

weather report

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noon
Thursday



Today

Sunset, 4:39 p.m.

Saturday

Sunrise, 6:23 a.m.

Sunset, 4:38 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 41 degrees
- Humidity 33 percent
- Sky cloudy and overcast
- Winds northwest 44-53 mph
- Barometer 29.93 inches and rising
- Record High today 82° (1931)
- Record Low today 12° (1938)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	51°
Low Wednesday	35°
Precipitation	none
This month	trace
Year to date	19.40
Above normal	0.71 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 54, winds breezy out of the northwest at 15 to 20 mph and a low around 30. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 58, winds out of the north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 31.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow, a high near 42 and a low around 28. Monday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow, a high near 43 and a low around 27. Veteran's Day: Mostly sunny. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

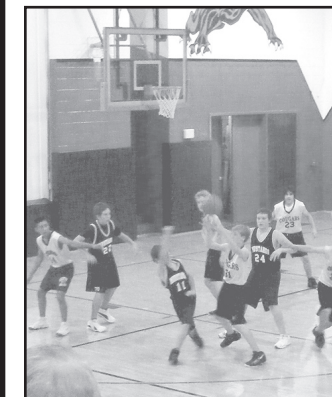
local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.75 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.93
- Corn — \$3.33 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.54
- Milo — \$2.77 bushel
- Soybeans — \$7.51 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.07
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$15.90 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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Mustangs play Cougars

Jordan McCombs (No. 11) tried to block a Burlington Cougar's pass during the Grant Junior High eighth grade Mustangs' game Thursday, Oct. 30, in Burlington. See Photo on Page 11.

Veteran's service Tuesday

Veterans Day is Tuesday, Nov. 11, and the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars hope Sherman County veterans, family and friends join them to celebrate the day during the annual service at 11 a.m., said post commander Bill Selby.

Post Quartermaster Joe Wahrman said Goodland's VFW Post 1133, located at 824 Main Street, has been holding a Veterans Day program since 1986 when he was the post commander. The Auxiliary American Legion Post 117 is helping organize the service.

"We hold the program to honor our veterans, those who have served and those who are serving now," said Wahrman, a Vietnam War veteran.

The public ceremony will include a presentation by the VFW Color Guard, a talk on the VFW auxiliary activities including a tribute to comrades and prisoners of war and missing in action, a scripture reading, Veterans Day prayer and music by the Manugs family. The speaker will be Curtis Duncan of KLOE/KKCI/KWGB.

A reception will be held after the program.

The event will be a time for veterans of all branches, wars and types of military service to "come out to visit and meet some of their good old comrades," said Wahrman.

Veterans Day ceremonies traditionally begin at 11 a.m. on the 11th day of the 11th month, the time when the armistice ending World War I was signed in 1918. Veterans Day was first celebrated as Armistice Day proclaimed by President Woodrow Wilson in 1919. It became a legal federal holiday on Nov. 11, 1921 and was changed to Veterans Day in 1954 by a proclamation from President Dwight D. Eisenhower.

All federal, state, county and city government offices, including the Post Office and the Sherman County transfer station, and local banks will be closed on Tuesday. Schools in the Goodland School District will be open.



Tumbleweeds block road, underpass

A county employee (above) moved piles of tumbleweeds out from the I-70 underpass on County Rd. 10 south of Ruleton Thursday morning. The underpass had been completely blocked, so that traffic could not go through and it wasn't even possible to see through. Tumbleweeds, driven by 35-45 mile per hour winds and gusts up to 61 miles per hour, tumbled down Rd. 10 toward the underpass, threatening to fill it up again. The National Weather Service issued both a high wind warning and a hazardous weather outlook due to the wind and said it could cause hazardous driving conditions.

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McCain wins in Kansas; nation elects Obama

By Tom Betz

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Nationally Kansas stayed solidly in the Republican column Tuesday, and Sherman County turned out a Democratic incumbent to return a woman to a county commissioner seat.

Democrat Barack Obama was declared the 44th President-elect about 9:30 p.m. on Tuesday as his electoral count crossed the magic 270 mark defeating Republican John McCain by a wider margin than expected.

In Sherman County 77 percent of the registered voters turned out with only one county race in County Commissioner District 2 where Republican Cynthia Strnad defeated incumbent Democrat Mitch Tiede 653-356.

McCain carried Sherman County with 1,932 votes to 677 for Obama. Statewide McCain received 57 percent (683,480) to Obama's 41 percent (498,035). Douglas, Wyandotte and Crawford counties bucked the tide and voted for Obama.

