

## weather report

84°

at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 8:06 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:41 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:06 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 75 degrees  
• Humidity 45 percent  
• Sky mostly sunny  
• Winds east 10 mph  
• Barometer 30.03 inches  
and steady

• Record High 111° (1940)  
• Record Low 51° (1924)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 98°  
Low 63°  
Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, low 60s, winds south-east 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of rain, high 90s, low 60s, winds southeast 10-20 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: chance for rain, high 90s, low 60s. Saturday: chance of rain, high 80s, low 60s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.36 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.19  
Loan deficiency payment — 26¢  
Corn — \$1.53 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.51  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 48¢  
Milo — \$2.01 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.70 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.04  
Loan deficiency payment — 86¢  
Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$5.65 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.08  
Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo Co. Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

## Plane crash kills over 100

GONESSE, France — An Air France Concorde en route to New York City crashed outside Paris shortly after takeoff today, slamming into a hotel and a restaurant. At least 113 people were killed when the charter flight of German tourists went down in the first-ever crash of the supersonic jet.

Police said all 109 passengers and crew onboard were killed. France Info radio said four people died at the 72-room Relais Bleus hotel, and police said about a dozen others were injured.

The hotel was in flames after the crash, and sections had been reduced to blackened rubble and twisted metal.

Firefighters poured streams of water on the huge, completely blackened hulk of what was once the pride of the Air France fleet. It was barely recognizable as an airplane fuselage.

# Officials face competition in election

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

With primary elections coming on Tuesday, Republicans have hot races for county clerk and sheriff in Sherman County, and for the state House of Representatives and the state Senate.

Two Republicans are running for clerk, the incumbent Janet Rumpel, who has held the job for 11 years, and Judith Siruta, a former business owner and Chamber of Commerce official.



The sheriff's race this year has four candidates. The incumbent, Doug Whitson, has held the office since he was appointed in 1995 after former

Sheriff Jack Armstrong resigned. Armstrong is also running.

Both Whitson and Armstrong are Republicans, as is Richard Miller, a former jailer. The race will be decided in the August primary, and the winner will go against Democrat Arthur Albers, undersheriff, in November.

Democrats have a race for treasurer which was over before it started. Deedi Hoss, a former deputy treasurer, filed for the position but got another job.

Hoss says she no longer wants the job. Incumbent Shelby Miller was the only Democrat candidate with an opponent.

Unopposed incumbent candidates include Jack Burr, a Republican running for judge in the 15th Judicial District; Republican Garry Townsend running for county commissioner in the 3rd district; Kenneth Davis, a Democrat running for county commissioner for the 2nd district, Carol Armstrong, a Republican running for register of

deeds; and Bonnie Selby, a Republican running for county attorney.

Sherman County resident Harlan House is running against incumbent Rep. Jim Morrison of Colby for the 121st District seat in the House. Both are Republicans.

Sen. Stan Clark and Steve Mangano are running as Republicans for the 40th District seat in the Senate. Billie Florio will be running in November as a Democrat for the seat.

## Sheriff's position attracts officers

### All candidates have worked for department at one time

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

There are four candidates in this year's Sherman County sheriff's race, all with ties to the office, including the present sheriff, the undersheriff, a former sheriff, and a former reserve officer.

Sheriff Doug Whitson, former sheriff Jack Armstrong, and former reserve officer Rich Miller are running as Republicans, which Undersheriff Dee Albers is unopposed on the Democratic ballot.

Sheriff Whitson, sheriff since 1995, said he is running again because he enjoys the work and serving the people. "It's rewarding to see that you're helping people and that you're making a difference," Whitson said.

He said criminals need to be punished for their crimes and be responsible for their actions.

"That's our main duty, to see that they are and to protect the citizens," he said.

Whitson said the growing drug problem that has been seen over the last three or four years in Sherman County is an issue to him.

"We need to educate the younger generation as to the effects of drugs and how they affect your life in general when you get involved in them," he said.

He said parents need to be educated as well, so they will recognize the danger signals when a child becomes involved with drugs.

Whitson said alcohol and domestic violence are problems that the sheriff's department runs into frequently.

"Normally, when we have a domestic violence situation, there is alcohol involved in it as well," he said.

Albers said his reasons for running are to give Sherman County a sheriff who will work past 5 p.m.

