

## weather report

**58°**

noon Thursday



### Today

• Sunset, 7:16 p.m.

### Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:19 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:17 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 44 degrees
- Humidity 35 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southeast 3 mph.
- Barometer 30.23 inches and falling
- Record High today 82° (1930)
- Record Low today 12° (1973)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	65°
Low Wednesday	30°
Precipitation	none
This month	.44
Year to date	1.03
Normal	2.31

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy and windy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, high near 70, low near 44, winds south 20-43 mph. Saturday: Partly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, high near 68, low around 44, winds south southeast 13-28 mph.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly cloudy and breezy with a 50 percent chance of showers, high 55, low 38. (National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.85 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.94  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.78 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.83  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 12¢  
Milo — \$1.50 bushel  
Soybeans — \$5.47 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.56  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$5 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$9.90 cwt.  
NuSun — \$10.90 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

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## Cowboys undefeated

Senior Brock Lohr was the starting pitcher in the second game Monday, picking up his second win of the season. The Cowboys moved to 3-0 with a double-header win over the Syracuse Bulldogs. Story, photos on Page 10a.

# Two wait for final election tally

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Star-News*

Two commission candidates wound up four votes apart in city elections Tuesday, and may have to await the official canvass today to see which one will win the third seat on the board.

The three apparent winners in the city contest were incumbent John Garcia, owner of Garcia's Home Furnishing, with 711 votes; Joshua Dechant, an ag loan officer at Bankwest, 682; and Annette Fairbanks, owner of Teeters Abstract with 643.

Brent Wood, a financial advisor for AIG, finished fifth with 382



Garcia



Dechant



Fairbanks



Farris



Hernandez



Clements

votes and John Golden, a former commissioner and owner of Golden Wheat Ranch, had 219.

When Tuesday's vote were counted, Fairbanks had a four-vote lead over Gary Farris at 639. Ten

provisional ballots that will be examined by the county commissioners as part of the vote canvass could change the result.

If the margin remains, though, Fairbanks will win a two-year term

on the commission.

"I guess we'll have to wait and see," said Farris, owner of Farris Manufacturing, on Wednesday.

"Sometimes that's the way it works. I'll be happy with the results ei-

ther way, and I plan to be there to watch. I'm glad we live in a place where your vote counts. There will be other elections. I learned some things this time."

Fairbanks said Wednesday she won't be at the vote canvass, as she plans to attend a League of Kansas Municipalities program on municipal finance in Garden City.

"Can't celebrate quite yet," she said. "We'll have to wait. I hope to win, but I know that Gary will make a good commissioner if the results change."

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# Women top two school board winners

By Kathryn Burke

*The Goodland Star-News*

Any Sederstrom was the top winner in the Goodland School District election Tuesday, taking a seat on the school board with 1,015 votes.

Second was LeAnn Friedrichs at 899, and incumbent Dick Short was third with 770.

The top three win four-year terms on the board, but the new members will not take office until July.

Andrew House, a native of Goodland and farmer, was fourth, 61 votes behind Short at 709, Dr. Gary



Sederstrom



Friedrichs



Short

Smith, a veterinarian at Prairieland Animal Clinic, had 564, and sheriff's Deputy Jason Showalter 380.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said he was happy with the way the election turned out. He was glad to see an experienced board member stay on and is ready to get to know the new members.

"I would have hated to lose him," he said of Short, adding that he's met Friedrichs before. "I've heard an

awful lot of nice things about Mrs. Sederstrom."

After taking home the most votes to win her a spot on the school board, Sederstrom, a housewife, farmer and part-time officer manager at Truck and Tractor Repair, said she is eager to get going.

"I'm ready to dive in and learn everything we have to do," she said.

Sederstrom said she plans to start attending some of the board meetings to see how they work and get an idea of what's in store.

"I'm excited to be on the board,"

she said. "I think we have a pretty good group of people with new ideas, new directions."

Friedrichs, a deputy in the court clerk's office, said she is looking forward to her chance to participate in board meetings.

