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**weather report**  
**34°**  
**noon Monday**

**Today**  
 • Sunset, 5:52 p.m.  
**Wednesday**  
 • Sunrise, 5:57 a.m.  
 • Sunset, 5:53 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**  
 • Soil temperature 36 degrees  
 • Humidity 45 percent  
 • Sky cloudy  
 • Winds north 10 mph.  
 • Barometer 30.14 inches and rising  
 • Record High today 82° (1935)  
 • Record Low today 5° (1952)

**Last 24 Hours\***  
 High Sunday 43°  
 Low Sunday 19°  
 Precipitation .08  
 This month .08  
 Year to date .42  
 Normal 1.35

**The Topside Forecast**  
 Today: Cloudy, becoming partly sunny, high near 41, low near 19, winds west southwest 8-13 mph.  
 Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high near 48, low around 26, winds west southwest 9-13 mph.

**Extended Forecast**  
 Thursday: Mostly cloudy, high near 48, low around 27. Friday: Cloudy with a chance of rain or snow, high near 41, low near 20. (National Weather Service)  
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
 \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**  
 Wheat — \$3.28 bushel  
 Posted county price — \$3.38  
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
 Corn — \$1.94 bushel  
 Posted county price — \$2.02  
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
 Milo — \$1.66 bushel  
 Soybeans — \$5.86 bushel  
 Posted county price — \$6.01  
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
 Millet — \$5.25 hundredweight  
 Sunflowers  
 Oil current crop — \$11.35 cwt.  
 NuSun — \$11.45 cwt.  
 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
 Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.  
 Pinto beans — \$25  
 (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 honor friend

Tray Klinge held up a sign in memory of his brother Michael as he, their mother Peggy and Michael's friends Brett Bahe and Allan Normandin led a parade of wrestlers onto the main floor of Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday. See photo on Page 12a.



## Scouts serve up chili

Boy Scout Steven Buller (above) enjoyed a break with a drink and a bowl of chili Saturday at the Boy Scout Chili Feed at the Methodist Church fellowship hall. Dan Krayca, a Scout volunteer, (left) served up bowls of the hot stuff that went to the visitors. Jonathan McClung (below) not only served up chili, vegetable soup, drinks and dessert, but spent time visiting with a guest, John Park Winkler.

Photos by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News



# Future leaders learn ropes in civics course

By Kathryn Burke

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A trip to Topeka, a visit to the sewer plant, a "ropes" course and other activities brought a hodgepodge of future leaders together in this year's class of Leadership Sherman County.

The class came to an end Wednesday night with a graduation ceremony after dinner and socializing at the Sugar Hills Golf Club. The event featured a talk by David Darling, a community development specialist for Kansas State University, on the steps to success.

Members of the eighth class included Mark Gillming, First National Bank; Penny Nemechek, the Sherman County grant writer; Joshua Dechant, Bankwest; Dan Rasure, Rasure Do-It Center; Brooke Draper, First National Bank; Jay Jolly, Goodland Regional Medical Center; Sherri Knitig, Northwest Kansas Technical College; Tina Goodwin, director of the Carnegie Arts Center; and Mindy Greene, a social worker with Hospice Inc.



Gillming



Nemechek



Draper



Jolly



Greene



Dechant



Rasure



Knitig



Goodwin

The class met for seven day-long sessions that covered important issues in Sherman County, including education, media, agriculture, economic development, city and county government, law enforcement and state government, which involved a trip to Topeka.

Although each had a different experience, all nine class members had things they liked best about the leadership program.

"I liked learning about the community and what we have to offer," said Knitig.

Learning leadership, she said,

will help her take the initiative to get more involved in the community.

"I thought it was an excellent class," said Dechant, who is already taking the lessons he

learned in the class and applying them by running for a seat on the Goodland City Commission.

He said he was already considering a stepped-up leadership role, but the class solidified his decision. He said the classes showed him things in Goodland that need to be changed.

"I learned a lot of things that I probably wouldn't have known," he said adding he is more familiar with the issues facing the town.

Stepping up to become a leader was emphasized, he said, when the group visited City Commissioner, Jim Mull, who expressed disappointment in previous leadership classes. He said Commissioner

Dave Daniels is the only graduate who has stepped up to a prominent position.

"It's really a great opportunity for people in our community...." said Goodwin.

Her favorite part of the class was the trip to Topeka, where she got to meet and talk with legislators and other decision makers.

"Most people don't realize the impact we have on the rest of the world," she said, recalling the group's agriculture day, where they learned where Goodland crops end up.

"I think I liked just getting to know all the people," said Draper.

Working with the group, she said, helped to introduce her to different points of view.

"We learned a lot of things," said Nemechek. "We had a really good group."

She said her husband Jerry was in the charter leadership class eight years ago. Her class, Nemechek said, had their eyes opened to new

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# City plans spring clean

By Sharon Corcoran

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Do you have stuff littering your yard and no way to haul it to the dump?

Are you tired of looking at other people's junk and have a truck and/or able body to lend to get rid of the mess?

If so, the Chamber of Commerce Beautification Committee would like to hear from you.

Call Arlo Hansen at 890-6692, Ken Clouse at 890-3641 or Christie Rasure at 890-7149.

The committee has planned to use Saturdays in April for a city-wide cleanup and has convinced the city and county commissions to waive some fees for dumping.

Teams of volunteers are being rounded up to haul construction debris from 9 a.m. to noon April 2, limbs and metal from 9 a.m. to noon April 16 and to do highway entrance clean up 9 a.m. to noon April 23.

Five groups will be needed to haul junk from the area south to north on Washington, Harrison, Arcade, College and Walnut from 17th to Second and east to west on 17th, 16th and 15th; the area south to north on Cherry, Caldwell, Clark, Broadway and Main from 17th to Second and east to west on 14, 13th and 12th; the area south to north on Center, Sherman, Grand, Kansas and Montana from 17th to First and east to west on 11th, 10th, Ninth, Eighth and Seventh; the area south to north on Syracuse, Texas, Colorado, Wyoming and Cattletrail and east to west on Sixth, Fifth, Fourth, Third, Second and Rosewood; and a group for Paxton and Armstrong additions.

The county has agreed to waive fees for dumping refrigerators and non-commercial tires and may provide two dump trucks.

The city has agreed to provide three dump trucks and three paid drivers and to proclaim April cleanup month.

"We need to get the community motivated to participate in this thing," said Ken Clouse, president

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