

**weather report**

**93°**



noon Monday

**Today**

• Sunset, 8:12 p.m.

**Wednesday**

• Sunrise, 5:35 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:11 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 79 degrees
- Humidity 26 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southeast at 10 mph
- Barometer 30.01 inches and steady

- Record High today 106° (1936)
- Record Low today 50° (1917)

**Last 24 Hours\***

- High Sunday 96°
- Low Monday 60°
- Precipitation —
- This month .04
- Year to date 7.48
- Below normal 4.61 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Mostly sunny and hot. High near 100, low around 65.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: Mostly sunny and hot, high near 100, low around 65. A 20 percent chance of showers after noon and before midnight. Thursday: Mostly sunny, high near 96, low around 64. Friday: Mostly sunny, high near 93, low around 63. Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 91, low around 65. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 94. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$5.44 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$5.52
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Corn — \$3.56 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.25
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Milo — \$3.21 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$8.32 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$7.91
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - NuSun crop — \$18.05
  - Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
- (Markets by the Scouler Co., Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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**Speedway race results**

Darren DeLoach (car 21, above left) of Lamar, Colo., took over first place by passing Ronnie Hill (41) of Sharon Springs in a modified preliminary at the Sherman County Speedway. See photos, story on Page 10.

## Wheat harvest overfills elevators

By Pat Schiefen

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The 2007 wheat harvest is mostly over, and a sigh of relief can be heard from farmers who filled their bins after a seven-year drought and almost no harvest for the last couple of years.

Kyle Sorensen, a marketer for the Scouler Co., which took over the Mueller Grain elevator here this year, said harvest is basically finished, with only a few stragglers still cutting wheat.

“Yields ranged from 30 to 60 bushels per acre,” he said. “The elevator took in a million bushels. The majority of the wheat will be moved out before the fall harvest.”

“We were real pleased.”

“Harvest is about over,” agreed Brad Cowan, general manager of Frontier Ag. “It was a really good harvest. Farmers’ were surprised at the good yields. Several had 50 to 60 bushels per acre, but the protein percentage was below average.”

Frontier had to pile wheat on the ground in Goodland when its storage filled up. Cowan would not say how many bushels Frontier took in. The market price for a bushel of wheat Monday was \$5.44 on Frontier’s web site, compared to \$4.53 a year ago.

It was a good harvest across the



Augers unloaded wheat from trucks on either side of a wheat pile at Frontier Ag in Goodland last week and added it to the pile.

Farmers reported a good harvest, with yields from 30 to 60 bushels an acre, and elevators had to store grain on the ground.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

county,” said Dana Belshe, Sherman County agent for the Sunflower Extension District. “There was some drought and frost damage on the western edge of the county.”

A corporate communications representative for Archer-Daniels-Midland, or ADM, who owns elevators in Goodland, said it was their policy not to release information on

the harvest. Employees at the elevators would not talk about yields or how much grain they took in.

However, Pat Peterson of United Plains Ag in Sharon Springs reported that the harvest was 95 percent done there. Most farmers were getting 50 bushels per acre, he said, but protein levels tend to be extremely low.

“It’s the best harvest of the century,” said Tim Burr, Frontier Equity general manager in St. Francis, “definitely better than it has been since 1999. The crop filled up the Wheeler and St. Francis Equity elevators.”

Burr said the is probably not a record breaker, but it is much better than it has been. Last year, the aver-

age yield per acre was 15 to 20 bushels and this year, farmers reported 50 to 60 on average, he said.

“I think this crop is going to be good for the community and there are going to be a lot of smiling farmers,” Burr said.

Mark Howerton, Frontier Ag

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## Commissioners view options for Road 16

By Tom Betz

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Paving the one-mile section of County Road 16 between old U.S. 24 and County Road 65 (Eighth Street) is the last asphalt section of the joint city-county road program to be designed and let for bid.

Sherman County commissioners looked at the road last week and agreed to begin the process of buying additional right of way on the east side of the road for about two-thirds of a mile, and getting Midwest Energy to move the power line about 20 feet to the east in the same area.

Tuesday, the commissioners, Public Works Manager Curt Way and a few citizens from the Sugar Hills Golf Club spent more than an hour on Road 16 looking at potential problems and talking about solutions.

