

### weather report

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noon  
Thursday



#### Today

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

#### Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:19 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

#### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 66 degrees
- Humidity 18 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest 15-22 mph
- Barometer 29.93 inches and steady
- Record High today 101° (1952)
- Record Low today 37° (1947)

#### Last 24 Hours\*

- High Wednesday 79°
- Low Wednesday 38°
- Precipitation none
- This month 0.69
- Year to date 3.94
- Below normal 4.31 inches

#### The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 84, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 50. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 91, winds west at 5 to 10 mph changing to south and a low around 56.

#### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 82 and a low around 57. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 82 and a low around 57. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 85 and a low around 59. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

### local markets



#### Noon

- Wheat — \$8.39 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.33
- Corn — \$6.74 bushel
- Posted county price — \$6.60
- Milo — \$6.32 bushel
- Soybeans — \$13.95 bushel
- Posted county price — \$14.28
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
- Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

### inside today

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### Goodland wins meet

Zach Miller swam his leg for the 11-12 boys 200-yard freestyle relay. He and Holton Witman, Gerell Miller and Alec Hamilton were first with a time of 2:23.24. Goodland's swim team won the meet Saturday. See photo, story on Page 12.

## Wheat growers tour test plots

By Pat Schiefen

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At least 30 wheat growers, handlers or financiers went to the Fred and Jeanie Schields Farm to look at the Kansas State/Sherman County Wheat Plot Tour Tuesday afternoon.

Fred Schields said they had been growing test plots for about 25 years. "We learn a lot from it."

Schields said the test plot had gone through a freeze in March, drought and was hailed on Thursday, June 5. The wheat was planted on Monday, Oct. 1. It was planted behind corn. He used a three crop rotation with minimum tillage. The Schields' grow certified seed wheat.

Chuck Johnson from Kansas Crop Improvement Association said certified seed means that the wheat is the variety it says it is and that has only a certain amount of foreign matter. The seed was grown from foundation seed on clean ground. The association inspects the wheat



Katie Purvis, daughter of Stan and Becky Purvis, and Harrison Bhend, son of Jeff and Tricia Bhend, looked at wheat at the Kansas State University and Sherman County Wheat Plot Tour on Tuesday night at the Fred and Jeanie Schields Farm.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

and a sample is sent in to be tested. It can give from one to five more bushels per acre.

Of the thirty varieties grown 10 were new varieties and four were white winter wheat.

The good things as well as the bad things were talked about each variety. Some of the varieties were

developed by Nebraska State University, K-State and Colorado State University as well as a few developed by Agri Pro.

People talking about the varieties were Jeanne Falk, Multi-County Crops and Soils Specialist, Brian Olson, Northwest Area Agronomist and Jim Shroyer, Extension Crop Production Wheat Specialist.

Dan O'Brien, Northwest Area Agricultural Economist talked about the volatility of grain markets. He said that worldwide more acres have been planted to wheat than last year because of the increased demand.

The wheat stocks are the lowest they have been in 60 years.

He said that the U.S. exported 30 to 31 percent of wheat in the world last year where normally the U.S. exports 25 percent.

Hamburger were served to the group by the Ruleton Eager Beaver 4-H Club. The First National Bank sponsored the event.

## Races shape up in flurry of last filings

By Tom Betz

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Races in the Tuesday, Aug. 5, Primary Election for commissioner, sheriff, district judge and treasurer shaped up with some last minute filings Tuesday morning at the Sherman County Clerk's office.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said a number of Republican precinct people filed on Tuesday, and that Dee Miller, 113 Toelkes, filed as a Democrat to oppose Commissioner Mitch Tiede, and Max E. Linin, 6220 K-27, filed as a Republican to oppose Commissioner Kevin Rasure and Frank Tabor, 823 Cattletrail, filed as a Republican to oppose Sheriff Kevin Butts.

Earlier Wanda Schritter filed as a Republican to oppose County Treasurer Iris Scheopner.

District Judge Jack Burr's upcoming retirement after 30 years has set up a three-way Republican primary to fill the open seat.

