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weather report

49°

noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 5:54 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:55 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:55 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 44 degrees
- Humidity 41 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds northwest 26-33 mph
- Barometer 30.12 inches and rising

- Record High today 80° (1994)
- Record Low today 7° (1928)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	57°
Low Sunday	29°
Precipitation	none
This month	.29
Year to date	1.37

The Topside Forecast

Today: partly cloudy and breezy, high near 62, low near 27, winds north 14-33 mph. Wednesday: partly cloudy, high around 65, low around 32, winds west northwest 5-8 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly sunny, high near 66, low around 33. Friday: partly cloudy, high near 71, low near 37. Saturday: mostly sunny, high near 72, low around 36.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.43 bushel
New crop — \$3.42 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.48
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.89 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.77
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$2.71 bushel
Soybeans — \$9.26 bushel
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$12.15 cwt.
NuSun — \$12.40 cwt.
Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt.
Pinto beans — Withdrawn
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Kansas Kids into stretch

John Peden (on the left in the photo) tried to get his opponent down on the mat in a 67-pound match at WaKeeney on Saturday. Peden won by a 4-2 decision. See photos of Kansas Kids wrestlers on Page 11.



Boxtops bring fun reward

Second-grade teacher Kara Smith (above left) took a taste of one of the pies her class threw at her Friday afternoon. Aide Dana Murray (above right) gave some constructive criticism as her students gathered around to admire their handiwork. Principal Jerry Burkett (left) volunteered as a target for all the school's students after they surpassed their goal of collecting 10,000 in the General Mills Boxtops for Education program more than two weeks ahead of schedule.

Photos by Greg Stover
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Seventh Sherman County leadership class show photos

By Tom Betz

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A crowd of about 50 people squeezed into the Grain Bin room at the Hank's Restaurant on Wednesday for the graduation for the seventh class of Leadership Sherman County.

The room has been re-modeled and is to open as the new bar at Hank's, and the graduation was to be the final dinner party in the room, which was the banquet room when the restaurant was Ray's Cafe.

The 10 members of the class received graduation certificates as the seventh group to complete the six-month course, which bring people together to learn about the workings of the county, city, hospital, schools, business, news media and agriculture of the county.

Ron Wilson, cowboy poet, director of the Huck Boyd National Institute for Rural Development and chairman of the Kansas Leadership Forum, spoke to the class about "lessons from a roads scholar."

"Many of you know that Kansas State University is top in the country for the number of Rhoads Scholars," Wilson said. "I am a gravel road scholar, and want to talk to you about some of the lessons from the highways and byways of life."

Wilson shared five lessons he had learned from the gravel roads:

- Do your chores: We grew up learning there were chores to be done, and today there are chores to be done in our communities. Volun-

teering is important; there are too many chores and not enough people.

"Huck Boyd's legacy is service to rural Kansas," Wilson said of the

late Phillipsburg newspaper publisher and Republican activist. "We need you to step into the leadership in your community and do the chores."

- Help your partner: Help your neighbor. We grew up in a world where we went out of our way to help our neighbors. We

must work in a larger area, be it, county or region, to achieve critical mass. In today's world, we must see the larger picture and reach beyond our community to make things happen.

- Ride for the brand: Loyalty and commitment to our countywide brand. Think about the things we say about our community, and be positive whenever possible. It is by our loyalty that people outside the community will hear the good things about where we live.

- Aim for the horizon: We know that to make a straight furrow, you can't watch the tractor, the tires or the plow. You must look to the horizon and pick out a goal. This is true for our future as we must set out a goal to achieve. We need to have a distant destination so we don't get lost in the gullies.
- You reap what you sew: The rewards and benefits from your service are multiplied back to you. A positive attitude will be fed back to you.

"There was a farm with a sign that



Ron Wilson



Rhonda Sieck, Dave Daniels and Kim Bohme of the Sherman County Economic Development Council spent some time after a meeting at noon on Wednesday looking at the photos Leadership Sherman County class members took around the area.

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said, 'Wish me what you will. I wish you twice as much,'" Wilson said.

"I live on a gravel road east of Manhattan, and we thought we were really uptown when the county put in a road sign at our corner. Then one day when I was driving home, I noticed the sign was leaning, and I thought the county should get a crew

out and fix it.

"I didn't call anyone because it was too late, and the next morning when I went to work, I saw it again. I thought the county should get out and fix it, but I didn't call because I was on my way to work."

"This went on for several days, and I thought about that sign every

time I saw it. Finally one afternoon as I turned the corner and saw the sign, I stopped my truck. I got out, walked over and straightened up the sign.

"I realized the county did not need to bring out a crew. All it took was for me to make time to take responsibility.

"We need to think about ways to take time to extend a helping hand. Its ours to solve, whatever it is."

Kristyn Armatys and Becky Schulte were selected from the class to be members of the Leadership Sherman County board next year. They spoke about the things they had learned during the last six months.

Armatys said she was impressed with the cooperation from the businesses and places they went each month. Schulte said she had enjoyed the time, and had developed a motto: "What happens in leadership stays in leadership." There was some laughter from the class members, something about a finger getting caught in a bathroom stall door in Topeka.

Deedi Hoss and Lori Leonard, the co-chairs for the class, handed out graduation certificates to the members:

Armatys, Cliff Leach and Dwane Timm from the First National Bank; Karen Gillihan, children's librarian; Toni Hoss, beauty shop owner; Amity Ihrig, early childhood development specialist with the Northwest Kansas Educational Service Center; Shelly Thompson, Bankwest; Mary Volk, city clerk; Schulte, Mueller Grain; and Carol Jolly, a private vocal music teacher.