \$8.01 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.91
- Corn — \$6.56 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.11
- Milo — \$6.43 bushel
- Soybeans — \$12.36 bushel
- Posted county price — \$12.62
- Millet — \$5 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$31.40 cwt.
- Confection — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$18 (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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## Cowgirls split games

Cowgirls pitcher Ashley Archer takes her turn at bat in the first game on Monday against the Colby Lady Eagles. The Cowgirls won the first game 2-1, but lost the second 11-0. See photos on Page 11.

# Mobile app program approved

Northwest Tech will offer a Mobile Application and Entertainment Development program beginning in August with approval Wednesday by the Kansas Board of Regents.

The Kansas Board of Regents approved the state of the art two-year program after a lengthy review and presentations by Northwest Tech staff.

The impetus for the program came as Northwest Tech began handing every student and faculty member Apple iPads in August, and has been the first technical college in the country to go wireless. Over the year Ben Coumerilh, director of technology, and Dr. Ed Mills, college president have been looking for way to make Northwest Tech stand out as a unique educational opportunity.

The college has had great support from Apple and other computer companies from California who have encouraged the Northwest Tech staff to find ways to expand the use of the iPads and are helping with the develop-

ment of the mobile application program.

Business Week identified App Development as the fastest growing profession with average starting wages ranging from \$60,000 to \$100,000. Graduates of the program will have opportunities to work remotely for companies around the globe as well as in positions with local companies.

The advisory board for the Northwest Tech program consists of representatives from Apple, Inc., Sparrow Development, Quark Studios, New Age Wireless and H2O Church TV.

"Mobile Application and Entertainment Development will be the very first complete two year program for app development in the nation," an Apple representative said.

There will be a nine-month certificate option or a two-year associate degree option available for this program, Coumerilh said.

Apple is planning to do a documentary on Northwest Tech and the use of the iPads with

a film crew expected to be in Goodland in May. The college has been working with a number of people in the community to explore ways to expand and incorporate the iPad and other application programs into the business community.

Coumerilh and Diane Stiles, vice president of student affairs, approached the Sherman County Commissioners recently about a possible plan to use the Telephone building at 10th and Main Ave. as classrooms and a small business incubator to support the mobile app program. The college is applying for federal grant money to help renovate and upgrade the telephone building to include an elevator and adequate restrooms.

The county commissioners said they would be willing to donate the building if the college gets the grant money.

"In the Mobile App program, students will learn how to develop apps in the rapidly expanding iPhone and iPad market," said Jeff

Wolski, mobile app development instructor. "The iOS architecture is one of the fastest growing technology opportunities in modern history."

"Northwest Tech's Mobile App and Entertainment Development program will enable students to create apps and games for the iPhone, iPod Touch, and iPad and to build cross-platform, mobile web-apps to run on nearly any modern smart-phone platform including iPhone, Android, Blackberry, Windows Mobile, Symbian and more."

Northwest Tech will take up to 60 students on campus, plus additional online students for the Mobile App and Entertainment Development program.

For more information, or to enroll, visit [www.nwktc.edu](http://www.nwktc.edu),

or contact: Jeff Wolski, M.S.Ed. Mobile App and Entertainment Development Instructor, Northwest Kansas Technical College (785) 890-1541 [jeff.wolski@nwktc.edu](mailto:jeff.wolski@nwktc.edu).

# College endowment 'Prom' event meets goal

"Prom: Past or Present" on Saturday for the Northwest Technical College Endowment Association grossed more than \$34,000 for the college programs.

The dinner and dance was held at the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars with W&W Catering providing the meal and the Blue Healers were the entertainment for the event. Those attending had the opportunity to participate in both live and silent auctions.

Special guest Michael Solomon, the Sherman County Economic Development Director, was Master of Ceremonies for the evening providing the guests with Trivia Entertainment and handing out prizes for those able to answer the questions.

Bill Finley, Northwest Tech vice president of Student Services, entertained guests with opportunities to play games such as Reverse Bingo, Heads or Tails, and a Hula Hoop Contest.

