

weather report

74°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:02 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:25 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:03 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 65 degrees

• Humidity 47 percent

• Sky cloudy

• Winds north 9 mph

• Barometer 29.65 inches
and falling

• Record High 96° (1942)

• Record Low 27° (1992)

Last 24 Hours*

High 78°

Low 46°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms, low 50, winds northwest 5-15. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high 80, low 45-55, winds northwest 10-15.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: dry, high 85-95, low 45-55. Monday: chance of thunderstorms, high 80s, low 50s. Tuesday: chance of thunderstorms, high 75-80, low 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.37 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.30

Loan deficiency payment — 15¢

Corn — \$1.84 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.88

Loan deficiency payment — 11¢

Milo — \$2.74 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.54 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.51

Loan deficiency payment — 38¢

Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$5.75 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.89

Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco

Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea

and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.

Court won't block ruling

WASHINGTON — A federal appeals court today refused to intervene in a lawsuit in which a judge found President Clinton committed a criminal violation of the Privacy Act by releasing letters of Kathleen Willey.

The three-judge panel strongly criticized U.S. District Judge Royce Lamberth's decision regarding Clinton. But the appeals judges said "we do not take seriously" arguments that the work of the president and his aides would be hampered by the ruling.

"The district court's observations on alleged criminal activity are entirely superfluous," but they are not binding and so there is no basis for the appeals court to intervene, all three appeals judges said.

The decision stated that the appeals court can deal with the issue when the lawsuit filed by a conservative group, Judicial Watch, ends.



Central kids show their talent

Fourth grade students at Central School in Goodland put on a talent show Thursday afternoon in the school gym. Their music teacher, Charlene Avila, directed the show. Performances included singing, dancing, doing skits, and playing musical instruments. Andrew Miller (above) played a piano piece called "Join the Fun." Brady Rather (right) played an original song on his guitar. Three boys (below) performed a skit during the show.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



Blonde comic leaves L.A. clubs to take over her family's farm

By Blake Nicholson

Associated Press Writer

STANLEY, N.D. (AP) — On the television in a small farmhouse, the blonde in the slim red dress tells a night club audience about dating problems.

People are too busy to have relationships — so busy, in fact, that she and her current boyfriend have yet to meet, she says as the videotape in the VCR whines. But, "It's the best relationship I've ever had," she adds with a smirk as the audience guffaws.

Outside the farmhouse, the brunette in the simple green work shirt and blue jeans talks with a farm equipment dealer about selling an old tractor so she can buy a baler.

This time, it's no joke.

The transformation of Kris Strobeck the L.A. comic into Kris Strobeck the North Dakota farmer is well under way. The 40-year-old woman moved

to this rural area two years ago to take over the family farm after her grandmother died.

She is now 15 pounds heavier — all muscle gained from opening heavy barn doors, she jokes — and has a firsthand knowledge of the problems faced by people who work the land.

But in two summers working with cattle, raising crops and educating herself on the latest farming techniques, Strobeck has not plowed under her sense of humor.

"I wasn't making any money in show business, and now I'm not making any money in farming," she says, sitting at her small kitchen table.

Then she laughs.

"People think I should have died about five times by now," she says, recalling the time she stuck her finger in battery acid, or forgot about one of her fields, or got bowled over by a cow or drove 70 mph down a hill in a large tractor.

"It's like, is it funny, or unbelievably humiliating?" she asks, her laughter mixing with the crow of a rooster outside the kitchen window. "I got out of the tractor, and I was ready to walk to the bar."

Strobeck was born in Williston, in northwestern North Dakota, but grew up in Berkeley, Calif., and Las Vegas. She spent her childhood summers on what was then her grandparents' farm, the farm where her father grew up.

Her love for comedy and theater eventually took her to Los Angeles, where she landed stints on standup comedy shows on the cable networks VH-1, and Arts and Entertainment.

"I went to California, got blonde, got a red car with a sunroof," she says.

