

**weather report**

**67°**  
 noon  
 Monday



**Today**

• Sunset, 5:42 p.m.

**Saturday**

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:41 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 49 degrees
- Humidity 27 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds north 13-20 mph
- Barometer 29.95 inches and rising
- Record High today 79° (1999)
- Record Low today 10° (1967)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Sunday	78°
Low Sunday	36°
Precipitation	none
This month	none
Year to date	19.40
Above normal	0.8 inches

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Partly sunny with a high near 71, winds breezy from the south at 15 to 30 mph and a low around 42. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain, a high near 58, winds breezy from the northwest at 15 to 30 mph and a low around 30.

**Extended Forecast**

Thursday: Partly sunny with a high near 49 and a low around 28. Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 59 and a low around 31. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 59 and a low around 34. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



## Have you voted?



The day has finally arrived when people across the country and in Sherman County will decide who wins the election.

The voting poll today for all Sherman County will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars at 824 Main, and County Clerk Janet Rumpel said voting machines will be available for any who may need special help.

More than one-fourth of the registered voters in Sherman County had cast their ballots early for the general election Rumpel said. Early voting ended at noon, on Monday.

"We have been swamped," Rumpel said. "We've had 747 walk-in votes, 9 provision ballots and 269 mail-out votes."

Rumpel said Sherman County has about 3,570 registered voters, and the more than 1,025 who voted early or requested ballots are about 28 percent of the total of registered voters.

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

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## Mock election today on at-large voting

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County citizens can vote on the issue of at-large voting of county commissioners in a mock election today at the Goodland Activity Center.

Trevor Linton, chairman of the Shine On Sherman County Government Alliance Committee, said the county commissioners asked the 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.

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 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.

"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 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 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."

Linton said following the public forum at the fair in August the committee had set up a ballot box to give people a chance to record their opinion.

He said the committee was a bit disappointed in the response getting a total of 87 people to record their vote in that week.

"That is only 2.4 percent of the registered voters (3,570)," he said. "Of those 58 said YES (67 percent) and 21 were NO (24 percent). We had eight who did not sign and those were not officially counted (7 were YES and

1 NO) he said.

Linton said the committee hopes to get a larger percentage of the citizens to come to the GAC to vote. He said unlike the ballots at the fair the people will not be asked to sign the ballot, but will be asked to sign in to let the committee know who voted and make sure people don't vote more than once.

"We really hope more people come to the GAC to let us know what they think about the issue of voting at-large for county commissioners," Linton said. "If a majority want the chance to vote it will have to go back to the legislature in Topeka in January. If the people vote against the issue we expect the commissioners to follow the wishes of the voters."

## Halloween parade



On Friday, students at Central Elementary School paraded through the halls and ended in the gym. Principal Harvey Swager, dressed as the tooth fairy, directed students to stand and show off their costumes so their parents and teachers could snap pictures of them. Photo by Jessica Corbin/The Goodland Star-News

## Army concert Thursday

People can show their patriotism and support for the troops serving around the world by attending a free concert at 7 p.m. on Thursday 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. (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.

Sergeant First Class John Lake, advance tour coordinator, said another addition to the concert tour programs this year is that 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 before the concert begins.

Lake said the Fieldhouse doors will open at 6 p.m. to let people get to their seats before Col. Palmatier speaks about 20 to 30 minutes before the concert begins at 7 p.m.

Palmatier is the ninth director in the Field Band's history. Colonel Palmatier brings to this command more than 20 years experience in military music.

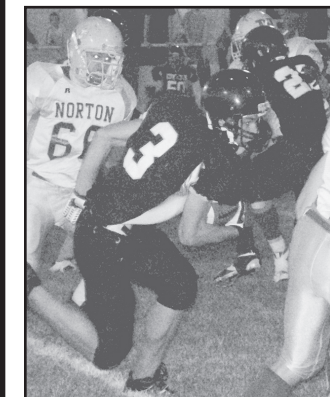
## local markets

**Noon**

Wheat — \$5.07 bushel	Posted county price — \$4.82
Corn — \$3.62 bushel	Posted county price — \$3.68
Milo — \$3.01 bushel	
Soybeans — \$7.87 bushel	Posted county price — \$8.40
Millet — \$7 hundredweight	
Sunflowers	
Oil current crop — \$15.95 cwt.	Confection — \$35/\$23 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)	(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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## Football season ends

Cowboy sophomore Kelly Pearson (center) ran a kick-off back in the first half of the game against the Norton Bluejays on Thursday at Cowboys Stadium. The Cowboys lost 28-14. See story, photos on Page 11.

## Couple asks for help with delinquent taxes

By Tom Betz

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A couple from Kanorado are facing the potential loss of their home in the upcoming tax sale and were at the county commission meeting on Friday to see what their options might be.

Domingo and Dora Perez were at the meeting because they had received a letter about the upcoming tax sale.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he was sympathetic to the problem, but the county was not in a position to provide many answers. He suggested Perez work with the county attorney and try to find a relative or friend who could help get the back property taxes paid.

"I got this letter about taxes," Domingo Perez said. "I am having trouble with her — Dora — as she is in a wheelchair.

"I have been working on the house to make it handicap accessi-

## County schedules tax sale

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The long awaited tax sale is moving into high gear with plans for the publication in December and the actual sale to be held in January.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby updated the commissioners on the sale progress on Friday and said they have had 15 of the 101 people involved come in and pay the taxes to avoid the tax sale.

County Treasurer Iris Scheo-

pner said that had increased to 18 with three more coming in that morning.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked if some of the ones that were sold were large payments.

Selby said some of them were large and some were small, but it was good to get some of them taken out of the sale.

She said the letters about the tax sale have been sent to all the

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part time.

"We get about \$1,000 a month from pension and disability," he said, "and no help from anybody but food stamps."

County Attorney Bonnie Selby

said the Perez's have two tracts in Kanorado.

Domingo Perez said one is their home and the other is an empty trailer. He said the trailer is not in good shape and he will have to tear it down.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked Selby what the couple owed.

She said they owe \$1,450 on the lots where the trailer is and \$1,611 on the lots where the home is. She said the taxes on the home reach back to 2003 and back to 2004 on the trailer lots.

Selby said she sent letters out to all the property with delinquent taxes that will be in the upcoming tax sale. She said the letter says the people have to bring the property taxes current by Nov. 10 or risk being in the tax sale.

"They need to find a way to bring

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