


**weather report**



**57°**  
10 a.m.  
Thursday

**Today**  
• Sunset, 4:37 p.m.

**Saturday**  
• Sunrise, 6:25 a.m.  
• Sunset, 4:36 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**  
• Soil temperature 49 degrees  
• Humidity 34 percent  
• Sky sunny  
• Winds north 12 mph  
• Barometer 29.94 inches and falling  
• Record High today 82° (1912)  
• Record Low today 5° (1950)

**Last 24 Hours\***  
High Wednesday 75°  
Low Wednesday 30°  
Precipitation none  
This month none  
Year to date 9.02  
Below Normal 9.68 inches

**The Topside Forecast**  
Today: Sunny with a high near 71, winds light and variable out of the southwest at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 43. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow, a high near 65, winds out of the southwest at 15 to 35 mph and a low around 25.

**Extended Forecast**  
Sunday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow before 11 a.m., a high near 34 and a low around 17. Monday: Sunny with a high near 34 and a low around 17. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 51 and a low around 28.  
(National Weather Service)

## Sherman County Votes

### County elects sheriff, commission candidates

By Kevin Bottrell

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It was a late night and early morning for elections workers and those waiting anxiously to hear the results.

Because of the write-in campaign for Sherman County Sheriff, nearly 1,000 ballots had to be counted by hand after the polls had closed. Results weren't available in many races until after 1 a.m. The results will remain unofficial until the votes are canvassed by the county commissioners, at which time provisional ballots will be added to the count.

In the sheriff's race, Burton Pianalto — currently the investigator for the county attorney's office — won with 1,563 votes over write-in candidate and incumbent Sheriff Kevin Butts, who got 958 votes.

In the county's other contested race, county commissioner District 3, Democrat Steve Evert beat Re-



Wayne Spence signed in to vote on Tuesday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. Those working at the table for Ward 2 were Duane Coash (from left), Carol Deeds and Marsha Schilling. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

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### Grinnell senator re-elected

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The tale of two incumbents running for one seat came to an end Tuesday with state Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell soundly defeating Sen. Allen Schmidt of Hays in the general election.

With all of the 224 precincts in the 40th District reporting unofficial results early today, Ostmeyer captured 66 percent of the vote to Schmidt's 34 percent. Sen. Ostmeyer had 21,666 votes to his opponent's

11,311. Results for Ellis, Logan and Decatur counties were still incomplete.

Ostmeyer apparently carried almost every county in the district, which contains about 71,500 people. He won by a large margin in the rural counties, but Schmidt carried his home county, winning 6,285 votes in Ellis County to Ostmeyer's 6,182. In Cheyenne County, Ostmeyer got 1,076 votes in incomplete returns, while Schmidt

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### Obama wins second term

Despite only a small lead — 2.9 million — in the popular vote, President Barack Obama came away from Tuesday's General Election with a 97 vote lead in the Electoral College, winning him a second term.

The president ended up with 303 electoral votes to Republican challenger Mitt Romney's 206. A candidate needs 270 electoral votes to win the presidency.


As of Thursday morning, Florida's results had yet to be finalized, thought with 97 percent of the vote in, the president was leading by about 50,000 votes. Florida's 29 electoral votes wouldn't change the outcome of the

race, however, even if they went to Republican Mitt Romney.

Romney won the South as well as Texas and most of the Midwest. Romney won Kansas with 674,603 votes to Obama's 426,355, taking its six electoral votes. Libertarian Gary Johnson got 19,780 votes and Reform Party candidate Chuck Baldwin got 4,704. In Sherman County, Romney got 1,967 votes to Obama's 575. Johnson got 47 votes and Baldwin got 17.


Romney also got Arizona, Montana, Wyoming and Idaho, but lost several battleground states like Ohio, Virginia and Colorado.

**local markets**




**10 a.m.**  
Wheat — \$8.84 bushel  
Posted county price — \$8.46  
Corn — \$7.45 bushel  
Posted county price — \$7.30  
Milo — \$7.08 bushel  
Soybeans — \$14.14 bushel  
Posted county price — \$14.53  
Millet — \$14 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$25.40 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.)

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### District to hold facilities meetings

If you would like to know what the Goodland School Board is thinking about doing with its facilities in the future you need to attend one of the meetings planned for next week.

The first meeting will be at 7 p.m. on Monday at the Goodland High School auditorium. The next is at noon on Wednesday and the last one is at 7:30 a.m. on Friday at the high school auditorium.

Superintendent Bill Biermann and as many of the board members as possible will be there.

Subjects to be discussed are possible plans to renovate West Elementary, North Elementary and Goodland High School. Different methods of financing will be talked about. The board has not made any decisions yet, said Superintendent Biermann. They would like to hear from the public.

### Students help out



Goodland High School teacher Susan Hall's group of student dumped tarps filled with leaves into the bucket of a City of Goodland front loader Wednesday morning as part of the high school's community service project. They have been doing the project for several years in which they rake leaves and clean up yards to get them ready for winter. Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

### Colorado dermatologist joins clinic consulting staff

Goodland Regional Medical Center is adding dermatologist Theodore J. Alkousakis, M.D. to its staff of consultants at the Specialty Clinic.

Dr. Alkousakis has been in private practice in Colorado for more than three years. He completed his residency at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics, well-known for its clinical dermatology training.



Alkousakis

He received his M.D. from the University of Southern California, graduating with highest distinction (summa cum laude), and holds a Bachelor of Science from Stanford University.

He has worked on online teaching aids for medical students has had an interested in telemedicine since residency, when he saw patients drive for hours to

receive their care. His areas of interest include lasers, phototherapy, vitiligo, plants and creatures, and enjoys surgical treatment of skin cancer. While still a resident, he presented at national meetings and reviewed articles for publication. Dr. A is an online editor for the Journal of Drugs in Dermatology. He is fluent in Greek, can converse with patients in Russian and knows medical Spanish. Dermatology he says, "allows you to treat everything from cancers in the elderly and de-

bilitating skin disease in adults, to diaper rashes in a baby."

He sees patients in private practice in Littleton, Colo., at Peak Dermatology and recently joined the faculty of the University of Colorado Department of Dermatology, working there part time as an assistant clinical professor. He also created an online practice, Derm E Consult, to combine his interests and to fill the need for both online access to dermatologist and to reach out to under-served areas.

A network of online referrals is being developed that include tele-dermatology support and in person consults and surgery sites.

Dr. Alkousakis' first clinic date in Goodland will be Tuesday, Nov. 20, and plans to be in Goodland the third Tuesday of each month with telemedicine support as needed. To schedule an appointment, contact the Specialty Clinic at 890-6030. Dr. Alkousakis' web site can be found at [dermeconsult.com](http://dermeconsult.com).