"I won't be an 8-5 sheriff," he said. "I will be out in the evenings and people can call on me anytime."

Albers has worked for the depart-

ment for over nine years and worked his way up from a deputy to undersheriff.

For him, the issue is to work with the youth in the community and the county. He said the sheriff's office would be more involved with the youth, if he is elected.

Armstrong said that law enforcement gets in your blood, plus he was asked by people in the county to run again. Armstrong resigned as sheriff in 1995 and went into the restaurant business.

At the time, county commissioners had asked the attorney general and KBI to investigate handling of money in the sheriff's office. Eventually, more than \$4,000 was found to be unaccounted for, but no criminal charges were filed. Commissioners, who claimed the money for vehicle inspections should have gone to the county general fund, but had been spent without authority, received an \$8,000 insurance settlement.

"I was ready for a rest," the ex-sheriff said. Armstrong and his wife Doris ran the Buckboard Restaurant in Goodland for two years.

But his love for law enforcement and protection have brought him back.

"The longer I'm out of it, the more I want to be back in it," he said.

Armstrong is still a deputy U.S. Marshal, so he has kept his hand in law enforcement.

He said if he is elected he would want to evaluate the department first to see what procedures were being done and make changes from that point.

A former sheriff's reserve officer, Miller said he is running because he feels it's time for a change. He said he agreed with Armstrong about law enforcement getting in your blood.

Miller and his wife, Jolene, own and operate Grass Roots Lawn Service in Goodland.

He feels the issues are drugs, alcohol, and domestic violence.

"I believe it's time to be aggressive by intervention and education," he said.

## Sometimes you feel like a nut...



A squirrel enjoyed the shade of a tree Monday afternoon near 12th and Clark Avenue.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

## The race for sheriff: Profiles of the four candidates



Albers

Goodland and graduated from Goodland High School and the Kansas Law Enforcement Training Center in Hutchinson.

As for changes if he is elected, Albers said he would try to hire a school resource officer to work with students. He would see about getting more grants during the year for a Drug and Alcohol Resistance Education officer, a drug and search dog and equipment.

"The sheriff's office would be more involved with the youth," he said.

Albers' wife, Monica, is a nurse at the Kit Carson County Correctional Facility in Burlington. He has two children.

Arthur "Dee" Albers, the only Democrat in the Sherman County sheriff's race, is the current undersheriff.

Albers, 40, said people should vote for him for a change.

"I will be working more with the community," Albers said.



Armstrong

people of Sherman County and I intend to do that again, if elected," he said.

Armstrong is a Goodland native. He joined the Goodland Police Department when he was 22 and served four years.

If elected, Armstrong said there would probably be several changes made.

"One thing would be to take the sheriff's department from I-70 and place them back into the county for rural protection of the people," he said. After resigning as sheriff in 1995, Armstrong and his wife opened the Buckboard Restaurant, which they ran for two years.

Jack Armstrong, a Republican, was sheriff for almost 28 years, but resigned nearly five years ago. Now he is back on the ballot.

The ex-sheriff, 57, said people should vote for him because of his experience.

"I feel like I've always worked close with the



Miller

Rich Miller, Republican, was a reserve officer for the Sherman County Sheriff's Department until 1997 and is now a candidate for sheriff.

Miller, 53, was born at Beloit. He graduated from high school at Simpson and the North Central Kansas Technical School in Beloit. He also has had law enforcement training. Miller worked for the Beloit Police for four years before coming to Goodland. When asked why people should vote for him, Miller said, "simply because it's time for a change."

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Whitson

Sheriff Doug Whitson says he is running for re-election because he loves his job.

Whitson, 48, a Republican, has lived in Goodland for 25 years. He was born in Independence and grew up at Hutchinson.

Whitson received his GED from Hutchinson Junior College. He has law enforcement training in fields including crime scene and accident investigation, interviewing techniques and psychological profiling.

"I have been in law enforcement for 16 years," Whitson said. "I've been in Goodland for 25 years. I love the country and thoroughly enjoy the people."

Whitson said things would stay pretty much the same if he is re-elected, except for an increase in aggression towards drugs and education for parents and children about drugs.

He is working to put together a program aimed at educating retired people about scams and con artists.