

weather report 90° at noon Today

• Sunset, 8:17 p.m. Tomorrow • Sunrise, 5:25 a.m. • Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

MIDDAY CONDITIONS • Soil Temperature 78 degrees • Humidity 33 percent • Sky partly cloudy • Winds south 14 mph • Barometer 29.94 inches and steady • Record High 107° (1969) • Record Low 45° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High	99°
Low	66°
Precipitation	none

NORTHWEST KANSAS FORECAST Tonight: Partly cloudy, 50 percent chance for rain, low 65, winds south 15-20 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, chance for afternoon thunderstorms, high 95, low 60s, winds west 10-20 mph.

EXTENDED FORECAST Wednesday : chance for thunderstorms, high 90s, low 60s. Thursday and Friday: high 90s, low 60s.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

NOON Wheat — \$2.46 bushel Posted county price — \$2.44 Loan deficiency payment — 1¢ Corn — \$1.63 bushel Posted county price — \$1.58 Loan deficiency pmt. — 41¢ Milo — \$2.02 hundredweight Soybeans — \$3.89 bushel Posted county price — \$4.22 Loan deficiency payment — 68¢ Millet — \$4.00 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$5.60 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.82 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.

Vote changes Mexico culture

MEXICO CITY — Vicente Fox, a tough-talking former Coca-Cola executive, shattered the governing party's 71-year hold on the presidency in a stunning electoral victory that marked a climax in Mexico's transition to democracy. The victory threw Mexico's entire political culture into reverse. The Institutional Revolutionary Party, the world's longest-governing party, suddenly found itself in the opposition, and a party that long had only limited regional support became Mexico's most powerful overnight. As results streamed in from the Sunday elections, Fox's National Action Party also won two governorships and was assured of being the dominant party in Congress. "Today Mexico is already different. Today Mexico enters the 21st century with its right foot forward," Fox told 15,000 supporters.



A participant in the Goodland Public Library's Water Days celebration on Friday played pass the balloon. some of the younger participants in the 4-to-5-year-old age group played "water piñata." Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

Kids get wet and wild at the library

By Dana Sulsberger The Goodland Daily News Beneath the sun's relentless heat, 70 children gathered on the lawn of the Goodland Public Library on Friday afternoon for some wet and wild fun. No one walked away dry. The city closed the municipal pool last summer because the pipes leaked

and it couldn't be heated. While the city is building a new pool, it won't be ready until next year. Children who usually spend hot summer days at the pool are now left to find other things to do. The library has extended its annual summer reading program to the end of July, said Karen Gillihan, children's

librarian, and added programs to keep kids — and parents — occupied. That's where the Water Day celebration comes in. Arriving in bathing suits and bare feet, children jumped into games of water piñata, water volleyball, water balloon toss and a wet sponge race. At the end of the hour-long event,

kids played freeze tag in the sprinklers and enjoyed snow cones. "Things went pretty good," said Gillihan. "The kids had fun." The librarian said another Water Day is scheduled for the end of July. This time, kids will not only participate in water games, but will have an awards ceremony.

Harvest comes to a close across Sherman County

Yields ranged from 15 to 50 bushels per acre; test weights averaged 58 pounds before rain

By Janet Craft The Goodland Daily News

Wheat harvest was nearly finished in Brewster, Goodland and Ruleton on Friday, while around Kanorado, there was more to be cut. While yields varied, elevator men said test weights averaged about the same everywhere. Ken Ketter, manager of the Kanorado Co-op elevator, said harvest in Kanorado was three-fourths done. "Goodland usually starts before we do and finishes before we do," said Ketter, "(because of) the difference in elevation." He said yields there were anywhere from 15 to 50 bushels an acre. "There's a big variation this year," he said, adding that test weights averaged about 57 pounds. "For the most part, give us a couple of good days and we'll be on the downhill side," Ketter said. At Collingwood Grain in Kanorado, branch manager Glen Teels said he figured that about 60 to 70 percent of the wheat had been cut. He said yields per acre had averaged in the 30s, with test weights around 56 to 57 pounds.



Bill Gannon brought in the last of his crop on Road 12. Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

"There's more wheat left to cut out here than by Goodland," he said. Teels said it got dry enough to cut again on Friday afternoon and that he

figured by today, with good weather, they should be done. Tom Stewart, operations manager at Mueller Grain of Goodland, said things

got busy on Friday at their elevator. He said farmers were trying to get out in the fields and finish up. Stewart figured that harvest was 80 percent done.

