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weather report

52°

noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 7:18 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:16 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:19 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 43 degrees
- Humidity 54 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds south at 15 mph
- Barometer 29.76 inches and steady

- Record High today 90° (1907)
- Record Low today 4° (1989)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	36°
Low Monday	33°
Precipitation	—
This month	.1
Year to date	3.31
Above Normal	.92 of an inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: A 20 percent chance of showers, high near 60, low near 35.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high near 60, low around 30 with a 20 percent chance of showers. Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers, partly cloudy, high near 59, low around 41. Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers, high near 54, low near 32 with a 30 percent chance of snow. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 54, low near 33. (National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.22 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.37
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$3.48 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.29
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$3.23 bushel
Soybeans — \$6.65 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.75
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$7 hundredweight
Sunflowers
NuSun crop — \$16.20 cwt
Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls to face Colby

Senior Whitney Archer hit a fly ball in a double-header with the Garden City Lady Buffs on Friday, March 30. The Cowgirls host the Lady Eagles of Colby at 3 p.m. on Thursday. See photo, story on page 12.



Britanie Weber showed Grandmother Ann and Grandpa Ron Weber the basket full of eggs she gathered from the floor of the Goodland Activity Center on Saturday morning.



Demi Mitchek, Braelyn Hoelting and Katie Purvis (from left) colored Easter Egg shapes while they waited their turn to gather candy-filled eggs at the Goodland Activity Center Saturday morning. Hoelting had Andi Nelson air brush Easter eggs on her face as part of the fun morning.

Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Kids jam center to get eggs

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Kids with baskets of every shape and size jammed the Goodland Activities Center on Saturday morning for the annual Easter Egg hunt.

The little ones carried baskets in the shapes of sunflowers, cowboy hats, bunnies, soccer balls, basketballs, baseballs, Spiderman and more traditional Easter baskets.

In one area, kids could get their faces painted by Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Andi Nelson, color large easter eggs and have a picture taken with the Easter Bunny, also known as Brittney Ford.

Volunteers scattered thousands of plastic eggs filled with candy on the gym floor. There were hunts for kids 2 and under, 3

to 5 and 6 to 8. Kids with their parents lined the edge of the gym floor waiting for the word "Go."

Then the floor swarmed with egg hunters, with parents and others out to help the little ones. Excited kids scurried from one egg to another to fill their baskets. There were plenty of eggs, so everyone had a basket full by the time they were done.

Connie Grieve, a member of the Goodland Lions Club, ringmaster for the event, led a drawings for the special golden eggs after the hunt.

Winners of the special eggs included Riley Wilson, Brock Mull, Ethan Theurer, Jaron Northdruff, William Schaffer, Kennedy Dinkel and Gavin Fasson. The special eggs contained gift certificates from the sponsors.

Sponsors for the special eggs were Goodwin Law LLC, Presto truck stop, Jacque's Hallmark, Wal-Mart SuperCenter and the Hope Thomas Alexander Foundation.

Sponsors included Goodwin, Bankwest of Kansas, the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, The *Goodland Star-News*, Wal-Mart, the Goodland and S & T Telephone.

Volunteers included Edith and Angel Blume, Laura, Tara and Katie Pope, Jeannie Hickert, Joann Matthews, Ed Carleton, Kenneth and Connie Grieve, Ginger and Dusti Chadwick, Schyler Goodwin, Page Seeger, Rhonda Rice, Andrea Nelson, Stacy and Xavier Colby, Bryce Raby, Karen Duell, Ford and Amber Helderman.

Two votes force drawing for Kanorado seat

The second position for the Kanorado City Council from last Tuesday's city election wound up in a tie that had to be decided by drawing names from a box on Friday morning.

Cody Pettibone, whose name was on the ballot, had 19 votes and Chad Hanevik had 19 write-in votes when the tally sheets were checked on Thursday.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the vote county on Tuesday showed 17 write-in votes for Hanevik, but a later check of the tally sheet showed two more write-in votes for Hanevik that showed the intent of the voter,

but were not circled, resulting in the tie with Pettibone. Ten people voted for Hanevik on election day and nine had voted for him in advance.

Rumpel said a tie by law is settled by drawing lots.