Nationally Obama won with 52 percent of the popular vote to McCain's 48 percent. Obama won 27 states and the District of Columbia for 349 electoral votes to 173 for McCain who won 23 states including Kansas. Only North Carolina remained undecided Wednesday with Obama leading in the state by about 11,000 votes.

Kansas Republican Sen. Pat Roberts easily defeated Democrat Jim Slattery 2,099 to 492. Statewide Roberts received 60 percent (710,194) to Slattery's 36 percent (428,098).



After putting his ballot in the ballot box on Tuesday, Darrick Leiker receives his "I voted" sticker from election official Mary Harper.

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Roberts carried 102 counties and Slattery won in Atchison, Wyandotte and Douglas counties.

Kansas Republicans picked up one congressional seat with Lynn Jenkins defeating incumbent Democrat Nancy Boyda in the

2nd District.

Republican Jerry Moran easily defeated Democrat James Bordonaro in the 1st District with Moran getting 82 percent to 13 percent for Bordonaro. In Sherman County Moran received 86 percent (2,226) to 11 percent for Bordonaro (274).

Republican Todd Tiaht (61 percent) easily defeated Democrat Donald Betts (35 percent) in District 4. Democrat Dennis Moore (75 percent) easily kept his District 3 seat defeating Republican Nick Jordan (22 percent).

Nationally Democrats increased their majority in the Senate by five (56-40) with four seats undecided and two who are registered independents, but they have caucused with the Democrats in the past couple of years to give them a narrow majority. Democrats gained 22 seats in the House for a 258-177 majority.

In Colorado Obama won with 53 percent to 46 percent for McCain. In the Senate race Democrat Mark Udall (53 percent) won over Republican Bob Schaffer (43 percent) to replace the outgoing Republican Wayne Allard.

In the big Fourth District that covers most of Eastern Colorado including Fort Collins and Greeley Democrat Betsy Markey (56 percent) ousted incumbent Republican Marilyn Musgrave (44 percent). The race was a bitter one with both national parties and several political action committees pumping money into the campaigns.

Republicans sweep Sherman County offices in election

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Sherman County had one Democrat left in county office, but Tuesday that changed when Republican Cynthia Strnad defeated incumbent Democrat Mitch Tiede for the District 2 county commissioner seat.

Strnad won the commissioner race with 653 votes (64.46 percent) to 356 votes for Tiede (35.14 percent).

Strnad, who served as county commissioner 11 years ago, changed her registration in May to Republican to run for the commissioner seat.

Tiede, who was seeking a third term, survived a primary challenge

by Dee Miller in August by one vote before facing Strnad on Tuesday.

The Second district includes the northeast part of the county, Voltaire, Shermanville and Llanos townships, plus Ward 1 in Goodland and the north part of Ward 4. Only those living and registered in the district were allowed to vote in the contest.

Republican Max Linin won the primary election in District 3 over incumbent Kevin Rasure, and was unopposed on Tuesday to win his commissioner seat receiving 592 votes for 92 percent.

All of the other county offices are held by Republicans and all were running unopposed in Tuesday's

election.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel won re-election with 2,298 votes; County Treasurer Iris Scheopner won re-election with 2,370; Register of Deeds Billie Hoyt, running for her first term won with 2,264; County Attorney Bonnie Selby was re-elected with 2,000; Sheriff Kevin Butts was re-elected with 2,106.

Attorney Scott Showalter, who won a three-way primary race in August, won the 15th Judicial District judge seat with 2,233 votes.

State Senator Ralph Ostmeier (R-Gove) was running unopposed for the 40th district and received 2,205 votes in Sherman County.

State Representative Jim Morrison (R-Colby) was running unopposed in the 121st district and received 2,307 votes in Sherman County.

Rumpel said a total of 2,758 people voted out of the 3,578 registered for a 77 percent turnout. She said the total includes 59 provisional ballots that will be reviewed by the commissioners when they canvass the votes today.

She said one of the things that slowed down the counting of ballots on Tuesday was a high number of write-in votes for some of the offices.

The highest number of write-in names was for sheriff where there were 115 she said. Some of the

write-ins were for Frank Tabor who ran against Butts in the primary and some were for Chief Ray Smee. She said in a lot of the write-ins the voter marked the circle and wrote in "other."

She said there were 67 in the district judge race where Showalter was the winner. She said some of the names were for the other attorneys who ran in the primary or there were names of people who were not eligible and a few for Mickey Mouse.

Commissioner Rasure's name was written in for the District 3 commissioner race won by Linin she said. There were 49 write-ins in that race.

