

weather report

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noon

Monday

Today

• Sunset, 6:01 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 7:02 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:00 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil temperature 55 degrees

• Humidity 43 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds northeast 14-18 mph

• Barometer 30.18 inches and rising

• Record High today 92° (2003)

• Record Low today 19° (1976)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 73°

Low Sunday 34°

Precipitation none

This month 0.17

Year to date 19.08

Above normal 1.04 inches

The Topside Forecast

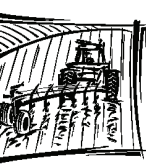
Today: Mostly sunny with patchy frost before 8 a.m., a high near 71, winds out of the south at 5 to 10 mph switching to the north and a low around 39. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 75, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph switching to the south and a low around 41.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 69 and a low around 45. Friday: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.

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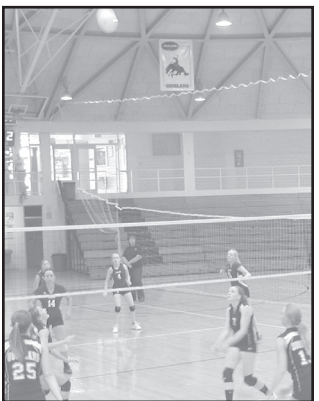
local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$5.96 bushel  
Posted county price — \$6.19  
Corn — \$4.85 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.13  
Milo — \$4.70 bushel  
Soybeans — \$10.58 bushel  
Posted county price — \$10.75  
Millet — \$5 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$19.80 cwt.  
Confection — no bid  
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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Cowgirls win title

The Cowgirl junior varsity volleyball team won against Dundy County, Neb. at Max Jones. The Cowgirls won the Great West Activity Conference volleyball championship on Saturday. See photo, story on Page 11.



Commission tours wildlife areas

By Tom Betz

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The Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission met in Goodland on Thursday and heard presentations about the state park areas in Cheyenne and Sherman County as part of the meeting.

Some of the commission members arrived a day early to tour the South Fork and St. Francis Wildlife Area in Cheyenne County and the State Lake Wildlife Area in Sherman County.

About 40 people attended the Wildlife and Parks Commission meeting held at the Goodland Elks Lodge.

The commission had a full agenda and opened with a discussion of the financial picture and budget request to be submitted to the legislature by Dick Koerth, assistant secretary of the Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks.

He said the budget request will include capital improvements for \$3.8 million to improve the water supply to Cheyenne Bottoms and \$473,000 to connect the Pratt wildlife area to the city sewer system.

He said the total budget will be \$66.2 million with a request for \$6.7 million from the state general fund.

“We are asking for \$1.5 million for camping improvements,” he said. “We probably won’t get that, but we have to ask to let people



Members of the Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission held their monthly meeting at the Goodland Elks Lodge Thursday. Commission members are (left to right) Gerald W. Lauber of Topeka, Debra Bolton of Garden City, Robert J. Wilson of Pittsburg, Kelly Johnston of Wichita, chairman, Frank Meyer of Herington, Doug Sebelius of Norton and Shari L. Wilson of Kansas City, vice chairman.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

know what we need to do to maintain our parks.”

He said one thing the budget includes is a way to start a department marketing program as the department does not have one at present time.

Other items included are working on the aquatic nuisance species control programs and replacing a number of department vehicles.

He said the park fee fund is having difficulties because the expenses

exceed the revenues by \$4 million.

Commissioners had a question about the Sport Fish Restoration Fund, and once answered the commission moved on to other topics.

Among the presentations were two by Chris Mulder, north region wildlife manager, about the St. Francis wildlife area and South Fork. He said it was great to have commission members tour the two areas along with the Arikaree Breaks area.

Mulder showed a slide presentation about the two Cheyenne County wildlife areas.

He discussed the physical layout of the area with both being involved with the Republican River. The St. Francis area of about 480 acres is bisected by the Republican River, and has hunting opportunities for turkeys, whitetail deer and some pheasant and quail.

He said one of the major challenges is noxious weeds especially

the Canadian Thistle.

The area was acquired in 1972, he said, and has two sand pits that provide some fishing opportunities. There is some parking available at the south pit, but anglers have to walk in to the north pit.

The South Fork area was acquired in 1991, and is about 1,000 acres with 636 acres of short grass and a breaks area that is good for mule deer.

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Contractors survey grocery building plans



General Contractor Mike Smith (left) looks over interior mechanical plans with a representative of Cozad Services of Cozad, Neb. Smith has said he has a signed contract to begin the grocery store project for Sam Mancini.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Three pickups were parked in front of the Ed Wolak building on Monday, and the word was that Mike Smith, contractor from Holyoke, Colo., had called to get a key saying he had a signed contract to work on the grocery store.

