

Election Day 2012

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weather report



51°
10 a.m.
Monday

Today
• Sunset, 4:40 p.m.

Saturday
• Sunrise, 6:22 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:39 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 51 degrees
• Humidity 52 percent
• Sky partly sunny
• Winds north 7 mph
• Barometer 30.24 inches and falling

• Record High today 84° (1980)
• Record Low today 10° (1959)

Last 24 Hours*
High Sunday 70°
Low Sunday 43°
Precipitation none
This month none
Year to date 9.02
Below normal 9.60 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Sunny with a high near 69, winds out of northwest at 10 mph and a low around 38.
Wednesday: Sunny with a high near 79, winds out of the southwest at 5 switching to the north and a low around 37.

Extended Forecast
Thursday: Sunny with a high near 72 and a low around 40. Friday: Mostly sunny with a high near 75 and a low around 44. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain, a high near 59 and a low around 25. Sunday: Partly sunny with a high near 37.
(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

Election results to be posted online

Sherman County will head to the polls today to help decide America's next president as well as many local offices. Polls are open till 7 p.m. tonight. All advance ballots must be in to the clerk's office by then.

The Goodland Star-News will be providing election results throughout the evening as they become available. The results will be posted on the newspaper's Facebook page and will appear in Friday's paper.

CNN poll results, released Monday, put the presidential race between Republican Mitt Romney and Democrat Barack Obama at a dead heat, 49 percent for each out of likely voters. The poll had a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percent. President Obama led among women while Romney led among men. Romney also held a lead in white voters and among those making more than \$50,000 per year.

Both candidates were in Ohio, a key swing state, on Monday with many more stops planned in the final hours of the campaign.

High school musical starts Friday



Goodland High student Shayley Miller finished a song during a preview of the school musical "Seussical," which is based on many of the works of Dr. Seuss, at the new exhibit opening at the Carnegie Art Center on Sunday. The musical will have three performances, 7 p.m. Friday, 7 p.m. Saturday, and 2 p.m. Sunday. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Grass catches fire on K-27



Two small sections of grass by the side of K-27 just north of the overpass in Goodland caught fire last Tuesday. Sherman County firefighters had both fires out quickly, but Chief Brian James had sheriff's deputies briefly close K-27 because blowing smoke was hampering visibility for drivers. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News


Responders to compete at blood drive

Law enforcement officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians will be competing to see who can get the most blood donated at the American Red Cross Battle of the Badges Blood Drive from noon to 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 15, at Harvest Evangelical Free Church.

"The Battle isn't just for these civil servants, anyone can get involved in the fun of this year's event," said Terri Dunaway, chief executive officer of the Central Plains Blood Services Region. "The idea is to increase the amount of blood donated during the winter months and

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local markets



10 a.m.
Wheat — \$8.60 bushel
Posted county price — \$8.38
Corn — \$7.40 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.36
Milo — \$7.03 bushel
Soybeans — \$14.26 bushel
Posted county price — \$14.72
Millet — \$14 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$25.65 cwt.
Confection — no bid
Pinto beans — \$28
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

State economy showing signs of improvement

Although October revenue receipts fell short of estimates, the Kansas Department of Revenue says the state economy still shows strong signs of growth when compared to results at the same time last year.

Current fiscal year to date receipts have grown 4.8 percent, about \$91 million, more than collections for the same time period (July through October) of Fiscal Year 2012.

"This is a slight dip that is more a reflection that Kansas had fewer withholding periods in Oct. 2012 compared to Oct. 2011, than a struggling economy," said Revenue Secretary Nick Jordan. "Since Gov. Sam Brownback took office, the state fiscal health has steadily continued to improve."

When compared to the year fiscal year today in 2010, days before Brownback was elected and two months before he took office, revenue receipts have grown about \$210 million, or 12.3 percent.

Deer-vehicle collisions peak in mid-November

Deer can be spotted near our roadways any time of the year. However, in the fall, motorists should be especially vigilant for deer crossing the highways.

Deer breeding season peaks in mid-November, and this marks the period when deer-vehicle collisions are highest. That's why the Kansas Department of Transportation, the Kansas Highway Patrol and the Kansas Department of Wildlife, Parks and Tourism are working together to raise awareness and help drivers avoid collisions with deer.

According to Lloyd Fox, biologist with the Kansas Department of

Wildlife, Parks and Tourism, the increase in deer-vehicle crashes is strongly influenced by the deer mating season, called "rut." During rut, deer focus on mating; they travel more than in other seasons and pay less attention to hazards such as vehicles. Also during the fall, many deer move to new locations as crops are harvested and leaves fall from trees and shrubs.

Not only are deer more active during the fall, shorter days mean dusk and dawn — when deer are more likely to be on the move — oc-

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Window replacement continues



The project of replacing the old windows at Goodland High School is drawing to a close. Employees at Dependable Glass worked Friday on installing some of the last windows. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

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Basketball season begins for college

The Northwest Kansas Technical College men's and women's basketball teams played their first games this weekend at tournaments in Great Bend and Trinidad, Colo.

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