


weather report



64°
 10:30 a.m.
 Monday

Today
 • Sunset, 6:52 p.m.

Wednesday
 • Sunrise, 6:59 a.m.
 • Sunset, 6:53 p.m.

MIDDAY CONDITIONS
 • Soil temperature 41 degrees
 • Humidity 19 percent
 • Sky mostly sunny
 • Winds northwest 15 mph
 • Barometer 29.90 inches and rising

• Record High today 77° (2007)
 • Record Low today -1° (1958)

Last 24 Hours*
 High Sunday 50°
 Low Sunday 34°
 Precipitation none
 This month .01
 Year to date .52
 Below Normal .66 inches

The Topside Forecast
 Today: Sunny with a high near 79, winds breezy out of the southwest at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 38. Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 75, winds out of the north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 39.

Extended Forecast
 Thursday: Sunny with a high near 77 and a low around 43.
 Friday: Sunny with a high near 80 and a low around 46.
 (National Weather Service)
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Phyllis Hadley of Kanorado spoke at on behalf of presidential candidate Newt Gingrich at Saturday's Sherman County Republican Caucus at the library. Hadley was the Gingrich Campaign's authorized representative. Photo By Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Santorum wins local caucus

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The Sherman County Republican Party was told that if they had 50 people at Saturday's caucus, it would meet the state average. But when the votes were tallied, 170 local Republicans had shown up to have their say in picking the party's candidate for president.

The voting results mirrored most of Kansas. Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum got 89 votes. Former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney came in second with 30 votes. Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich was third with 27 votes, and Texas Rep. Ron Paul had 23. Former U.S. Ambassador John Huntsman, who ended his campaign in January, got one vote.

Santorum easily won Kansas, getting 51.2 percent of the vote. Romney came next with 20.9 percent, Gingrich with 14.4 percent and Paul with 12.6 percent. Kansas' 40 delegates to the Republican National Convention are doled out based on those percentages. Santorum walked away with 33.



Volunteer Laurie Klemm handed out ballots at the caucus. Ballots were cast at 10 a.m., 11 a.m. and noon Saturday.

Sherman County Chairperson Jeannie Shields opened the local caucus by explaining that caucuses are one last chance for candidates or their proxies to campaign. Two of the campaigns had authorized

speakers. The others had sent letters. According to the caucus rules, each campaign had 10 minutes. If the authorized speaker or letter reader did not take the full 10 minutes, anyone from the audience

could speak. Shields said the time should be used to promote a candidate, rather than attack the other candidates. Phyllis Hadley of Kanorado spoke for Gingrich. Hadley said she still had a copy of Gingrich's "Contract with America" from when he was speaker and encouraged the audience to go online and look at his new one.

Hadley had watched the debates and listened intently to what each candidate was saying, and Gingrich has been articulating everything she felt in her heart and mind.

"There's no doubt in my mind that he'll do exactly what he says he'll do," she said.

Hadley said Gingrich has bold solutions, had been effective in enacting tax and spending cuts and praised his statements about revitalizing the space program.

Darren Way read a letter from Paul's campaign. The letter said that as an obstetrician, Paul was 100 percent pro-life. His private

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Goodland man dies in accident Saturday

A 44-year-old Goodland resident died Saturday after hitting his head on pavement.

A Kansas Highway Patrol report said Val Gallentine had been walking in Brewster late Saturday when he was hit by a Dodge Ram driven by James House, 44, of Brewster. House had been pulling out of a parking stall and bumped Gallentine, who fell and hit his head on the pavement.

Gallentine was taken to Citizens Medical Center in Colby. He was pronounced dead Sunday morning.

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Star-News ad designer gets first in contest

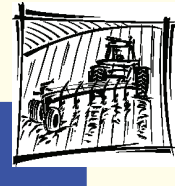
The Goodland Star-News and its parent company raked in the awards this year from the Kansas Press Association. Articles, pages, photographs and ads from 2011 were submitted in January and the winners were announced Thursday.

Ad designer Jessica Corbin got first place in three advertising categories: best grocery ad for the Cowboy Corner Express "Grand Opening" on Sept. 20; best health care ad for Barotz Dental on Oct. 11, and best professional service ad for Assured Occupational Solutions "Grand Opening" Sept. 27. She also got third place in best automotive ad for Finley Motors on March 11.

Former Editor Tom Betz got third place in editorial writing. Over the course of the year, Betz wrote opinion pieces on truck noise, the post office, budgets and firefighters. He continues to write for the paper while working for the company

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local markets



10:30 a.m.
 Wheat — \$6.46 bushel
 Posted county price — \$6.28
 Corn — \$6.32 bushel
 Posted county price — \$6.32
 Milo — \$6.08 bushel
 Soybeans — \$12 bushel
 Posted county price — \$12.61
 Millet — \$11.50 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$25.85 cwt.
 Confection — no bid
 Pinto beans — \$28
 (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

Sherman County puts burn ban into effect on Friday

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In an emergency meeting Friday afternoon, the Sherman County Commissioners declared a burn ban until further notice.

City and Rural Fire Chief Brian James had received a request permission to conduct a controlled burn, which James denied. The landowner contacted the county commis-

sioners, who decided to declare a burn ban on James' recommendation. The Rural Fire District Board also recommended the ban.

Sherman County had been under a Red Flag Warning from the National Weather Service. With winds at 15 to 25 miles per hour and relative humidity at 10 to 15 percent, dry vegetation would easily catch fire.

Despite predictions of snow or sleet for the

weekend, Sherman County only saw trace amounts of moisture Saturday and Sunday.

The weather service is predicting more hot and dry weather this week. Temperatures are expected to reach as high as 81 degrees on Friday, and little moisture is expected.

Illustrating just how easily the dry vegetation can catch fire, a Kansas Department of Transportation crew doing crack sealing in

Graham County on March 5 started a fire about five miles east of Hill City.

The fire burned an area six miles long and three wide north of U.S. 24. One farm house was damaged along with fence posts and utility poles.

A grass fire also broke out last week north of Brewster.

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Big audience for tourney

The Kansas Kids Wrestling sub-district tournament was held in Goodland on Saturday. The event drew hundreds of competitors and fans.

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Scott City house fire claims four lives

A house fire in Scott City on Saturday resulted in the deaths of a 28-year-old mother and three children.

The Hutchinson News is reporting that the fire started Saturday morning near a radiator.

The mother reported the fire to the Scott City Fire Department, but was unable to get out of the house. Her 4-year-old boy and her boyfriend's 6- and 8-year-old girls were also unable to get out. The home was completely destroyed and threatened nearby homes.

One child died in the home while the mother and the other two were flown to Wichita. They died that afternoon.

Currently no names have been released, and the cause of the fire is still unknown.

Library celebrates poet's birthday



The Goodland Public Library was a busy place on Friday when it had a birthday party for Dr. Seuss. Among those at the party were Sara Townsend and her two daughters, Sheridan and Kaitlyn. Librarian Marcy Melia served colorful cupcakes the kids got to put

white frosting on and then decorate with colored icing, sprinkles and other things. More than 30 kids came and went after their treats, crafts and of course, a Dr. Seuss movie.

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