The district judge in the 15th District, covers Sherman, Wallace, Cheyenne, Sheridan, Thomas, Rawlins and Logan counties.

Goodland lawyer Scott Showalter filed in October, Andrea Wyrick of Colby, the county

attorney from Thomas and Logan counties filed on May 22 for the post. St. Francis lawyer Kevin Berens, has filed as well, according to the Secretary of State's office.

The judge for Division 2 must live in Sherman County or move here if they are elected. Wyrick had not registered to vote in Sherman County as of Tuesday, but Kevin Berens has registered to vote in Sherman County. He is living near Edson, Rumpel said.

Glenn D. Schiffner of Colby is the judge for the same counties from Division 1. He filed for re-election on May 5, and is unopposed.

Rumpel, who has served as clerk since 1983, is unopposed, and Bonnie Selby, who has been county attorney since 1998, is unopposed.

Billie Hoyt is running unopposed for her first term as Register of Deeds. Hoyt was deputy register of deeds for four years under Carol Armstrong, and was chosen for the job by the Republican Party when Armstrong retired at the end of last year.

Scheopner was elected treasurer and Butts sheriff in 2004. Butts had worked for the sheriff's department for 10 years before that and was ap-

pointed undersheriff in 2001.

Scheopner worked at the treasurer's office for a little over four years before running for election to replace Shelby Miller, who retired.

Tabor used to work for the Goodland Police Department, and is currently employed by a private security company working in Iraq until December.

Schritter is currently secretary at the United Methodist Church.

Tiede, a Democrat, serves District 2 and Rasure, a Republican, District 3 on the county commission, and their spots are up for election.

Miller, a retired weatherman and farmer, will face Tiede in the primary, and Linin, a farmer south of town will face Rasure in the primary.

The winner of the Tiede/Miller primary contest will face former Commissioner Cynthia Strnad, who filed as a Republican, in the Nov. 4, General Election.

District 2 includes all of Ward 1 in Goodland, Ward 4 north of Sixth St. and Llanos, Shermanville and Voltaire townships. District 3 is all of

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### Flag Day ceremony on Saturday

The Goodland Elks Lodge will hold the annual Flag Day ceremony at 10 a.m. on Saturday at the Wheat Ridge Acres dining room.

Personal American flags will be given to all who attend, and a flag will be presented to Wheat Ridge Acres.

Patriotic music will be presented by the Mangus family.

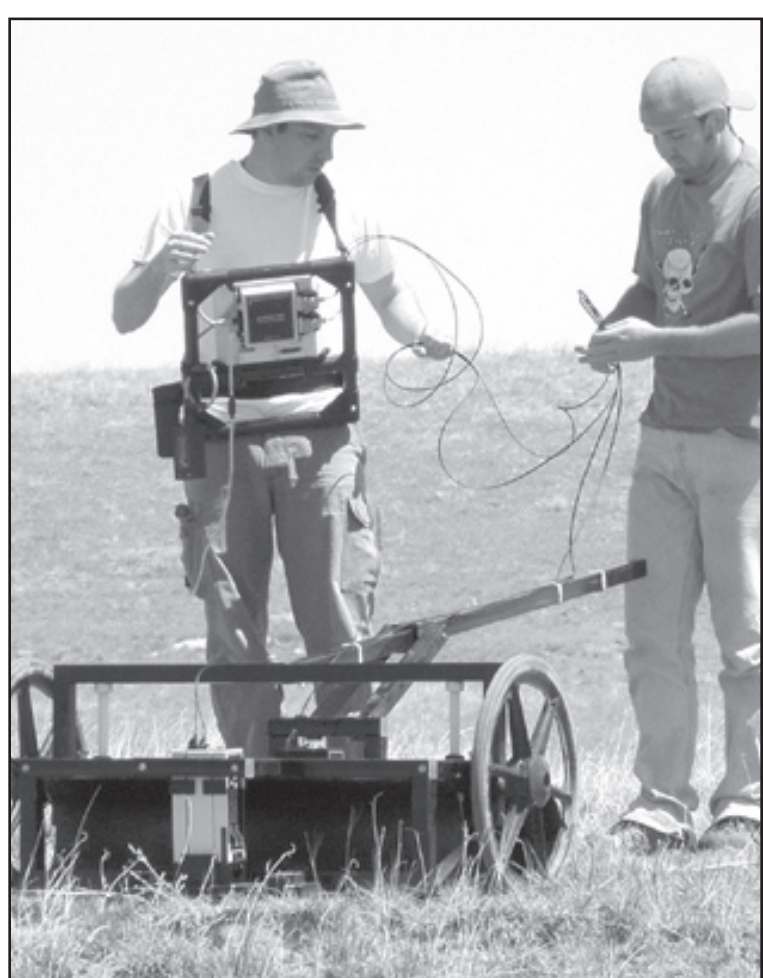
Veterans are encouraged to wear their uniforms and medals.