Given the choice of drawing for straws or drawing a name out of a box, the two agreed to settle the question by drawing names. Chairman Chuck Thomas of the Sherman County Commission drew the name from the box after Commissioner Mitch Tiede mixed the slips up. Pettibone got the job.

A total of 70 people casting ballots in the city race. On election day

49 voted at the poll, 20 voted in advance and there was one provisional ballot that counted.

The final vote totals for Kanorado council left Gerald Webber, the leader, still at 24 and Pettibone and Hanevik at 19. Deb Fahey came close with 18, a gain of one, and Larry Wilkerson stayed at 10.

Countywide, the turnout for the election was only 18 percent of the registered voters, said Rumpel.

After settling the tie, county commissioners canvassed the votes from the city and school election, the final step in certifying the results.

Canvassing answers the question

of whether to count a vote, which has been challenged, known as a provisional ballot.

Some of the reasons votes end up as provisional are the voter moved from area of town to another and hadn't changed their address, moved into town without reregistering or changed their name.

The canvass could have changed who served the four-year term as commissioner for the City of Goodland, but that didn't happen. Annette Fairbanks' total stayed the same at 366 as the top vote getter. Dave Daniels gained one vote for 337 and Mayor Rick Billinger stayed the

same at 335.

For the Goodland School Board, each candidate on the ballot gained one vote. Jane Philbrick had 515, Andrew House had 508, Chuck Wilkens had 377 and John Hendrich with 295. The number of write-in votes for Travis Blake, pastor of the Goodland Bible Church, stayed at 272.

Retired farmer Dennis Korbelik got 38 votes, a gain of one, for Kanorado mayor. Sandra Bagley stayed at 10 votes.

Colleen Duell gained one vote for 578 for the Sunflower Extension Board.

At-large election bill stalls in Senate

By Tom Betz

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The Senate recessed last week without passing a Sherman County bill to allow at-large voting for county commissioners, but Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer told county officials the bill should move next year.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said Ostmeyer told him the issue was on the agenda to be worked by a Senate committee on March 29, but because of the

press of time it was not passed out. That means the bill is dead this year, but should be first in line in the next session, he said.

The bill would allow an election to decide whether all voters, rather than just those in one district, should get vote in commission races. State law does not allow counties to vote at large, so at the suggestion of some citizens, commissioners are asking for a change to affect Sherman County only.

The bill (HB2307) was introduced in the House in January, and passed final action on a 120-2 vote on Feb. 19.

The Senate Elections and Local Government committee held a hearing on the bill on March 1, but Sen. Ostmeyer said senators had several questions and he asked the county commissioners to be sure the bill includes the exact language they want.

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Electronic recycling effort to begin April 21

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County commissioners, hoping to keep computers and electronic devices out of the landfill, have asked a Denver company to come collect them for recycling.

The county plans a collection site at the transfer station northeast of town where people can bring their computers and other electronic devices to be recycled. The site will be open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 21, and daily after that during regular hours.

The transfer station is open Monday through Saturday, 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday 1 to 5 p.m.

Guaranteed Recycling Xperts of Denver has been working with the county on an agreement to collect electronic waste and haul it to the company's recycling center in Denver. Keeping electronic waste out of the landfill helps keep hazardous materials, including mercury in the computer monitors, from being buried in the landfill.

Commissioners said they want to have the recycle site open so citizens can haul their electronic junk out as needed, rather

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College open house to feature classic cars

A campus tour, classic cars, program exhibits and free throw contest will highlight the annual open house from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

The event offers a free barbecue from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Maggie Ellis, marketing coordinator for the college, said people can check out the many programs the college offers, including auto body repair, auto technology, business, carpentry, communications network, communications technology, computer graphics, cosmetology, diesel technology, electrical, engineering technology, heating, ventilation, air-conditioning and refrigeration, medical assistant, welding, and two new programs, respiratory therapy and telecommunications network analyst.

All programs have openings for the fall semester, she said, and the college will waive the \$50 fee for students who enroll at the open house.

Information sessions during the day will cover enrollment, student housing and financial aid, including scholarships, grants, and loans.

Call the college, 1209 Harrison Street in east Goodland, toll free at (800)) 316-4127 or check the website at www.nwktc.edu.