

weather
report

49°

noon
Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 6:09 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:31 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 47 degrees
- Humidity 68 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds northwest 20 mph
- Barometer 29.62 inches and rising
- Record High today 87° (1943)
- Record Low today 2° (1987)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 77°
Low Thursday 41°
Precipitation .07
This month 1.99
Year to date 2.57
above normal .58 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high around 65, low near 33. Northwest wind 5 to 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 69 and low near 33. Sunday: Partly cloudy, high around 67 and low near 35. Monday: Partly cloudy, high near 65 and low near 37. Tuesday: Partly cloudy and breezy, high around 67 and low near 37.

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.74 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.65
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.93 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.90
Loan deficiency pmt. — 4¢
Milo — \$1.55 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.94 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.10
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.35 cwt.
NuSun crop — \$9.35
Confection — Call
Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)
(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
split opener

Senior Brandon Zelfer hit the Cowboys' first home run of the season in the top of the sixth inning of the second game Monday in Burlington against the Cougars. The Cowboys won one and lost one. See story, photos on Page 11a.

Road vote wins on 3-1 margin

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County voters voted 3-1 Tuesday to approve a one-cent sales tax to rebuild city streets and county roads.

Every section of the county and all four wards in the city voted in favor of the sales tax, with the total vote 1,030 yes and 301 no.

Sherman County Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he was surprised with the wide margin.

"I was very pleased," Rasure said. "I want to say a big thank-you to the voters for realizing there was a problem and supporting the solution.

"It was great to see the support throughout the county. Every sector of the city and county supported the proposal.

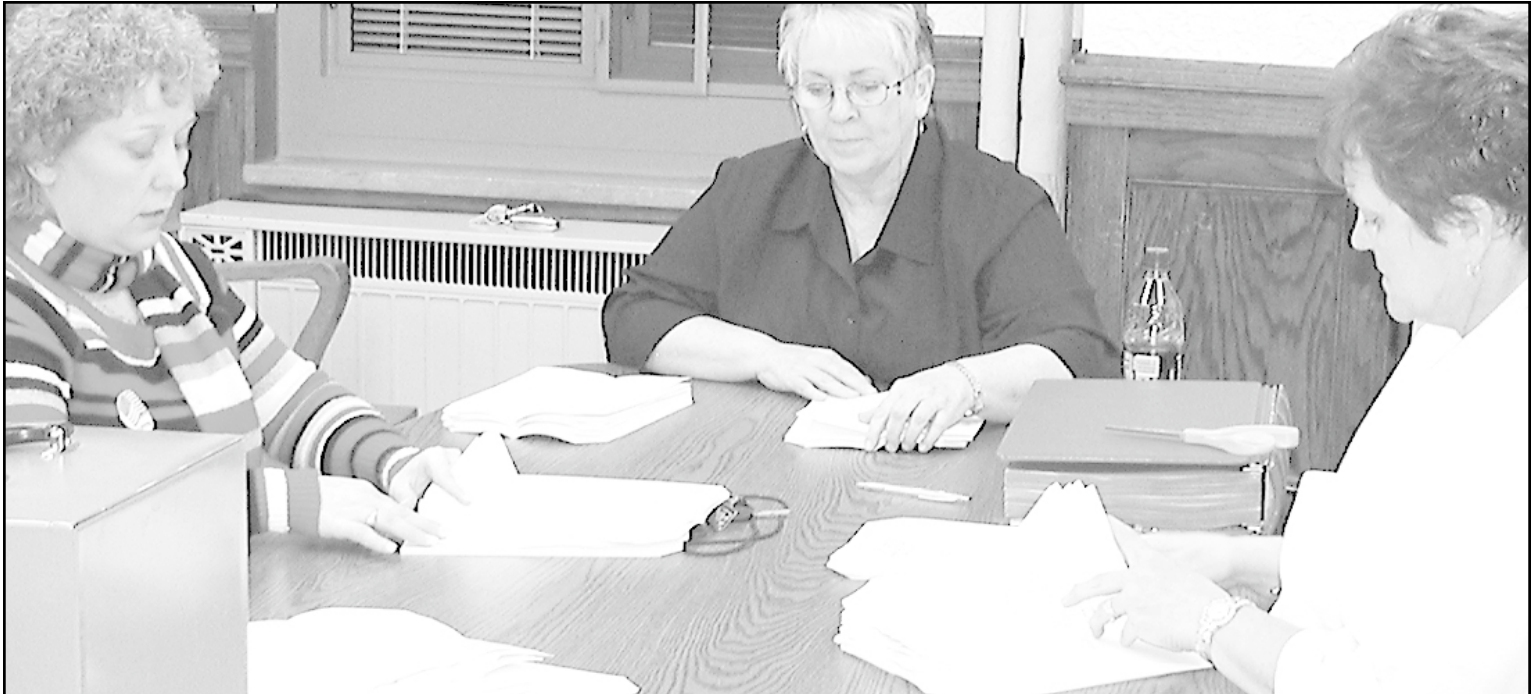
"We had a need facing both (city and county) boards. We developed an excellent plan, and with the people's help we are able to move forward.