"I'm looking forward to working on the board," she said, adding that she is realistic about the future. "I think we all know there's work to be done. I know there are going to be challenges ahead."

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# Parole places murderer in Nebraska

By Tom Betz

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A man serving a "life" term for the 1970 slaying of a Goodland gas station attendant was released on parole this month after 24 years in prison.

State officials say William Frank Schlicher, 54, who had been held at the medium-security Norton Correctional Facility, was paroled on March 3, and is now in Nebraska.

Lanny Bevington, 34, the other man convicted of murder in Sherman County, is serving a 19-year sentence at the Hutchinson Correctional Facility, the former state Industrial Reformatory.

The Kansas Parole Board held a sixth hearing with Schlicher in May, and agreed to allow his release once he submitted a parole plan and it was approved.

Schlicher, who had been a student at the technical school, was convicted of killing service station at-

tendant Wallace Patton in November 1970.

Monthly checks of the state correctional database over the past year showed that Schlicher remained at Norton. Until last week.

Frances Breyne, public information officer for the Department of Corrections, said Wednesday that Schlicher had been released on an approved plan and transferred to Nebraska.

At the Nebraska Department of Corrections, Paul Accardt, Lincoln district adult parole supervisor, said the Schlicher is somewhere in the eastern part of the state.

"So far so good," Accardt said. "He hasn't been here long. He is under intense supervision and we are involving him in a number of programs to keep him out of trouble. He arrived here on March 7, and I am sure he is getting settled in."

"I can tell you he is a long way from Goodland."

Sherman County Attorney Bonnie Selby said she had not heard that Schlicher had been paroled, but was glad to hear he was not nearby.

Patton was working at a gas station near the east I-70 exit in Goodland when he was robbed at gunpoint by Schlicher, Charles Kauffman and Marvin Dale Seigrist. They loaded Patton into Schlicher's car and drove around with him for most of the night before taking him out to a field and shooting him four times.

Seigrist turned himself in 1980 because he was afraid Schlicher would kill him. He received immunity for his testimony and Schlicher and Kauffman were charged with first-degree murder. Doctors decided, however, that Kauffman was not sane enough to stand trial.

Schlicher was found guilty and sentenced to life in prison. In 1980, "life" in Kansas meant 15 years before a murderer was eligible for parole. There was no "hard 40" or other, more stringent sentence.

He went to prison on Dec. 18, 1980.

The parole board reviewed Schlicher's case six times before granting him parole in May.

Bevington was convicted of second-degree murder and aggravated kidnapping in the Dec. 28, 2003, death of his wife Kerrie at their home south of Brewster.

Kerrie died from a shotgun blast to the head, and her husband was charged with first-degree murder and kidnapping. About nine months later, he plead guilty under a plea bargain and was sentenced on Sept. 15 to a total of 18 years, 11 months in state custody.

Bevington was sent to prison on Oct. 12, and was moved to Hutchison in November. On March 14, he was moved from the central section of the Hutchison prison to the east section of the medium-security facility.

The Department of Corrections web site shows Bevington's earliest possible release date would be Jan. 27, 2020, but only after a parole hearing.

## Drug case hearing set

More than two years after he was arrested, a Kanorado man facing charges of having a methamphetamine lab at his business will have a pre-trial hearing at 9 a.m. on Monday, April 18, in Sherman County District Court.

His is among two major cases that will come before district judges in the next two months.

Scott A. Baumfalk, 38, is charged with possession of drug paraphernalia, ephedrine as a precursor to an illegal substance, ammonia, paraphernalia to grow or distribute marijuana and narcotic drugs, manufacturing meth and criminal use of a weapon.

Baumfalk had a preliminary hearing in front of Judge Jack Burr on Wednesday, Jan. 26.

Officers with the Quad County Drug Task Force, Sherman

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## Cleanup volunteer sweep city



Ken Clouse, chairman of the beautification committee, and Phil Erickson, city employee, wrestled a big television set off a trailer Saturday as part of the citywide cleanup. About 50 people helped with the cleanup, and the volunteers will be out on Saturday, April 16, to pickup tree limbs and metal. More photos and story on Page 1b.

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