

weather report



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noon
Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 5:46 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 7:15 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:45 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 49 degrees
- Humidity 23 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds northwest 15-20 mph
- Barometer 30.15 inches and rising
- Record High today 87° (1950)
- Record Low today 12° (1991)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 74°
- Low Wednesday 36°
- Precipitation none
- This month 4.28
- Year to date 19.40
- Above normal 0.92 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 73, winds calm with the winds changing to southerly at 5 mph and a low around 42. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 73, winds out of the south at 10 mph and a low around 44.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 75 and a low around 38. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 72 and a low around 38. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 63 and a low around 29. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. *Readings taken at 7 a.m.



People lined up early Tuesday afternoon at the Goodland Elks Lodge for the special mass flu clinic put on by the Sherman County Health Department. More than 861 people went through the clinic said Kathy Ryan, health department administrator. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Excellent turnout for flu clinic

The line extended out into the parking lot Tuesday at the Elks Lodge for most of the five hours of the mass flu shot clinic put on by the Sherman County Health Department.

Kathy Ryan, health department administrator, said more than 861 people went through the clinic in the five hours.

It took about 15 minutes on average from the time a person got inside to the final station out the back door.

She said part of the exercise was to see how quickly people could be immunized in case of a real emergency, and the average time is something the state and Centers for Disease

Control will be reviewing.

The line moved pretty quickly as the people coming in were asked their name and a few details before being handed a form to fill out. Once filled out the person was directed to a table where the forms were checked and the fee was either collected or insurance information provided.

Next step was to have the health questions checked and the person was asked if they wanted or needed a pneumonia shot. Once the questions were answered they were seated in front of about five tables where the shots were being given.

The shots were given quickly and the person then headed to the next room where the paperwork was collected and they could then head out the back door and back to their car.

Ryan said the clinic was made possible with the help of the Health Department Staff, nursing students from Colby Community College and lots of people from Goodland.

She said a total of about 80 people helped with moving people through the clinic from the front door to the back door where people were waiting to drive those who needed it in a golf cart over to their car.

Ryan said she would like to thank Jim Ap-

plebee for the golf carts, the city for running the Senior Van for extended hours and providing traffic cones to help.

She said if anyone left the clinic with their Influenza Administration Record Form to bring it to the health department at 1622 Broadway Ave., as it is needed for documentation.

Ryan said the health department will be doing flu shots by appointment and can call at (785) 890-4888 week days. She said the department will hold a clinic at the health department on Friday, Nov. 14 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Appointments are not required, but preferred.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.83 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.11
- Corn — \$3.68 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.89
- Milo — \$3.07 bushel
- Soybeans — \$8 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.48
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$16.25 cwt.
- Confection — \$35/\$23 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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More local news, views from your Goodland Star-News



By Tom Betz

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Sherman County citizens will have a chance to vote on the issue of at-large voting of county commissioners in a mock election planned for Election Day, Tuesday, at the Goodland Activity Center.

Trevor Linton, chairman of the Shine On Sherman County Government Alliance Committee was at Goodland Rotary on Friday to talk about the plans for the mock election on the at-large commissioner issue and another public forum planned for Dec. 2.

Linton said the committee had been asked by the Sherman County commissioners to hold more than one public forum on the issue. They held a public forum at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair in August.

He said the committee was looking for another time to do a public forum, but felt with the harvest and school events the mock election would be a good way to get the citizens to express their opinion on the issue.

The mock election will be the same day as the General Election on Tuesday. He said under state law the

One third of county have voted

More than one-third of the registered voters in Sherman County have cast their ballots early for the general election.

Sherman County Clerk Janet Rumpel said, "We have been swamped. We've had 482 walk-in votes and 738 mail-out votes."

Rumpel said Sherman County has about 3,570 registered voters, and the 1,220 who have voted early or requested ballots are 34 percent of the total of registered voters.