Smith and another contractor from Cozad Services, Inc. of Cozad, Neb., a heating, plumbing and refrigeration company were walking through the building looking at plans and talking about where things like the coolers are planned to go.

Larry Keirns, economic development board member, said he had a call on Monday from Smith saying he was on his way to Goodland and had a signed contract with Sam Mancini to proceed with the grocery store project.

Keirns said he helped Smith get a key to the Wolak building, and loaned him about 100 feet of garden hose so the Smith and his helpers could determine where a floor drain might go.

A call was made to Mancini on Wednesday, but his return call was missed on Friday morning.

Checking with City Manager Doug Gerber, he was glad to hear the contractor was at the building, and felt this was another step forward. He said he has not seen the signed lease and contract with the city, but expects to receive it in a few days.

Keirns said he did not know what kind of timetable Smith has for getting the work started, but knows Mancini wants to have the store open in the spring.

Write-in candidate files in District 1

By Tom Betz

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Voters in Sherman County Commissioner District 1 received a letter at the end of last week saying Larry Enfield was running as a write-in candidate against Incumbent Commissioner Chuck Thomas.

Voters in the commissioner district will be asked to write Enfield’s name in on the Nov. 2, ballot, and only voters in that district will have the opportunity to write-in that name.

In his letter to the voters in the district Enfield said, “I have decided to run as a write-in against Chuck Thomas because I disagree with his position on a number of

issues and various decisions he has made during the past eight years.

“I am a lifelong resident of Sherman County and I plan to spend the rest of my life here with my wife Jane. We hope to see this county begin to prosper and grow for our family and yours.”

Enfield ran against Thomas four years ago, and lost narrowly in a three-way race that included a write-in campaign by Darin Neufeld.

Enfield lives on the south side of Goodland, and has farm ground in the northwest corner of the county. He grows, wheat, corn and sunflowers.

Enfield said he had a great wheat crop this spring and the corn crop was excellent. He

said he has finished harvesting the corn and hopes to have his sunflowers harvested by the end of the week. He said the sunflower crop appears to be good.

In the letter Enfield laid out eight issues where he would make changes to help citizens and business people in the county.

Included in those was supporting a county policy to purchase goods and services locally, whenever possible; establish a bidding policy where local businesses have an opportunity to bid so taxpayers know the county is trying to get the best quality product for the best cost; find ways to ease the tax burden for all county citizens; develop long term plans for dealing with major infrastructure needs; look at the solid waste fees to see if they can be lowered and make the system more user friendly; to

do his homework and make decisions and to get ideas from citizens; and feels the county has to run as a business, not as a government structure.

“I am not a politician,” Enfield wrote, “and I know no one person can fix everything. We are a small community and we need to work together.”

He suggests the city and county seriously look for services that might be combined with the possibility of achieving a savings through efficiency and reduced manpower.

“We must all be accountable and keep wasteful spending at bay,” he said.

Enfield said he felt it was important to give people a choice in this election, and is asking people who live in Commissioner District 1 to write-in his name when they vote on Nov. 2.



Enfield

Northwest Tech rural development conference Friday

Northwest Tech is planning a second Rural School and Community Development Conference for Friday.

“How can I make a difference? A question we all ask; but it is possible for us to positively impact our communities,” said College President Dr. Ed Mills. “Join other educators, local, regional and state leaders as we explore opportunities to invest in the future of our communities.”

The conference will feature guest

speakers Patrick J. Carr, so-author of “Hollowing Out the Middle,” and Cinda Baxter, founder of the “3/50 Project.”

The conference will begin at 8 a.m. at the Student Union building on campus.

Patrick Carr is Associate Professor of Sociology at Rutgers University, and is an Associate Member of the MacArthur Foundation’s Research Network on Transitions to Adulthood.

He earned his Ph.D. in Sociology from the University of Chicago in 1998, and his research interests include communities and crime, informal social control, youth violence, and the transition to adulthood.

When asked “Hey Cinda, what do you do?” the response is simple: “I hand Superman capes to small business owners, then teach them to fly.”

More aptly put, Baxter is a retail consultant and professional speaker

(Always Upward) whose mission is to strengthen independent brick and mortar businesses.

“Having spent 14 years as a successful retail store owner, I ‘get it’ from the inside out, and feel an obligation to pay forward the hard earned knowledge and expertise that brought me to where I am today,” she said.

Baxter’s project is aimed at saving small town businesses.

“Think about which three inde-

pendently owned businesses you’d miss most if they were gone. Stop in and say hello. Pick up a little something that will make someone smile. Your contribution is what keeps those businesses around,” is the theme of Baxter’s project.

“If just half the employed U.S. population spent \$50 each month in independently owned businesses, their purchases would generate more than \$42.6 billion in revenue,” Baxter says.