

## weather report

65°

at noon



### Today

• Sunset, 4:47 p.m.

### Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:15 a.m.  
• Sunset, 4:46 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 52 degrees  
• Humidity 75 percent  
• Sky mostly cloudy  
• Winds south 24-35 mph  
• Barometer 29.80 inches and falling  
• Record High 87° (1950)  
• Record Low 12° (1991)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 65°  
Low 43°  
Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 50 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 40-45, winds south 15-25 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, dry, high 55-60, winds south 20-30 mph, low mid 30s.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday: dry, high mid 50s, low 30. Friday: dry, high mid 50s, low 30-35. Saturday: dry, high 60, low 35. (National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.72 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.52  
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.86 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.68  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 31¢  
Milo — \$2.98 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.08 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.85  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.05  
Millet — no posted price; ask.  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$5.25 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.50  
Confection current — \$15/\$6 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$15 (new crop)  
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

## Congress in a 'deadlock'

WASHINGTON — President Clinton charged today that Republican devotion to "the special interests" was causing a year-end budget deadlock over education and other issues.

A senior GOP lawmaker accused the White House of pursuing a "government shutdown strategy" in the shadow of an election. Bargainers in Congress had reached a bipartisan agreement two nights ago on a bill to pay for education and other programs, Clinton said, claiming that the GOP leadership had said, "Our special interests won't like this."

The president said it was time to return to the bargaining table. Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Appropriations Committee, said it appeared the White House was pursuing a government shutdown strategy.

# Candidates want to help young, old

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Both Sheriff Doug Whitson and Undersheriff Dee Albers have talked about the problems of the young and the elderly in their campaigns for the office of Sherman County sheriff.

Republican Whitson and Democrat Albers will face each other at the polls on Tuesday.

Albers said he wants to work with youth, while Whitson would like to educate parents to be aware of drug abuse. Both say they want to see a program to protect the elderly from scams and con artists.

Albers said he would like to do programs for kids during the school year and also during the

summer.

If elected, he said, he wants to hire a "resource officer" who would work in the schools.

He also wants to find money for a dog to sniff out drugs or search for people if someone gets lost.

"I plan on working to get more grants for programs and equipment," Albers said.

He has been undersheriff for six years, but has worked for the sheriff's department since 1991. Before that he served in the U.S. Army from 1983



Dee Albers



Doug Whitson

to 1986.

His wife Monica is a nurse at the Kit Carson County Correctional Facility in Burlington. He has two children in grade school, a son, Jordan, and a daughter, Alexis.

Albers is an assistant coach with the Kansas Kids Wrestling program and an assistant leader for the Cub Scouts. He coached little league softball this summer and flag football through the Goodland Activities Center this fall. If elected, he said, he'd like to get the officers

involved with coaching and youth programs during the summer.

He said it's a big responsibility to take care of the sheriff's office and the people of Sherman County, but he feels he is up to the job.

Albers said if elected, besides being in the office 8-5, he would be out in the community to know what's going on.

"I plan to patrol with my deputies on weekends and at night," he said.

Whitson said if he is re-elected, he will try to serve the public like he has for the last five years. He was appointed sheriff in September 1995.

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## Farming helps in new job

Fred Wedel said 17 years of farming experience helps in his job as the new conservationist for Sherman County.

Wedel, who recently took over as district conservationist in Goodland's Natural Resources Conservation Service office, said he ran an irrigated farm in Burlington for nearly 20 years and was part-owner of a hog farm west of Ruleton in the late 1970s.

He left farming in 1987 to go to work for the federal agency, but said he hasn't forgotten what it's like to run a farm.

Wedel began as a conservation technician for the service — part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture — and worked his way up to soil conservationist and district conservationist. Last month, he started work in the Goodland office, taking over for Dick Fletcher, who retired earlier in the summer.

"Coming from a farm-operating background," Wedel said, "I can relate to farmers and their needs."

He said he realizes that's important in a line of work that includes helping farmers conserve natural resources through irrigation water management, contour farming and other practices.

"They've developed all these prac-



Fred Wedel

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## A hard choice...



Jordan Albers, a fifth grader at North Elementary School, checked out a long table full of books for sale at the Elementary Book Fair Monday.

The fair is being held all this week in the library at Central, North and West schools. Photo by Dana Sulzberger/The Goodland Daily News

# Write-in candidates have people asking questions

## Clerk says voters worry about spelling, district boundaries

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Twenty years since the last time a write-in candidate campaigned in Sherman County, two write-ins are challenging incumbents in this election, and it has voters asking questions.