For yields, Stewart said he had heard from 25 to 45 bushels an acre. He said test weights were averaging almost 57 pounds until the rain early last week. After that, the test weights dropped back almost a pound, he said. "If we get three or four days, they (farmers) will have most of the wheat cut, I think," Stewart said. Nate Reid, manager of Collingwood Grain in Brewster, said he thought farmers were probably 90 percent done in the Brewster area and would need a couple more days to finish up. "If we hadn't of gotten these showers these last couple days, we would probably be done," he said. Reid said yields have averaged around 25 to 28 bushels an acre and test weights have averaged about 57 and a half to 58 pounds. At Frontier Equity Exchange in Goodland, marketing manager Merwin Jensen said Friday that about 80 percent or more of the wheat around Goodland and Brewster was cut, with about 70 percent of it done around Ruleton. He said the test weights on wheat have averaged 56 or 57 pounds and that yields have been between 30 to 35 bushels an acre.

Two men 'strong-arm' clerk, get away with stolen money

Two men walked into the Howard Johnson Hotel early Saturday morning and demanded money from the clerk, Goodland Police said. While they did not display a weapon, police said, their threatening voices and mannerisms were enough to get what they wanted. Police termed it a "strong-arm" robbery, though there apparently was no physical contact. A police report says two men de-

scribed as Hispanic demanded money, and the clerk gave them an undetermined amount. The incident happened at 4:30 a.m. at the hotel on K-27 near I-70. The men immediately left the hotel, the report says, and no one was hurt. A clerk at the hotel said Monday that she hadn't heard about the robbery, and that the hotel manager was out and would be back later in the afternoon.

Businesses close so employees can celebrate the Fourth

You'll be able to buy a Big Mac on Tuesday, but you can't go to the museum. You can gas up your car, but can't go bowling. Wal-Mart and Alco will let you in, but the bank won't. Banks, liquor stores, the bowling alley and other businesses in Goodland will close Tuesday so employees can celebrate the Fourth of July. Local, state and federal offices will be closed, along with the Northwest Kansas Technical School, the

Goodland Activities Center, the High Plains Museum and most shops on Main Street. The Goodland Daily News will not print on Tuesday and the office will be closed. The deadline for the Wednesday paper will be noon on Monday. Most people will be too busy barbecuing and watching the fireworks to notice. After all, it's a national holiday. Some businesses will stay open, though, and farmers who haven't finished wheat harvest will be working.

Grain elevators in Goodland will be accepting wheat, fast-food chains in town and along K-27 near I-70 will be serving food, 24-hour gas stations will be pumping fuel and Wal-Mart will be open regular hours — from 6 a.m. to midnight. And you can get pizza or barbecue supplies. Both Pizza Hut and Gambino's will be open regular hours, and the Alco Discount Store will be open, though it will close an hour early at 7 p.m.

Questions may help get grocery

By Tom Betz The Goodland Daily News

Families in Sherman County are being surveyed by telephone about their grocery shopping habits, to see if there is a market to open another store. The random survey of 350 homes is part of the grocery store feasibility study being conducted by the Docking Institute of Fort Hays State University for the Sherman County Economic Development Committee. The telephone survey should be done by July 28, said Ron Harding, Chamber of Commerce executive director. A draft report is to be ready for review by Aug. 11, and the final report should be available to present to several prospective store operators by the last week of August, Harding said. The study is being financed with a \$4,100 grant from Fort Hays State University and \$10,000 from the development committee. Before conducting the household survey, the institute gathered information from former grocery stores and collected demographic data on Goodland and Sherman County. Once the survey is done, all the data will be analyzed and the draft report produced.

The grocery study was listed as the top priority by the development committee when they appeared before the Goodland City Commission and the Sherman County Commission in March, seeking money. Having a second grocery store became important after Jubilee Foods closed in August by the parent company Fleming who had been unsuccessful in trying to sell the store. That left the town without a stand-alone grocery. Steve West, head of the economic development committee and president of Western State Bank, said the grocery store has been the most reported issue over the past year at the chamber office. The money for the study is part of the \$30,000 the city approved for economic development efforts.