

weather report

87°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:00 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:47 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:59 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 73 degrees
• Humidity 27 percent
• Sky clear
• Winds south 10 mph
• Barometer 30.11 inches and falling
• Record High 107° (1938)
• Record Low 51° (1950)

Last 24 Hours*

High 87°
Low 53°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 60-65, winds south 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, high 90-95, low 55-60, winds southeast 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90-95, low 55-60.

(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
Wheat — \$2.34 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.15
Loan deficiency payment — 3¢
Corn — \$2.34 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.47
Loan deficiency pmt. — 52¢
Milo — \$1.96 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.61 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.88
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.02
Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.65 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.04
Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo 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.



Bush is guest at arrival party

PHILADELPHIA — Texas Gov. George W. Bush swept confidently into town Wednesday to collect the Republican presidential nomination, telling a cheering crowd, "If all goes well, you're looking at the next president of the United States."
He said he was eager to join the Republican National Convention, saying that it was sending "such a positive and hopeful message" to America. "We can't wait to share in the celebration with y'all."
The arrival ceremony was steeped in patriotism. Bush did his part by ringing a replica of the Liberty Bell.
Bush and his wife Laura stepped together off his campaign plane, newly emblazoned with the names "BUSH-CHENEY" in large letters on the gleaming white fuselage decorated with red and blue stripes.

Senator wins 2-1 despite flow of cash

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News
Swimming against a tide of cash and criticism, Sen. Stan Clark reached shore Tuesday, soundly defeating a challenger whose big-bucks campaign was backed by major statewide groups. "I wrote down last night that I'd get 64 percent of the votes," Sen. Clark said late Tuesday night.
As the Republican results rolled in, it was clear the incumbent was indeed the winner — earning 66 percent of the

votes in the end against a well-financed opponent with major statewide support. "We'll just go back to work on the farm," said Tribune farmer Steve Mangan, who got just 34 percent of the votes though he spent more than



Sen. Clark Mangan

\$64,000. "The people of north-west Kansas made the ultimate choice and that's what elections are for."
Of 13,322 votes in the 40th District, Clark, who has been in office for six years, got 8,811, while Mangan earned 4,511.

In Sherman County, where election officials were finished counting about 10:45 p.m., Clark got 761 votes, or 61 percent, while Mangan got 494, or 39 percent.
The race for the 40th District seat in the Kansas Senate was a tough one from the beginning, but got even tougher in the last few weeks.
With financial support from members of a major statewide farm group and the state's largest teachers' union, Mangan spent thousands on television,

radio and newspaper advertising, plus yard signs and fliers mailed to voters' homes. Thousands more in "soft" money was spent by groups supporting him, including the Kansas Livestock Association and the Kansas-National Education Association.
Clark said he spent thousands rebutting what he called false claims some of the advertisements and mailings made — though Mangan said he wasn't

See SENATE, Page 4

The results are in...



Crystal Linsner, a deputy election officer in the county clerk's office, used a ballot-counting machine to count votes Tuesday night. She and other officers were busy with primary election duties until after midnight.
Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Sheriff keeps job in crowded race

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News
Incumbent Doug Whitson held onto his job in the Republican race for Sherman County sheriff Tuesday, taking 785 votes to 365 for former Sheriff Jack Armstrong.
Rich Miller, a former jailer and reserve deputy, had 107 votes. Whitson will now face Democrat Dee Albers in the November general election.
Whitson has been in office since September 1995, when Armstrong resigned after a KBI investigation of his office began. The sheriff said he decided to run again because he enjoys the work and serving the people.
"I'm very pleased with the support I've had," Whitson said. "As far as the office, it's going to be business as usual."
He said he didn't think there was any one certain thing that helped him to win this election.
"I've always felt that a man's record should speak for itself, rather than him having to speak," said Whitson. "I've never been real big on pushing myself on people. I just want to do my job."
Whitson said he has mainly tried to run business as usual and take care of the people.
"That's what I'm here for," he said.
He said he would run his future campaign pretty much as he has through the primary.
"I won't change much of anything," he said.
Whitson said his wife, Pam was very pleased with the outcome as well.
Armstrong, who was sheriff for almost 28 years, said he decided to run again after he was asked by people in the county.
He also said in an earlier interview that his love for law enforcement and protection was another reason he had decided to run.
"It was an interesting race," Armstrong said Tuesday, adding that he didn't have any further comments on the outcome.
Miller, a reserve officer for the sheriff's department from 1991 to 1997, said he had joined the race because he thought it was time for a change.
"A little disappointed, but not bad," Miller said about the outcome. "The best man wins, I guess."
Albers, an undersheriff and nine-year employee of the de-



