

weather report

47°



noon Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 4:41 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:40 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 44 degrees
- Humidity 44 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds northwest 13-20 mph.
- Barometer 30.43 inches and steady
- Record High today 79° (1921)
- Record Low today 8° (1967)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	59°
Low Wednesday	19°
Precipitation	none
This month	.05
Year to date	19.31
Normal	18.63

The Topside Forecast

Today: sunny, high near 66, low near 33, winds south southwest 7-13 mph. Saturday: sunny, high near 70, low around 33, winds north northwest 9-14 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly sunny, high around 65, low around 30. Monday: mostly sunny, high around 57, low near 31. Tuesday: mostly cloudy with slight chance of rain or snow, low near 59, low around 33. Wednesday: partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain or snow. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.09 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.14
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Corn — \$1.88 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.66
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 29¢
 - Milo — \$1.51 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$4.45 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.57
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 11¢
 - Millet — \$5 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$11.80 cwt.
 - NuSun — \$11.90 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Confection — \$19/\$13cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$25
- (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys win playoff game

Senior tailback Lane Winter ran around left end for a short gain in the fourth quarter against Hugoton Tuesday. The Cowboys face Andale at 4 p.m. Saturday. Story, photos on Page 7.

County follows national trend

Butts wins sheriff race

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County voters followed the Kansas trend on Tuesday, backing President George Bush and the Republican candidates for U.S. senator, representative and state Senate.

President George W. Bush claimed victory Wednesday afternoon after Senator John Kerry conceded the election, which had been close into the early morning hours.

Kansas went for Bush, giving him the state's six electoral votes by 713,205 votes (62 percent) to 418,047 (37 percent) for Kerry.

Sherman County had a turnout of 67 percent, or 2,796 voters, and Bush received 2,063 (73 percent) to 630 (23 percent) for Kerry.

"I was hoping for 65 percent," said Sherman County Clerk Janet

Rumpel, "and I think 67 percent is really a great turnout. I think it would have been closer to 70 percent or above if we were able to purge all the people on the rolls who we know have moved away. The state rules are such that we have to have something in writing to take these names off."

Republican Ralph Ostmeyer of Grinnell was the choice of 57 percent of the county voters for the 40th Senate District, 1,607 votes to 972 (34 percent) for Democrat Tim Peterson of Monument. Ostmeyer

took all 18 counties in the district and won with 20,567 to 10,031 for Peterson.

The race for Sherman County sheriff went to Republican Kevin Butts, with 1,936 votes to 644 for Democrat John McCool.

Rumpel said the counting was completed by 10 p.m. A breakdown of Sherman County voting by precincts is on Page 7.

A Democrat did win one race in the county, with Kelly J. Livengood being elected as Stateline Township trustee with 67 votes over Gary Win-

ter, who had 51. Kanorado voters were included in the total because that city is in Stateline Township. In Kanorado, Livengood got 43 votes to 24 for Winter.

Nationally, when the math was done on the 175,000 provisional ballots in Ohio and there was virtually no way for Kerry to take that state, he decided it was better to concede the election.

In the popular vote, Bush had a 3 million lead over Kerry with 99 per-

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Help needed to paint carnival carousel horses

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Brightly colored horses, each with its own unique design, will one day be going 'round and 'round, but first, they will spend time in a basement and then be displayed in a gallery.

The carousel horses for the home-owned carnival need a facelift, and everyone in Sherman County is being invited to help.

Individuals and organizations can put their personal touch on an large-scale art project to be displayed at the Carnegie Arts Center when it's done, and then every year at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair.

The Goodland Arts Council and Sherman County Community Services Inc., which runs the carnival, are combining to get the carousel horses repainted. Tina Goodwin, director of the arts center, said three horses at a time can be painted in the basement there.

Duane Hanke, an arts council member, thought the center should be involved in refurbishing the horses, Goodwin said. And Goodwin, inspired by projects in other cities, came up with the idea to make it a community project.

Envisioning similar designs to the cows in Chicago and the Peanuts characters in St. Paul, Minn., Goodwin thought colorful horses, adorned with designs by individuals and organizations in Sherman County, could give the fair a special flair.

"I hope each one takes on its own personality," she said.

Groups could paint them with sunflowers, patriotic designs or the theme of their organization, she said — for example, a school organization might paint a horse black and gold.

A lot of towns have done community art projects, she said; a business sponsors each artist to do that, and each design is different. Usually, all the sculptures are the same shape, she said, but each artist creates his own design, and paints it differently.

In this project, she said, the center will provide the place to work, and the carnival board will provide the supplies. The artists only have to donate their time, effort and creativ-



Carousel horses appeared to be racing for the finishing line, but actually they are stored in the Agriculture Building at the fairground. The horses, from the Sherman County homeowned carnival, need a new paint job. The carnival board and Goodland Arts Center have a plan to allow civic groups to help. They are inviting people to give each horse a unique western Kansas look.

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ity, Goodwin said. Kevin Bauman, owner of KB Body and Paint, will sandblast the horses and prepare their surfaces, Goodwin said, and Gary Farris, owner of Farris Manufacturing/S&S Auto, will repair cracks. They plan to donate part of their work, she said. Some community art projects are money-makers, Goodwin said, but

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Snow storm maroons truckers, fills city motel rooms

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Each time the glass doors of the Total Petroleum station out on K-27 opened Monday, a cold, damp gust from the area's first storm reminded travelers why they were stuck in Goodland.

The Kansas Highway Patrol closed I-70 at Goodland at 2 p.m., stopping westbound travelers from all walks of life. The roads closed due to a combination of inclimate weather conditions on the road and because the hotel rooms in Burlington filled up.

The roads were reopened and both the Winter Weather Advisory and the wind advisory expired at 6 p.m. Monday, allowing travelers back on the road.

The largest group affected was the truck drivers, who had to pull off the road and try to find a spot among the other stranded motorists.

By 3 p.m., over 60 trucks were squeezed into the Total parking lot as drivers settled into their new home for the night. Trucks spilled



Kansas Trooper Joe Greene held up traffic during the snow storm about 3 p.m. Monday afternoon while a tractor was unloaded from the semitrailer it was being towed on because it struck the underside of the westbound overpass on I-70.

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over into the Wal-Mart, Presto Oil and motel parking lots.

Inside the Total store, travelers congregated around the entrance

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Vacationer says weather has hit him twice this year

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

From Florida to Kansas, every vacation Carl Kelly has taken this year has been affected by the weather.

In his second vacation of the year, Kelly, who owns a car dealership in Moberly, Miss., was stranded in Goodland on Monday after the Highway Patrol closed the roads west.

On his first vacation, he said, his family ran into Charley, the first big hurricane in Florida this year.

In Kansas, he was driving west to San Diego, Calif. with his wife, Kelli, and niece, Erin, when they were stopped due to the first snow of the season. He said they were taking a vacation and helping Erin relocate to the San Diego Naval Base. Kelly said the family stayed in

Colby on Sunday night and in the morning they were warned of possible closures. Because they had planned to make it to Las Vegas, Nev., by Monday night, the family loaded up the car and tried to make it through.

"We were in a hurry to get to Vegas," he said.

In a stroke of bad luck, the high winds knocked off a luggage carrier strapped to the top of Kelly's Chevrolet Trail Blazer, scattering baby clothes over the highway.

After picking up the clothes, he said, they were stopped by a trooper and were warned of the road closing. He said they got a room in Goodland early and beat the rush.

"I think it was lucky, really," he said.

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