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**MIDWEEK**  
**Tuesday, March 29**  
**2005**

**75¢**

## weather report

**70°**

noon Monday



### Today

•Sunset, 6:07 p.m.

### Wednesday

•Sunrise, 5:35 a.m.

•Sunset, 6:08 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 46 degrees
- Humidity 20 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds south 16 mph.
- Barometer 29.60 inches and rising
- Record High today 88° (1943)
- Record Low today 2° (1987)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday	62°
Low Sunday	24°
Precipitation	none
This month	.20
Year to date	.54
Normal	1.91

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy and breezy with a 20 percent chance of showers between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m., high around 59, low near 31, winds north northwest 11-24 mph. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a 30 percent chance of rain, high near 53, low around 32, winds north northwest 5-20 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy and breezy, high near 55, low 29. (National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets



### Noon

Wheat — \$3.06 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.20  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.82 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.83  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 12¢  
Milo — \$1.54 bushel  
Soybeans — \$5.52 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.60  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$5.25 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$9.85 cwt.  
NuSun — \$10.85 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$25  
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

## inside today

More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News



## Season opens for Cowboys

Jake Alander, playing for Goodland's American Legion team, hit a home run against Scott City last June. Alander is one of 10 players on the Cowboys' roster with baseball experience. The Cowboys open baseball season play today. Story, photo on Page 12.



The Easter Bunny handed out toys and high fives (above) to kids at the annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday. Some of the smaller kids (above right) clutched their eggs while trying out some of the candy.

Photos by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News



## Bunny big hit on cold day

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Hundreds of kids, from toddlers through tens, searched Gulick Park on Saturday for the elusive bounty of Goodland's annual Easter Egg Hunt.

The hunt started even before the scheduled 10:30 a.m. as squeals from the children filled the park.

Hunters wore coats, scarves and hats to keep out a spring wind while combing the park for eggs.

The hunted, bright colorful plastic eggs, filled with candy and prizes, were hidden in trees and scattered around the ground. Hunt volunteer Karen Duell, an S&T Communications employee, said there were 2,100 in all.

Each age group, 1 and 2 year olds, 3 and 4, 5-7 and 8-10,

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## Kanorado candidates' goals to keep city alive

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Keeping a small town alive is the goal of most of the five candidates running for three seats on the Kanorado City Council.

One of the candidates didn't want to talk, but others say the town's citizens need to work together for the good of the community. Among the issues on the candidates' minds are the need for better streets, replacing the water wells, a need to enforce traffic laws, children needing a place to play and getting the Hispanic community involved despite a language barrier.

Incumbents Deb Fahey, Frank Hernandez and Greg J. Pettibone are running for reelection, while Linda Handle and Nora Clements hope to unseat one of them.

When Bob Handle answered the phone call to his wife Linda for an interview about her bid for a seat on the council, he said, "That will be no comment," as he handed her the phone.



Clements



Hernandez



Handle



Fahey

When she found out what the call was about, Linda said, "I don't think I want to talk about that."

When she was asked why, Bob got back on the phone and said, "No comment. You got the message, lady."

The main issues in Kanorado are the need for growth, Clements said, and the need to enforce laws. There are a lot of people speeding and running stop signs, she said, and that needs to be corrected. And there are too many dogs running at large; there are leash laws that need to be followed.

Road and drainage problems need to be fixed, she said, and the young people need a place to go. The town only has a park, Clements said, and the older kids aren't really interested in that.

The council and the people have to work together to bring growth, she said.

"I would like to see the town pull together, not apart," Clements said.

She said she missed the council meeting Monday, March 7, where an argument erupted between Bob and Linda Handle on one side and the Pettibones, Kings, Bagleys and

Wilkersons over a petition to remove Jay Pettibone from his job as the city road maintainer. Clements said she wasn't at the meeting because she was in the hospital, but she was concerned about the issues that came up.

"I don't think personal vendettas should be brought into city business," she said. "One or two rotten apples can spoil the whole bunch, and we don't need that in our community."

