

weather report

65°

noon Tuesday



Today

• Sunset, 8:05 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:23 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:06 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 74 degrees
- Humidity 67 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds east at 22 mph, gusts 32
- Barometer 30.18 inches and steady
- Record High today 96° (2000)
- Record Low today 36° (1930)

Last 24 Hours*

High Monday	82°
Low Tuesday	47°
Precipitation	.57
This month	.97
Year to date	4.11
Normal for year	-2.69 inches

The Topside Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 81. North wind between 5 and 10 mph. Low near 54 and south wind near 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 85, low near 56. Friday: Mostly sunny, high near 89 with a low around 58. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 92, low near 58. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 91, low near 57. Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high around 91. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.68 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.61
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.17 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.11
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$1.84 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.89 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.99
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.60 cwt.
NuSun crop — \$9.60
Confection — Call
Pinto beans — \$15.50 (new crop)

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboy places fourth

Junior Kerek Mason (No. 13) positioned himself within the pack early in the Class 4A 1,600-meter run at the state high school track championships in Wichita on Saturday. Mason placed fourth. See story, photo on Page 12.

Candidate filing deadline near

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Candidates for Congress, governor and township clerk will be on the Aug. 1 primary election ballot, but the big question is who will run for Sherman County commissioner.

Deadline for Democratic and Republican candidates to file is noon on Monday, June 12. So far, no one has filed for the commission seat from District 1, which represents all of Goodland Ward 3, Ward 4 south of Sixth Street and Iowa, Itasca, Union and Washington townships.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the seat, held by Chuck Thomas, a Republican farmer from Edson, is the only countywide position on the primary ballot.

Thomas has not filed for re-election, but

said Tuesday morning he is planning to file this week.

“Yes, I am running,” Thomas said. “I knew the deadline was coming and was going to check with Janet Rumpel this week.”

The commissioner is finishing his first four-year term. There have been rumors of another candidate, but so far, no one has expressed interest.

Only those registered in the district can vote in the commissioner race, Rumpel said. Candidates can file by taking out a petition and getting signatures equal to 3 percent of the voters registered in their party in the district, 26 for a Republican or eight for a Democrat. Or they can pay a fee, which is 1 percent of the salary, \$143, to the county plus a \$35 state filing fee.

There is only one other local office on the ballot. Clerk positions are up for election in the 13 townships in Sherman County, Grant, Iowa, Itasca, Lincoln, Llanos, Logan, McPherson, Shermanville, Smoky, Stateline, Union, Voltaire and Washington.

Randy Daise has filed for Grant Township Clerk. Shirley Anderson has filed in McPherson Township and Lou Taylor in Stateline.

Township office candidates pay \$1 filing fees. Snethen said there is no charge to file for political party committeeman or woman positions.

Democrats and Republicans will be electing a precinct committeeman and committeewoman from each of the four city wards and each of the townships. These people make up the central committee for each party.

Deputy County Clerk Mary Ann Snethen said the clerk’s office has received a candidate filing for Republican committeewoman from Karen Hooker in Stateline Township.

Harlan House has filed for Republican committeeman, and Cora House has filed for committeewoman in Itasca Township.

For state representative from this area, Jim Morrison, a Republican from Colby, has filed for re-election in the 121st district.

John Faber, a Republican from north of Brewster, has filed for re-election in the 120th district, which represents the northern tier of counties.

So far, neither incumbent has an opponent. Congressman Jerry Moran, a five-term

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Group plans July 4 events

By Tom Betz

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There will be a fireworks show at the fairgrounds on July 4.

About a dozen people gathered at the Sherman County Courthouse on Thursday afternoon to answer three questions:

First, is there enough support for a fireworks show? The answer was yes.

Second, how to pay for the show. Those present felt the money could be raised and that a fund should be created to be sure the money went to pay for the fireworks.

Third, looking ahead, could they find an organization to handle the program year after year?

Kevin Rasure, Sherman County commission chair, who called the meeting, said he had some commitments for money from people and organizations.

The group agreed holding the Freedom Fest was important to the town.

The Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce organized Freedom Fest over the past 10 years. However, the Chamber lost over \$9,000 on a big concert connected with the event last year, and sent out a letter in March saying they would not be able to handle it this year.

Rasure said Joe Diaz, a Goodland native who has put on the fireworks show for the past eight years, called him to say he wants to come do the show.

“Diaz said Goodland is his home, and he wants to help present a good show,” Rasure said.

Ron Lucas, president of Goodland Rotary Club, said he had talked to Diaz and thinks he is interested in seeing a good show.

Rasure said the cost would be the same \$7,000 that it was last year.

Lucas, who has helped set up the shows over the years, said Diaz puts more into the show in Goodland than most he puts together for surrounding towns.

Rasure asked Brad Schields, chairman of the home owned carnival, if that group would be willing to run some of the rides during a fireworks show.

Schields said the carnival group likes having a chance to run the rides a few weeks ahead of the county fair but would not if there were no fireworks to draw a crowd. He said they usually charge half price for the rides on the Fourth.

Rasure asked about having some entertainment as there has been in the past, though not a big concert program.