Inside today's Goodland Star-News is the annual American Flag people can put in their windows at home or at their office.



Shannon Ryan (above left) and Hai Huang talked about the progress they are making on excavating one of the units along the south bank of Middle Beaver Creek, which is part of a Paleoindian archeological site. Dan Keating (left in right photo) and Arlo McKee, both first year KU grad students worked with a ground penetrating radar unit at the archeological site at Kanorado on Sunday afternoon.

Photos by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News



## KU students digging at Kanorado site

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A small group of graduate students from the University of Kansas spent this week digging at the oldest archeological site in the state within sight of the state line and a mile south of Kanorado along Middle Beaver Creek.

Excavation continues on the 14,000-year-old Paleoindian site, and this summer a ground-penetrating radar unit has been brought to try to develop a three-dimensional image of the area south of the creek bank where the dig site is located.

The KU graduate students were staying in the dorms this week at the Northwest Kansas Technical College, and will be back with a larger number for a field school beginning on Wednesday and lasting until June 27.

Dr. Rolfe D. Mandel, executive director of the Odyssey Archeological Research Program for the Kansas Geological Survey

and a professor of anthropology at KU, is directing the work, but is not always at the Kanorado site.

Shannon Ryan, a KU anthropology doctoral student from Salina, is in charge at the site. Ryan, who has been working at the site for four years, said being able to stay in the dorms has been a real blessing.

She said Sunday afternoon the small group has been working on three areas on the western site (known as SN-106), and they are working to find more signs that the area was inhabited more than 12,000 years ago. She said last year some additional evidence was found, and more rock flakes as evidence the area may have been where buffalo hides were worked on with scrapers.

Ryan said the flakes were created when the ancient people chipped at larger rocks to make stone tools or points. She said the flakes turn up as the group digs back into the south bank

of the creek. She said this supports the theory that the site was a hide-processing area.

Some of the graduate students have been to the Kanorado site before, and are continuing to work on excavating the archeological area about five feet down from the top of the bank.

Nick Kessler of Lawrence has been at the site for three years, but this is the first year for Kris West of Pennsylvania. Hai Huang, a graduate student from Shanghai, China, is back this year after taking a year off, and this is his third year at Kanorado.

Opening a new unit to the west are Patrick Green of Peoria, Ill., and Adam Hefling of Holstad. This is the first year for Green, but Hefling has been at the Kanorado site before.

At the top of the bank Dan Keating and Arlo McKee, both first year grad students were working with a ground penetrating radar

unit, and hoped to map about a 100-yard area to develop a three-dimensional picture that may guide future excavations.

Dr. Mandel said fossilized plant remains show the area was much wetter thousands of years ago, had a lot more trees and probably was cooler.

He said Kanorado is a unique site, with much more to be learned. He said the students would take a break, and then return next week with more students.

Dr. Steve Hoen of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, who has been working with Dr. Mandel, said last year the Kanorado site is the first Clovis-era site in the state and the second Folsom-era site. Early native Americans, known as Paleoindians, roamed the High Plains thousands of years ago. Some of the earliest were called Folsom for the fluted points they made about 10,000 years ago first found near Folsom, N.M.