"It was great to have people like Glenn Burk and many others who were working to make sure the message got out. This is the best our communities have come together on a project that I can remember."

Burk, a farmer, was at the courthouse Tuesday night, waiting with Rasure and City Commissioner Josh Dechant for the results. He said he had been nervous as the election day began, but was happy to see how big the margin was.

"I am glad it passed," Burk said. "I am surprised at the margin, but that shows the people were listening."

Rasure said the paperwork will be done today — after the votes are canvassed — to make sure the tax is ready to begin on July 1. He said the commissioners will have a phone conference with Kevin Cowan, bond counsel from Gilmore and Bell of Wichita, about the details of a



Election board members Linda Corcoran, Carol Farris and Karen Gillihan counted the paper ballots from Tuesday's special election. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the paper ballots were

easier to count and cheaper for the county because there was only one Yes, No question.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

bond issue and the agreements with the city.

"Fantastic, overwhelmed," was City Manager Wayne Hill's reaction Wednesday. "I am amazed by the confidence the people showed, and it is a real positive message to those in our community and who may be watching from outside.

"I have a real positive feeling about this community and faith in the direction we are going to make positive changes.

Hill said he has invited Rasure to attend the city commission meeting on Monday to talk briefly about the election and what is next now that the people have given their approval.

Dechant said he was surprised at the more than 3-1 margin.

"By that much of a favorable

vote," Dechant said, "I think it shows the people think it is good the two boards are working together.

"It's excellent that it passed with all the eyes on the city from the surrounding area and the rest of the state. It shows the people do know the positive future things that are happening here.

"I want to thank every one who came out and voted and ask for their support in the future."

Rasure said he would go to the city meeting, and expects the two boards to meet as soon as possible to work out the details.

He said County Clerk Janet Rumpel has been in contact with the state Department of Revenue to let them know and have the resolutions

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County sales tax election results

	Yes	No
Ward 1, 2	285	73
Ward 3, 4	313	95
Kanorado and townships	261	83
Advance	171	50
Totals	1,030	301
Total voters	1,371	36%

Museum, society preserve county history

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

The county seat battle, the early settlers, the Rock Island Railroad, doctors who made house calls — stories of people and events that shaped Sherman County are recorded in the newsletters of the Sherman County Historical Society.

Also, memorabilia of the county's early years is on display at the High Plains Museum. Both groups work together to keep the past alive in the minds of generations accustomed to modern conveniences.

The museum and society both rent space to store their collections and long for the day they can share a permanent home. Plans have been drawn for a new museum, with room for the society, and land has been donated southeast of town. But the groups need to find money — about \$3.5 million — before construction can begin.

The museum's first goal, says Director Linda Holton, is to get \$1 million in private gifts so it will be taken seriously when applying for grants for the rest.

For years, the historical society hunted around for space to work in. The group rents space for the Parker Research Center, where it stores research materials and has a room with a table and chairs where volunteers can lay things out while sorting and organizing donated materials or doing research. The society can meet in the center, said Millie Wright, a board member, but often goes to the Goodland Public Library.

The museum started as a "concept," with historical items displayed in several Main Street stores in July 1957 for the town's 70th anniversary. Later, said Holton leaders decided that Goodland needed a museum to preserve the county's pioneer history.

The existing structure at 1717 Cherry was built in 1959 by Rhoads Construction. C.L. Hurd Construction Co. built the north addition to house a replica of the helicopter in 1976 and a new lobby was built in 1992, enclosed by Dependable Glass.

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The realistic mannequin that mans the train depot at the High Plains Museum catches people off guard.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Show could spotlight county

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

The Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau voted to spend money on a program on public television, but the board's not sure yet how much it will cost or if the project will go forward.

The county's attractions, events and history may be highlighted in a half-hour program by the western Kansas affiliate of the Public Broad-

casting Service this year. The station is planning 11 shows this year, said Donna Price, bureau director, at the board's regular meeting Thursday, March 16, and Goodland may get 27 1/2 minutes without commercials.

The program could be used in schools if the project goes through, she said, and will likely air on PBS stations in other states, so it may be shown nationwide.

The bureau will need to pay for a

film crew's mileage here, hotel rooms and meals if the project moves forward, Price said, but may also need to pay someone to look at the script, to do the story board and to do voice-overs.

"We need to do a really nice project," she said. "To do that, we may need help from someone in the television industry."

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Daylight Saving Time begins on Sunday.
Set clocks forward one hour.