Voting on Tuesday for all Sherman County will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars at 824 Main, and Rumpel said voting machines will be available for who may need special help.

The only local contest is in County Commissioner District 2 where Republican Cynthia Strnad is facing incumbent Democrat Mitch Tiede.

In District 3 Republican Max Linin is running unopposed. Other county offices where the candidates are running unopposed include Republican Janet Rumpel for county clerk, Republican Iris Scheopner for county treasurer, Republican Billie Hoyt for register of deeds, Republican Bonnie Selby for county attorney and Republican Kevin Butts for sheriff.

mock election cannot be held at the Veterans of Foreign Wars where the election poll will be open that day.

"We have to be a certain distance

away from the election polls," Linton said, "and we had Steve Criswell, city building inspector, measure the distance from the door

of the activity center to the door of the VFW to make sure we were outside the requirements.

"We hope people will vote in the

General Election and then take a minute to come to the activity center to vote in the mock election."

Linton said the commissioners asked the government alliance committee to hold public forums on the at-large commissioner issue after a bill to allow voters an opportunity to vote on the issue failed to pass the legislature in Topeka.

"The members of the committee are not taking sides on the issue," he said, "but we are hoping to get as many voters as possible to let the commissioners know what the opinion is throughout the county."

He said the mock election will be held from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. to mirror the hours of the general election at the Veterans of Foreign Wars on the other end of the block.

He said the ballot for the mock election will simply ask if the citizens of Sherman county should have the opportunity to vote on county commissioners at-large.

"We feel the people ought to vote on the issue," he said, "but we have to get it through the hoops in Topeka."

Linton said following the public

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Army Band concert chance to be patriotic

Two days after the national election is over people can show their patriotism and support for the troops by attending the free concert presented Thursday at 7 p.m. by the United States Army Field Band and Soldier's Chorus at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The concert is sponsored by *The Goodland Star-News* and the Goodland School District.

"We hope veterans from all services and all ages come to the concert to be recognized for their service," said Editor Tom Betz. "One of the special highlights of the concert is when the band plays a medley of all the service anthems and those who served are asked to stand and be recognized."

Tickets for the free concert continue to be available through the

Star-News office at 1205 Main, and by mail with a self-addressed stamped envelope sent to Attention: Army Field Band Tickets, 1205 Main, Goodland, Kan. 67735. (Tickets not handed out before the concert will be available at the door on concert night at Max Jones Fieldhouse.)

Up to nine members of the Goodland High School band will join the Army Field Band during the concert. The Goodland unit of the Kansas National Guard will provide a color guard for the opening and national anthem.

The band's commander and conductor, Colonel Thomas H. Palmatier of Ballston Spa, N.Y., is planning to talk to the audience at Max Jones about 30 minutes before the concert begins,

Tech College president to retire

Northwest Kansas Technical College will be looking for a new president with the announcement by President Kenneth A. Clouse of his decision to retire at the end of the academic year.

Clouse, the third president of Northwest Kansas Technical College, was appointed in July, 2001. Previously he served as the president of Northeast Kansas Technical College in Atchison from July 1996 to June 2001.

Clouse said he chose to retire at this time because he wants to spend more time with family.

"It has not been an easy decision," he said. "Serving as president for the college has been a great honor. It has been a tremendous joy to work with the area board of control, and the dedicated individuals who make up the faculty and staff at the college."

"It has been a wonderful experience to have worked with many very talented and bright students over the

past eight years."

He said the college had an enrollment increase this year, has a good relationship within the region, has a good administrative team in place and overall the college is very strong and well positioned for the future.

"I want to recognize my wife JoAnn for the contributions she has made to our great college," he said. "So often ones spouse goes as an

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Fall sports seasons end

The fall sports season at Goodland High School is winding down. The Cowboys were scheduled to play the Norton Blue Jays at home Thursday. See photos on Page 9a.



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DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS
NOVEMBER 2