Whitson



Armstrong



Miller



Albers

See SHERIFF, Page 4

Clerk wins position in contested race

By Dana Sulsberger
The Goodland Daily News
Janet Rumpel, the Republican incumbent, walked away the victor in the race for Sherman County on Tuesday, taking 60 percent of the vote.
Rumpel had 758 of the 1,272 votes, while Judy Siruta had 40 percent with 514.
"I want to wish Janet Rumpel the best," said Siruta, who had said she was running for office because she said she wanted to make things happen for people in Sherman County.
"I want what is best for Sherman County, and I wish the county the best too," she said.
When asked what she is planning to do next, Siruta replied that she hasn't thought that far ahead yet.
"I guess I will have to find a job and go back to work," she said. She had worked for the Convention and Visitors Bureau until she resigned to tackle the election race.
Siruta said she might consider running again in the next election if the opportunity arose.
"I think that everyone should do it once," she said. "It was a fun experience."
Siruta had no previous government experience when she started campaigning. She said that she wanted to thank the people that voted for her, and hoped that Rumpel and the county would be successful in the upcoming term.
Rumpel said that she was happy that she had won the election.

See CLERK, Page 4

Treasurer wins easily in Democratic primary

By Dana Sulsberger
The Goodland Daily News
In a race for county treasurer that was basically uncontested, incumbent Democrat Shelby Miller walked away with 313 votes totaling 87 percent while Deedi Hoss had just 48 votes.
Hoss, a former employee in the treasurer's office, said last week that she was running an inactive campaign because she had found another job.
Miller who has held the treasurer's

position for 19 years, has no Republican opponent in the November general election.
"I am glad that I won," said Miller, "and I want to thank the people that voted for me."
In other unopposed races, Republican Bonnie Selby, the incumbent running for county attorney, had 972 votes. Selby was appointed last year. There is no Democratic candidate in this race.
Carol Armstrong, the current regis-

ter of deeds, will also continue her service for another term, gaining 1,001 votes in the primary. Armstrong, a Republican, has held the office for seven years since former register Dorthia Graybill retired in late June 1994. She has been working in the register's office since 1983.
Republican District Judge Jack Burr also can look forward to another term in Division 1, receiving 1,063 votes. Burr has 20 years' experience.

Two incumbent county commissioners were unopposed. Gary Townsend, a Republican, won 288 votes in the 3rd District, and Kenneth Davis, a Democrat, had 117 votes in the 2nd. Neither has opposition in November, and both expect to continue to serve for another four years. Davis and Townsend have served on the commission since 1997. This will be the second term for both.
Republican Congressman Jerry Moran, unopposed, drew 1,068 votes.

Only 40 percent of registered voters showed up at polls

Only 40 percent of registered voters in Sherman County had cast ballots in the primary election by the time the polls closed at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.
Despite a set of hot races on the Republican ballot, that was 35 percent short of the 75 percent turnout County Clerk Janet Rumpel said she was hoping for.
In comparison, in the primary election four years ago, 43 percent of the registered voters turned out, with 77

percent turnout for the general election in November.
In a breakdown by party, tentative numbers show that 55 percent of Republicans and 37 percent of Democrats turned out to vote, said Rumpel, with 1,289 Republicans of the 2,327 registered voting and 378 Democrats of the 1024 registered voting.
She said those figures aren't accurate because unaffiliated voters are allowed to declare for a party on election day,

and the number of unaffiliated voters casting ballots had not been entered into the computer yet.
Votes cast by unaffiliated electors also account for the high Republican turnout despite the 40 percent overall total, she said.
Rumpel has said that ideally they were hoping for a 75 percent turnout in a contested primary.
Rumpel said she thought that part of the reason low turnout is because of

"motor voter" registration, where people can register to vote when they get a drivers license. The method is required under a relatively new federal law.
"A lot of those people aren't interested in voting," said Rumpel, "but they are still on the books."
"There was a steady stream of people all day," said Rumpel, "but our busiest hours were before 8 a.m. and after 5 p.m., when people weren't at work."