

weather
report

92°
noon
Thursday



Today

- Sunset, 8:05 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:42 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:04 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 82 degrees
- Humidity 27 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northwest 8 mph
- Barometer 30.01 inches and falling
- Record High today 111° (1940)
- Record Low today 51° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	100°
Low Wednesday	62°
Precipitation	none
This month	2.52
Year to date	6.80
Below normal	6.21 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny and hot with a 20 percent chance of isolated thunderstorms after noon, a high near 97, winds calm becoming east 10-15 mph and a low around 65. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 94, winds calm changing to south at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 64.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 90 and a low around 66. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 90. (National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$7.33 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.24
Corn — \$5.20 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.17
Milo — \$4.75 bushel
Soybeans — \$12.80 bushel
Posted county price — \$13.08
Millet — \$7 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$25.90 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.)

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today

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Goodland
wins tourney

Taylen Smith prepared to swing at a pitch as the Rough Riders 12-and-under baseball team played Colby in the league tournament at Colby. The Rough Riders won the tournament. See story, photo on Page 12.

Penney's catalog store to open

By Pat Schiefen

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Jacque's Hallmark will be the home of a J.C. Penney catalog service center starting Monday, Aug. 25, giving shoppers an alternative as the company-owned store at the other end of the block closes the end of August.

The expanded store will offer shop-at-home and online catalog ordering from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday at 1124 Main Ave.

The owners, Jacque and Kendall Cooper, asked Sherman County Economic Development Council on Tuesday if they could get some of the support offered to Penneys to keep the retail store open here. The retail store will close on Friday, Aug. 22. It will cost Coopers about \$13,500 to do necessary renovations.

"The ... center will provide the same customer services provided by the catalog desks in our department stores, ranging from processing of credit card payments to the sale of gift cards," said Rob Hubner, catalog merchant coordinator for Penney's.

Development Council asked to help with catalog store remodeling costs

By Tom Betz

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The owners of a new J.C. Penney catalog store asked the Sherman County Economic Development Council on Tuesday if it would consider offering them some of the support proffered to Penney's to keep it's regular retail store here open.

Kendall and Jacque Cooper said they are going to remodel their Hallmark store, at 1124 Main Ave., and would open the catalog store on Monday, Aug. 25, within a few days of when the existing Penney's store will close.

The council discussed how to give money to the Cooper's to help with the project, and decided to table the issue to allow some investigation and to develop some guidelines for this type of business request.

Council members agreed they want to support the project, but want to have a way to handle other requests that may come up. They tabled the action until their meeting on Saturday, Aug. 19.

"We have to do some remodeling to get this done,"

Jacque Cooper said. "We have to buy furnishings from Penney's. It will be in the back of the store and look like a Penney's store."

"We will take orders and returns and payments on Penney's accounts. We have to hire another person to help with the Penney's part and with the rest of the store."

Kendall Cooper said a lot of merchandise will have to be moved around, estimating the cost to be about \$13,500.

"In past, we were offering money for Penney's to stay in Goodland," Jacque Cooper said. "We are asking for some money for Penney's to stay as a smaller part inside of my store."

Kendall Cooper said the fixtures are expected to cost \$4,500, \$1,000 for the sign, \$1,000 for a computer and \$7,000 for remodeling, plus hiring a person and moving things around.

"I think it is good you are able to do this," said Don

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The service counter will be where the balloons are now, in the back or southwest corner of the store, said

owner Jacque Cooper. She said they plan to buy new fixtures, then remove the old pharmacy and move

the balloons there.

Cooper said she plans to go to Ord, Neb., from Monday to Friday,

Aug. 11 to 15, for training.

"I have to know every aspect of running the center," she said, adding that the store will take payments for merchandise as well as credit-card payments.

Cooper said she plans to hire someone to help with customer service. The new person plus her present employees will do the service center as well as the Hallmark store, she said.

