

weather
report

72°

noon Monday

Today

• Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 75 degrees
- Humidity 73 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds south 15 mph
- Barometer 30.19 inches and rising

• Record High today 101° (1952)

• Record Low today 37° (1947)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 84°

Low Monday 60°

Precipitation .34

This month .53

Year to date 7.63

Below normal .62

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, high 92, low near 62. Breezy, south wind around 20 mph, gusts to 35 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot, high near 99, low near 62. Thursday: Mostly sunny, hot, high around 98, low near 62. Friday: Mostly sunny, high near 94, low near 57. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 91, low around 58.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.44 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.34

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.17 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.03

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.94 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.07 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.08

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5.55 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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today

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Team plays
ball tonight

A batter for the Rough Riders jumped out of the way of a ball in a game Tuesday night against Sharon Springs. The team will play its next game tonight against Grainfield. Story on Page 10.

Frontier Equity has good year

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Stockholders and employees heard last Tuesday night that Frontier Equity Exchange had a good year, and is working on mergers with smaller cooperatives in St. Francis and Atwood.

The farmer-owned had its 92nd annual meeting last Tuesday night at the Northwest Kansas Technical College student union.

Brent Linin, chairman of the board, introduced the co-op's auditor, Greg Daughhetee, a certified public accountant for the firm Lindberg and Vogel in Hays.

"It was a good year for the company," Daughhetee said, adding that

he has been doing the audits of Frontier since the 1980s.

The volume of grain handled was up, he said, because the weather was better. Sales were much improved.

The accountant said the co-op had increased its assets with the purchase of fertilizer plants in Atwood and Bird City and Krien Farm Supply in Bird City.

The business played catch up with capital improvements, which that had not been done for two or three years during the worst of the drought, Daughhetee said.

It's not physical assets that make the farmer-owned cooperative go, said General Manager Brad Cowan.

"The biggest asset of the company is our employees," he said,

noting that Frontier has 80 full-time workers.

He said this was the first year since the drought started that every department had been profitable. Cowan said that drought had affected the business for the last seven years, and the cooperative lost money in 2003.

Cowan said they took in a large corn crop of 7,150,000 bushels last fall, with about 3 million bushels stored on the ground. This year, he said, the cooperative made a profit of \$1,259,470.

The management team spent several months on a proposed merger with the St. Francis Mercantile Equity Exchange in St. Francis. The merger passed a vote of the members in Goodland but missed passing in St. Francis by 10 votes, he said.



Cowan



Pudding tastes good, makes art

Sianna Miller (left) and Kaitlyn Townsend couldn't get enough chocolate pudding for their "Exploring Yummy Mediums" projects Friday at the Carnegie Arts Center. Hannah Dechant (below) had some finger-licking fun with the pudding. Kids in kindergarten through third grade met for the class, which allowed them to eat as much of the medium as they put on the paper. The class is part of the Summer Art Institute, which is offering fun and informative art classes for children through the summer. Call the center at 890-6442 to ask about classes. Children must be enrolled at least one week before a class starts.

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Four file for open seat on county commission

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

There will be four candidates on the ballot for Sherman County commissioner from District 1, all Republicans.

The deadline to file for Republican and Democratic candidates was noon Monday.

Chuck Thomas, an Edson farmer, holds the seat now. He will face three challengers, including an engineer who's firm was bypassed by commissioners when they were deciding who would design county roads in a joint city-county project.

Mary Ann Snethen, deputy county clerk, said all four candidates filed just before the deadline Monday.

Larry Enfield, a farmer, and Curtis Hurd, a retired contractor and former city commissioner, filed

Monday. Also filing was Darin Neufeld, an engineer for Evans, Bierly, Hutchinson and Associates. All are Republicans.

Asked why he was running, Hurd said, "It's a dirty job but somebody has got to do it. I was on the City Commission for four years and enjoyed it. I feel we need some city representation. I am very interested in continuing the city-county cooperation."

Commissioner District 1 represents all of Goodland Ward 3, the part of Ward 4 south of Sixth Street, and Iowa, Itasca, Union and Washington townships.

Only those registered in the district can vote in the race, said County Clerk Janet Rumble. The position will be the only county office on the ballot this year.

Township 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.

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, which select candidates to fill vacant offices and decide party affairs.

Snethen said there have been some more candidates file for the Republican committee positions.

Rain helps fall crops to get better start

Goodland reported nearly a half inch of rain over the weekend, with some parts of the county getting even more.

While the moisture comes too late for most of the wheat crop, experts said, it may help some green fields increase their yield a little. Growing fall crops will get a boost.

At the Goodland Airport, the National Weather Service recorded .07 of an inch of rain on Saturday and .41 of an inch on Sunday.

The moisture was appreciated, and Jeremy Martin, a forecaster at the weather station, said there might be more.

"There is a chance of thunderstorms this afternoon," he said Monday, "with a better chance overnight."

Jeanne Falk, area crop produc-

tion and economics specialist for Sherman, Cheyenne and Wallace counties with Kansas State University Research and Extension, said the rain won't do much for the wheat.

"It will help to finish out the green fill," she said.

The rain will help newly planted corn, especially on dry land, she said.

"It will help producers help keep up with their irrigation," she added. "It's important to keep corn watered in its growing stage."

Milo, feed and beans have been pretty much planted, Falk said. The rain will help them to get a good start.

Most of the sunflowers have been planted and the rain will help to get them up, too, she said.