There was a question about selling food and if Rotary would be doing a watermelon feed.

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Remembering ...



The sun was shining Monday, but the wind was blowing about 20 mph as more than 150 people gathered at the Goodland Cemetery for the Memorial Day service put on by the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary, the American Legion and the Kansas National Guard.

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Technical College hands out 128 diplomas

By Sharon Corcoran

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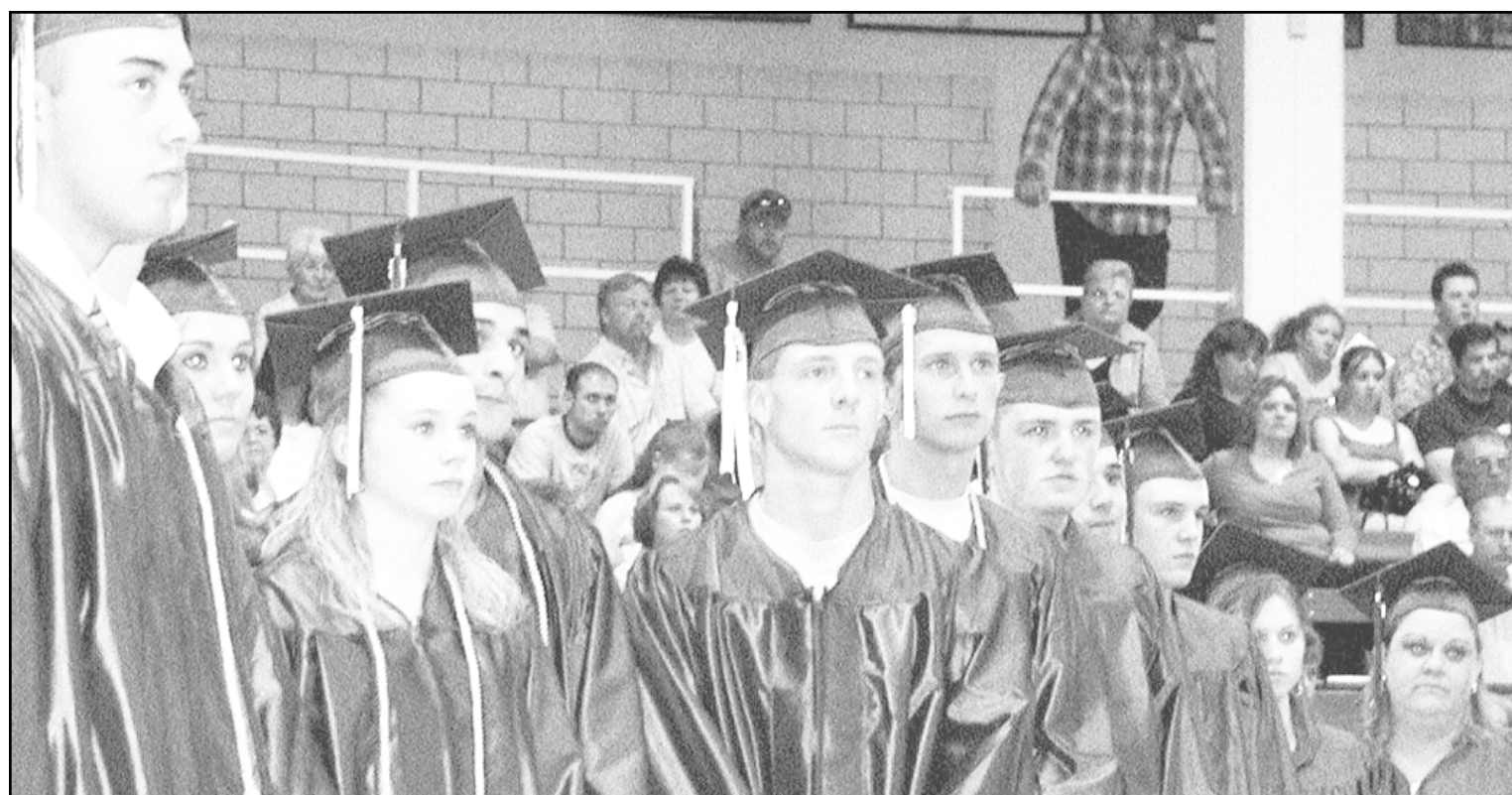
Fans were blowing, programs waving and the audience grumbling, but the heat Friday in Max Jones Fieldhouse couldn’t stifle the joy of 128 students celebrating their graduation from the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

President Ken Clouse said the college hoped to keep the ceremony to an hour in consideration of the heat.

Juana “Janie” Perkins, supplemental programs coordinator for the Garden City Public Schools, Garden City mayor and a member of the Kansas Board of Regents, spoke.

Crystal Hernandez, graduating with an Associate of Applied Science degree in the medical assistant program, was named Student of the Year.

Perkins said her family moved to Garden City when she was 10. She spoke no English, had never been to school and had grown up in a Mexican village where people did not



Friday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse, graduates from the Northwest Kansas Technical College were awaiting the announcement of the Student of the Year. Each department votes and picks a

student and then the candidates have to write an essay, turn in a resume and have an interview the college staff.

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