Jerol DeBoer, owner and engineer from Penco Engineering of Plainville, who is doing the design, showed the group places where he feels the road needs to be moved to the east to make it better and safer.

DeBoer told the commissioners he’d like to see them move the south part of the road about 10 feet to the east, which will give the road more room and improve visibility at the railroad crossing. He said it will take about 20 feet of right-of-way to

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Sherman County commissioners viewed options for improving the mile section of County Road 16 that runs past the Sugar Hills Golf Club on Tuesday morning. The commissioners, along with Jerol DeBoer, (third from right) engineer from Penco Engineering, and Curt Way, (second from right) county public works man-

ager, discussed the options with Commissioners Kevin Rasure (left), Mitch Tiede (second from left) and Chuck Thomas (fourth from left). Representatives from the golf club Randy Topliff (third from left), Duane Harper (right) and Alan Townsend (not pictured) accompanied the commissioners on their tour.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

## Advertisement reunites sidekick with rodeo cowboy

By Erica Harlan

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A 6-foot, 7-inch cowboy with a heart of gold reunited Monday with Styme, his 15-year-old blue healer that apparently wandered off while staying in Goodland.

A little ad in last Tuesday’s paper got them back together.

Steve Mindemann said he and Styme were on their way from Freedom, Okla., to Cody, Wyo., to take a horse to his nephew.

After they were done there, they planned to go to the Calgary Stampede in Canada.

Mindemann and Styme made camp at Goodland’s new Holiday Inn Express on Sunday, July 8. When he got up, he said, Styme couldn’t be found. He searched for five hours, but eventually the cowboy had to hit the trail without his sidekick.

Everyone who knew Styme was heartbroken, he said. Mindemann’s daughter was distraught and even his cowboy buddies were calling after they heard what happened. Styme is a lovable dog, he said, and he likes everyone.



Styme

“He’s outlasted my wife and any of my girlfriends,” Mindemann said with a grin. “He’s never more than 50 feet from me.”

Until last week.

Judith Lamar, Mindemann’s companion, was calling everywhere to get help in town. She called the Goodland Police Department and then the newspaper.

She said she wanted to place an ad to find Styme, saying she had success before with ads and finding animals.

“Since we were on deadline for the paper, I wasn’t for sure if we could be able to get the ad in. After talking to a couple of people in the office, I put in just that little ad. And with that two-inch ad in last Tuesday’s *Goodland Star-News*, the paper got a call on Wednesday.

Lacy Carson said she had been working at the Holiday Inn Express that Sunday night, and Styme kept coming in through the automatic doors. Carson said she would walk him out and he would come right back in. She said she was worried something would happen to “He Dog,” so she took him home.

She said she was talking to her mom, Polly Potterf, about the dog, and her mother said she had seen the ad in Tuesday’s paper. Carson said she told her mom to call the paper. She said by that time, the dog was following her everywhere. She would open the car door, and Styme would jump right on in.

After doing a little calling around, I got the contact information for Judith from Deb Wasse Miller at Central Dispatch. Finally, after probably 10 calls, I had the information to call Lamar and tell her that Styme had been found.

When I called, I got an answering machine. A couple of minutes later, I called dispatch back and got Mindemann’s number.

When I got through to him, he was excited about finding Styme.

“I was wondering about the ol’ feller,” said Mindemann, who it seems is not only a cowboy, but also a poet and plays in a couple of bands.

He said he was a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association steer wrestler for 20 years and has judged the rodeo in Cody.

He is a singer-songwriter, cow-

boy poet and entertainer who has shared the stage with many country artists. He plays guitar and sings with the Three Amigos and is a founder of the Grissleheads, who have been entertaining for over 20 years. He said he is a chuck wagon cook at round ups and a working cowboy as well.

“You have truly reunited a cowboy and his partner,” said Lamar.

Early Monday morning, Mindemann stopped in Goodland to pick up Styme.

He said he had to go on to a show in Texas and didn’t have time to stop by the paper, adding that he knew Carson would miss Styme.

He said he would get her to dog sit the next time he goes through here so he doesn’t lose him again.

The cowboy said he tried to give Carson some money for helping, but she wouldn’t take it. She did accept an autographed picture, he said.

Lamar said she and Mindemann plan to make a donation to the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter in return for the help they got in Goodland.