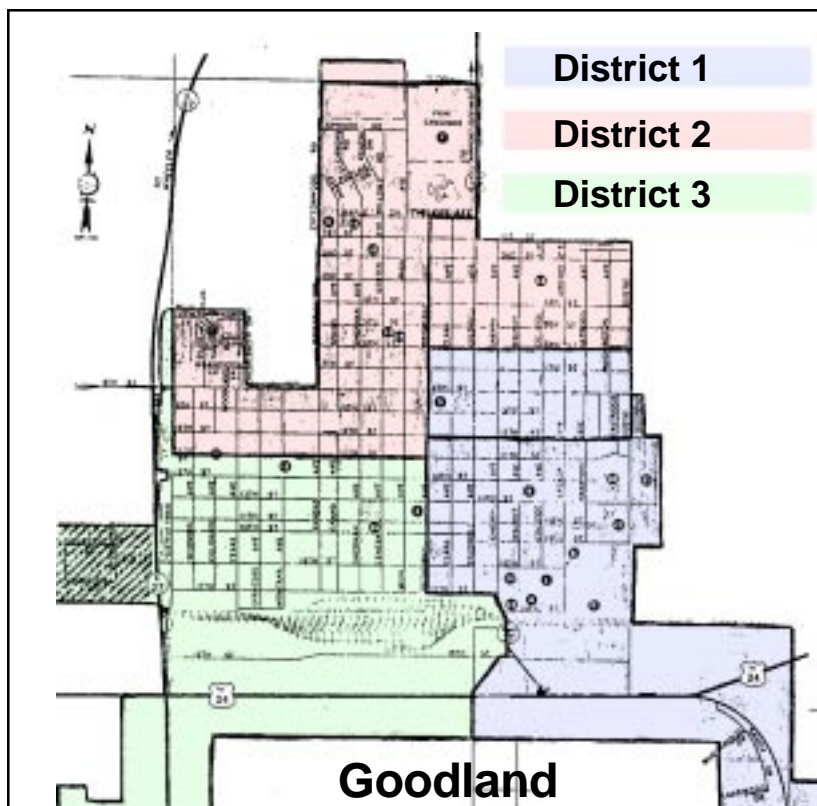
Mitch Tiede, a Goodland business owner, and Lynn Swayne, a matron at the Sherman County Bastille, are campaigning as write-in candidates in next week's general election.

Tiede, a Democrat, wants Kenny Davis' job as county commissioner in District 2, and Swayne, a Republican, wants Carol Armstrong's job as register of deeds. Both Davis, a Democrat, and Armstrong, a Republican, want to keep their jobs and were unopposed in the August primaries.

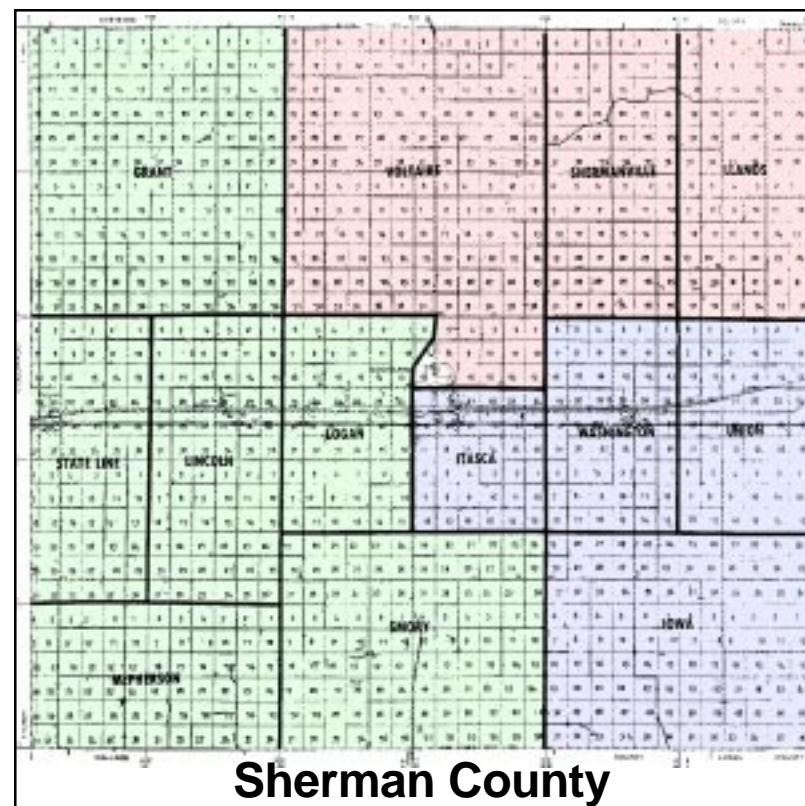
Tiede and Swayne, members of the same political party as the incumbents they are running against, emerged this fall, avoiding a primary race.

Janet Rumpel, county clerk, said it's been 20 years since a write-in candidate campaigned here, and this year's unusual election has voters and candidates asking questions about district boundaries, misspelling a write-in candidate's name and mailing stickers to voters.

People who live outside commis-



Only voters who live inside District 2, which includes Llanos, Shermanville and Voltaire townships, Goodland Ward 1, the part of Ward 4 north of 6th Street and the Roeder Addition, can vote in the county commissioner race



in that district, where a write-in candidate is challenging the incumbent commissioner.

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sioner District 2 and support Mitch Tiede, she said, have asked about voting for the write-in. Rumpel said her response has been that the vote would be counted, but won't do much good.

"In essence they will be throwing away their vote," said Rumpel, noting

that Tiede is seeking a position in District 2 and only voters living within that district can elect him. Kevin Rasure, who filled the commission seat in District 3 after Gary Townsend died this summer, is running unopposed and the District 1 seat won't be up for election

for another two years. Voters who live in those districts can't vote in District 2.

Outside the Goodland city limits, District 2 comprises Llanos, Voltaire and Shermanville townships, and within Goodland, it includes all of Ward

1 and the part of Ward 4 north of 6th Street.

Since the register of deeds represents the entire county, Rumpel said, all Sherman County voters can choose between

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