"I want a community where when people ask where I'm from, I can say, 'Kanorado,' and be proud of it." Clements has lived in Kanorado over 10 years. She is retired but has done volunteer work and worked two years at the Red Front Market, now Burlington Super Foods.

Before moving to Kanorado, she lived in Holdredge, Neb., where she was a nurse aide in a nursing home, worked in respiratory therapy at the hospital, taught the mentally challenged to weave rugs and place mats

on a large loom and was a dispatcher at the police station.

Her husband died in 1991; she has three grown children. She lives with her fiancé of eight years, Dennis Korbek.

Fahey, who has served four years on the council, says she is concerned about finishing a project she helped to get started, the replacement of water wells and lines. Growth is another issue, she said; the town needs to be cleaned up and to have more businesses in order to draw people in. She also hopes to be able to get more grants for the town in the future.

Kanorado has had city-wide cleanups in the past few years, she said, including having Alex West come over from Goodland to remove old vehicles. There are a lot of old cars around town, she said, adding that the city will plan another cleanup soon.

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## Candidates to talk at 7 p.m. Thursday

Voters will get a chance to ask questions and hear the positions of City Commission and school board candidates at a forum Thursday.

The forum, sponsored by the 2005 class of Leadership Sherman County and the Sherman County Farm Bureau, will begin at 7 p.m. at the Goodland High School auditorium.

The school board candidates attending will include LeAnn Friedrichs, Andrew House, Amy (House) Sederstrom and Dick Short. Jason Showalter and Dr. Gary Smith were not available to confirm their attendance for the forum.

The city race will be repre-

sented by candidates Gary Farris, Annette Fairbanks, Joshua Dechant, John Golden and Brent Wood. Although John Garcia has a previous commitment with the Northwest Kansas Technical College, he says he is hoping to attend.

The general election will be held Tuesday, April 5, with all voting at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

The first hour of the debate will feature school board candidates fielding questions from a moderator and the audience, and the second city candidates.

The forum will be broadcast live on KLOE Radio, with Farm Bureau underwriting the broadcast.

## Advance voting underway

Voting began last Tuesday at the Sherman County Clerk's office for spring elections for the Goodland School Board, Goodland City Commission and Kanorado mayor and council.

Anyone who wants to vote before election day may go to the county clerk's office from 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until noon on Monday, April 4.

The election will be Tuesday, April 5, and all Sherman County voting will be at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Anyone who is sick or disabled may advance vote until 7 p.m. on election day.

Questions about the election can be answered by calling the county clerk's office at 899-4800.

Up for election are three seats on the Goodland School Board. Those running are Amy Sederstrom, LeAnn Friedrichs, Dick Short, Andrew House, Dr. Gary Smith and Ja-

son Showalter. The top three will win four-year terms beginning in July.

There are three seats open on the City Commission, with the top two getting four-year terms and the third getting a two-year term. Candidates are Joshua Dechant, Annette Fairbanks, John Garcia, Gary Farris, Brent Wood and John Golden.

There are two candidates for Kanorado mayor. Mayor Robert Helderman, is facing Gerald Webber.

There are five candidates for three seats on the Kanorado council: Greg Pettibone, Frank Hernandez, Nora Clements, Deb Fahey and Linda Handle. Winners get four-year terms.

For those who are in the Brewster School District, but live in Sherman County, the voting will be held at the Brewster City Hall. Sherman County election clerk Shirley Dupsky said there are 56 Sherman County voters in that district, and their information has been sent to Thomas County to allow them to vote.

The district has five candidates for the four regular four-year terms and one candidate for an unexpired term. Those vying for the four seats are Leisha Carpenter, Tony M. Horinek, Carrie S. Starns, Michael L. Schultz and Leon W. Schroeder. Rod Gilley is the only candidate for the unexpired term.

Sherman County voters who live in the Brewster School District can advance vote by going to the Thomas County courthouse in Colby, Dupsky said. They will be doing walk-in voting beginning today, she said, or a voter can request a mail ballot by signing a form at the courthouse or requesting a form be mailed to their home.

Along with the local elections, there is a statewide constitutional amendment question defining marriage as the union of a man and a woman. The amendment was referred to the voters by the Legislature in February.