Northwest Tech Cosmetology department provided a salon and spa experience for guests the morning of the event, with proceeds going to the department.

Finley said the event grossed more than \$34,000, and said it was one of the most successful events he knew of in the history of the college. Finley said the Endowment Association's goal had been \$30,000, and he felt after the expenses the total would be a bit over \$30,000.

"Thank you, once again, to those of you who contributed so much to this effort," said Dr. Ed Mills, college president. "It couldn't have happened without your support. The outcome is students coming to campus will have access to scholarships that would not have been available to them otherwise, and of course, our students are what we are about."

The evening was a huge success, Finley said, with support from businesses in the community, Northwest Tech supporters, faculty and staff.

Photographs of the evening, taken by Tony Pacelli Northwest Tech computer graphics student, will be posted on the Northwest Tech Facebook page.



The live auction at the Northwest Tech 'Prom' event included some large pieces of art (top photo) and a tool shed. The live auction went well as did the many items in the silent auction. Special games helped entertain the crowd and in the hula hoop contest Bill Finley (in background of left photo) held up his hand to get the crowd's applause for the effort of Chris Dorn or Alan Townsend, who did not come out the winner.

Photos by Tony Pacelli and Sheila Smith  
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# Goodland commission elects new mayor

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Two new faces joined the city commission on Monday, and a new face was elected as mayor for the next two years.

The meeting opened with commissioners Kevin Rasure and Dave Daniels sitting in for the last time and City Clerk Mary Volk swore in Chris Zimmerman and Annette Fairbanks. Newly elected Commissioner Bill Finley arrived a few minutes later and was sworn in by Volk.

Commissioner Josh Dechant opened the meeting and thanked Daniels for his eight years on the commission and presented him with a special plaque before the new commissioners were sworn

in and Daniels took a seat in the audience.

Commissioner John Garcia joined Dechant in thanking Daniels for his service and contributions to the community.

The next item of business was election of mayor and Dechant said he had enjoyed being mayor for the past two years.

"I feel it is a great honor," he said, "and I feel it is time to pass that on and I nominate John Garcia."

Fairbanks seconded the nomination and Garcia was elected unanimously 4-0 (Finley has not arrived at this point.)

Garcia was sworn in as Mayor by Volk.

"I appreciate the work Josh has done and the leadership he has

displayed," Garcia said. "I am honored to be mayor and know it takes good leader willing to listen help the community continue moving forward."

Garcia said he felt Fairbanks has done a good job for the past few months as the vice-mayor and nominated her to continue in the position. Zimmerman seconded the motion and the vote was 4-0.

Volk swore in Fairbanks as vice-mayor. A few minutes later Finley arrived and Volk swore him in. Finley apologized for being late, but said he had an emergency at the college that delayed him.

City Manager Doug Gerber introduced Dale Fenner as the employee of the quarter.

"We have good city employees," Gerber said, "and we need to be our

own best advocate. We had several strong nominees, and Dale won in a close vote. He was nominated by Police Chief Ray Smee for Dale's help in moving central dispatch, and went above and beyond in helping get that project going and being successful."

Fenner was presented with a plaque and said, "Thank you."

Gerber said, under the manager's report, interviews are being done for museum director with two done on Monday and five more this week. He said the plan is to be able to make an offer for a new museum director by the end of the week.

He said a special reception will be held from 2 to 3:30 p.m. on Thursday at High Plains Museum to thank Linda Holton for her more than 20 years of service to the city and museum.

A special town hall meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday at the Goodland Public Library with Congressman Tim Huelskamp, Gerber said.

A special Internet film crew was in town on Monday, Gerber said, to document some of the city efforts in the Take Charge Challenge program. He said Amy Thorson and Shauna Johnson have been doing a great job on this and are very passionate about helping save energy and the city winning the \$100,000 for an energy saving project.

Rich Simon, public works director, reported the water project is waiting on a line to be hooked up, and said a meter has to be installed. He said the plan is to get that done and possibly be able to get back to