She said she and her husband Kendall recently bought the building where Homeland Real Estate had been behind the store. Cooper said they had punched a hole between the two for a doorway. The extra space will be used for employee break room and an office.

J.C. Penney is the largest catalog merchant of general merchandise and JCPenney.com is one of the largest apparel and home furnishings sites on the Internet, the company says.

"I have no idea how much business the catalog service center will have," Cooper said. "I hope it stays the same amount as it was at the regular store and hopefully increases."

Smoothing concrete street



City street workers poured and smoothed a strip of concrete along Eighth Street west of Caldwell Ave. Wednesday morning. Tony Daise (left) and Joey Snethen (center) smoothed the concrete and Brandon VanVleet (on his knees) smoothed the edges. Phil Erickson, street superintendent, was directing the concrete chute while Justin Lohr and Dan Knitig used a board to screet the concrete. Helping with

the work were summer helpers Ren Scherling, Mikey Doll and Ryan Gausman. Darin Neufeld of EBH Engineering said Thursday morning the final pour was done by Miller Construction at the airport on the south portion of the parking lot. He said the new entrance road will be opened on Monday with work beginning on the north part of the parking lot.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Judge candidates answer forum questions

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The three area lawyers running in the Tuesday, Aug. 5, primary for district judge in Sherman County spoke to around 80 people at a candidate forum put on by the Sherman County Farm Bureau at the Goodland High School auditorium Monday night.

The candidates, Scott Showalter, Kevin Berens and Andrea Wyrick, all touted their experience and sense of justice.

Showalter said he has lived in Goodland since 1973. He graduated from Goodland High School in 1978, Fort Hays State University in 1981 and the Washburn University School of Law in 1984. H has been in public service for 25 years, having prosecuted 2,600 cases and being a court trustee for 1,200 cases per year.

Showalter said his son is a deputy sheriff and his daughter is a senior

Budget big issue for commissioners

By Pat Schiefen

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The Tuesday, Aug. 5, Primary Election, features two candidates running for county commissioner in District 2 on the Democratic side and two Republicans running in District 3, the incumbent and a challenger in each race.

The two running for the District 2 seat are current commissioner and businessman Mitch Tiede and retired weatherman and farmer Dee Miller. The two running for District 3 are Rasure Do It Center owner Kevin Rasure and farmer

Max Linin.

In his opening statement, Tiede said he had lived 25 years in the county and been a county commissioner for eight. He said it is important to finish County Road 14, which runs in front of the sunflower-oil processing plant and the Goodland Energy Center.

Miller said that he wanted to watch the budget more closely, do a better job of buying for the county and cooperate with the city when possible to cut costs. He said he thought everyone should help with economic development.

"I was impressed by the effort to keep Penney's open," he said.

Rasure said he grew up in Goodland and has been commissioner for eight years. He said he wants to make the county a better place to live and work by providing services and having good infrastructure. He said he thought the joint bond with the city to improve roads was important.

"I want to find ways to come together with the city," Rasure said, adding that he wants to spend

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at Fort Hays.

"If elected, it would be a pinnacle for my public service career," he said. "I am capable and competent to serve you. It would be an honor

to serve you."

Berens, St. Francis, said he graduated from Colby High School in 1989, then Fort Hays State and in 1999 from Washburn Law. He

works with the firm of James M. Milliken, Chartered, in St. Francis.

"I have a good knowledge of the law, with well rounded experiences," said Berens.

Andrea Wyrick from Colby, county attorney for three counties, said she grew up in Long Island, about 20 miles northeast of Norton. She graduated from Taylor University and the University of Tulsa College of Law, then worked for a petroleum company in Houston and Shook, Hardy and Bacon, an international products liability firm in Kansas City.

After the birth of her first son, she said, she and her husband wanted to be near her parents in Levant and live in a small town. In Colby, she had a private practice for a year or so before being elected the county attorney in Thomas and Logan. In 2005, the governor appointed her as county attorney for Wallace County also.

"I have always wanted to be a judge, to be of service," she said.

Showalter and Berens both said

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