Back in North Dakota, her grandmother, Olia, was running the family farm with the help of hired hands. When Olia died at the age of 95 two years ago, Strobeck was tiring of the L.A. club scene.

Several races shaping up in county jobs

Sheriff, clerk, register among the contests

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

While the deadline for filing for county office is not until June 12, several people have filed or have taken out petitions for Sherman County jobs, setting up some races for the August primary and the November general election.

There could be races for sheriff, county clerk, treasurer and register of deeds, but so far, not for commissioner.

Commissioners Kenny Davis (D-District 2) and Gary Townsend (R-District 3) have filed petitions for re-election. To date, neither has an opponent.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel is gathering signatures for a re-election bid, while Judy Siruta has filed a petition for the clerk's job. Both are Republicans and will face off in the Aug. 1 primary. Rumpel is seeking a fifth term as county clerk.

"I've worked here since March 1979 as deputy clerk before being appointed in 1983," she said. "I'll give it a run for the money and try to get re-elected."

"I like having a job that keeps me busy, and that certainly is this job. I feel like I've done a good job for the county, and I enjoy working with people."

In the sheriff's race, incumbent Doug Whitson, a Republican, is gathering signatures as well as former sheriff Jack Armstrong. Both are Republicans, ensuring a primary race. Undersheriff Dee Albers, a Democrat, is gathering signatures also, so there will be a race in November as well.

Whitson said he was not really surprised to hear he will have opposition as he seeks his second term.

"I felt it was coming," he said, "so it

didn't surprise me that much."

Whitson was appointed in September 1995 by the Sherman County Republicans to fill the vacancy left by the retirement of Armstrong.

Asked his reaction to his undersheriff running against him, Whitson said, "As long as there is no controversy that comes up and the office runs smoothly, I have no problem. It's a free country, and that's what we work for every day."

Armstrong had over 30 years in law enforcement when he retired, and about 28 years in the sheriff's office. He was first elected in 1968.

Whitson said he has enough signatures gathered, but wants to get a few more to have a margin of safety.

"Basically I have everything done," he said. "I'll do everything as usual. I'll do my best and let the chips fall as they may."

Whitson said he does feel Armstrong is serious competition, and believes there are a number of people who liked him when he was the sheriff.

"I think that is to be expected, but I hope there are some who like what I have done, too," he said.

Two Democrats, Shelby Miller, the current county treasurer, and Deedie Hoss, a former employee, are circulating petitions for the treasurer's office.

Miller is seeking her sixth term, and is surprised at the number of people who have taken out petitions to run for office.

"Well, we never have since I've been here," she said. "We've had some commissioner races and the sheriff, but I can't think of any races for the other offices."

This is the first time she has had opposition, but said she was sort of expecting it.

"I don't plan to change anything," Miller said. "I feel I have done a good job, and want to continue."

Hoss worked in the office two years.

Incumbent Carol Armstrong is circulating a petition for the register of deeds position, and Bonnie Selby, who was appointed to the job last year, has a petition for county attorney.

Governor to lead elite crew to GOP convention floor

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — The state's delegation to the Republican National Convention will be full of familiar faces, and many are prominent moderates.

State and congressional district Republican committees met Thursday to pick the 35 delegates to the four-day convention, which begins July 31 in Philadelphia. The delegation later voted unanimously to name Gov. Bill Graves as its chairman.

At Graves' urging, the state committee also voted unanimously to direct all delegates to vote for Texas Gov. George W. Bush as the party's presidential nominee on the first ballot at the convention. Bush's nomination is ex-

pected, given his victories in primaries and caucuses earlier this year.

Delegates saw Graves as a natural choice to lead them at the convention, given his elected office. However, four years ago, the state party organization was in the hands of conservatives and Graves, a moderate, wasn't a delegate by choice.

A nine-member committee nominated the delegates and 35 alternates, whose selections were then ratified by the state and congressional district committees.

"You try to do the best you can to reward the folks who've worked for the party over the years," said state GOP

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