

weather  
report

75°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:17 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:22 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:18 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 68 degrees
- Humidity 29 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds west 9 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.25 inches and rising

- Record High 106° (1940)
- Record Low 43° (1985)

Last 24 Hours\*

High	75°
Low	51°
Precipitation	trace

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: mostly sunny, high upper 80s, low upper 50s, winds southwest 5-10 m.p.h. Saturday: partly sunny with 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening, high mid 80s, low upper 50s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: cloudy with chance of showers and thunderstorms, high upper 70s. Monday: mostly cloudy and breezy, high upper 80s, low upper 50s. Tuesday: partly cloudy then becoming mostly cloudy, high mid 80s, low upper 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.66 bushel  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 14¢  
Corn — \$2.38 bushel  
New crop — \$2.10  
Milo — \$2.02 bushel  
Soybeans — \$5.87 bushel  
Millet — \$6 hundredweight  
New crop — \$5  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$9.05 cwt.  
Oil new crop — \$9.25 cwt.  
NuSun — \$9.30 cwt.  
New crop — \$9.50 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 46¢  
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.  
New crop — \$17/\$10 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Pinto beans — Withdrawn  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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today

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Kids make  
tie-dyed shirts

Ryleigh Paxton, 5, was hanging her newly made tie-dye shirt in front of the Goodland Arts Center Wednesday. Ryleigh is in a summer arts class program, and Wednesday's class was titled "That 70's Class." See Photo on Page 3.

# Harvest!

By Shannon Davidson

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There's a lot more dust in the air, as combines roll through Sherman County, spinning and kicking up the dust of a successful harvest season now underway.

Bob and Velta Bradshaw took to the fields early Wednesday morning. The Bradshaw's are taking load after load to Frontier Equity's elevator in Goodland, and their harvest is providing good yields, "better than last year," Velta said.

Harvest still means long days and tough work, but the equipment has gotten bigger and more efficient over the years.

"When I was growing up, we had tractors that pulled combines....," says Bob, who says he's been a farmer his entire life. "Now we are just spoiled."

The entire county feels spoiled by Mother Nature this season, with plenty of rain when the crop was growing and overall good harvesting weather.

The harvest is rolling through the county from east to west. Thursday, there had not been any grain coming in yet at the Collingwood elevator Kanorado. The Frontier Equity elevator in Ruleton received its first load Wednesday.

Some farms were reporting damage from insects known as wheat head army worms which, if bad enough, can cause the elevator to dock a farmer's pay.

"We are in the early stages of harvest. We know we have IDK (insect damage) in Sherman County," said Tom Stewart of Muller Grain. "IDK has the potential to create a discount if high enough. To help the problem out in the fields you can turn up the air in the combine."

Most of the wheat is dry enough to store, Stewart said, but not all of it. Still, the harvest should be rolling strong by the weekend.

"Everyone is battling moisture," he said, "but this weekend should see a lot more combines running."

Frontier Equity in Goodland reported the harvest under way.

"We have just gotten started with loads in yesterday (Wednesday) and our first load in on Tuesday," said Dave Synder said. "If we get a warm day tomorrow (Friday), we will be going pretty good."



Heath Lofland instructed the driver of a wheat truck (above) to raise its bed at the Frontier Equity Co-Op on Wednesday. The load was brought in by the Bradshaws of Goodland, who started their har-

vest Tuesday. Bob Bradshaw (below right) looked through the cab out onto his fields. Later, he emptied his combine load into a truck (below left).

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## Harvest guess close

The winner of *The Goodland Star-News* Harvest Countdown contest, with a guess of 4:37 p.m. Tuesday, June 24, was Marshal Hoppe.

The first load actually came in at 4:01 p.m. on Tuesday at Frontier Equity Co-op in Goodland, so Hoppe was only off by 36 minutes. His won \$50 in scrip, spendable at sponsoring merchants.

Placing second was David Synder with a guess of 3:20 p.m. winning \$35. Kevin Rippe of St. Francis, placed third, with a guess of 2 p.m. earning him \$15 in scrip.

The second load of wheat was reported at Mueller Grain's elevator at 4:03 p.m. on Tuesday.



## Chamber expands Freedom Fest, fireworks July 4

The Goodland Chamber of Commerce is planning a big celebration at the Sherman County Fairgrounds next Friday, July 4, for Freedom Fest, a celebration of the birth of our nation.

Justin Bentzinger, interim chamber director, says there will be several changes for the Freedom Fest this year. There'll be more variety of food, for one thing; vendors will be serving crab legs, chicken wings, hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans

and beverages.

The home-owned carnival will open many of the rides at 6 p.m., and the Chamber directors and volunteers will be serving food until it gets dark enough for the fireworks display.

The Goodland Rotary Club will be handing out free slices of watermelon.

To reduce the impact on businesses which are hit up for donations, Bentzinger said, the Chamber

feels the fireworks display is worth charging \$1 for admission to the grandstand. The fireworks show, put on by Goodland native Joe Diaz, will have a large ground display this year which Bentzinger says will not be visible except from the grandstand.

"We want to encourage people to come out to the fairgrounds and spend \$1 to help fund the fireworks show," Bentzinger said, "and to enjoy the rides and the food."

The Freedom Fest will continue on Saturday with Goodland merchants offering a Freedom Fest Fun Sale. Participating businesses will have special sales as well as special pinwheels.

Participating in the sale are Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliance, Aten's Department Store, Jacque's Hallmark, Wal-Mart Supercenter, Mr. Jim's, Sight and Sound Entertainment, Cobblestone Floral and Garden Center, Subway,

Butterfly Cafe, Kear's Party Mix, Goodland Machine and Automotive and Knott Just Books. Pinwheels will be given out at the Sherman Theater at the matinee on Wednesday.

Check *The Goodland Star-News* for the special sales the businesses will be offering on Saturday of the Freedom Fest.

Saturday night, there will be a full schedule of races at the Sherman County Speedway.