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WEEKEND

**Friday, Nov. 3
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weather report

49°

noon

Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 4:44 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:18 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:42 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 37 degrees
- Humidity 34 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds South 14 mph, gusts to 23 mph
- Barometer 30.28 inches and falling
- Record High today 82° (1915)
- Record Low today 1° (1991)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	43°
Low Thursday	20°
Precipitation	—
This month	0.00
Year to date	21.96
Normal	18.57
Ahead	3.39 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy, high around 60, low in the mid 30s. South winds shifting to the west at 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Weekend: Partly Cloudy through Monday. Highs in lower 60s, lows in the mid 30s. Tuesday: Mostly clear. High in the lower 60s, low in the mid 30s.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.64 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.70
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$3.39 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.99
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$3.39 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.61 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.69
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$7 hundredweight
Sunflowers
NuSun crop — \$11.50
Pinto beans — \$19 (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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Cowboy 63rd at state

Cowboy senior Kerek Mason finished 63rd out of 101 runners at the state cross country meet Saturday at Wamego. See photo, story on Page 12.



Jefferson Weaver as Dumbo, 1 1/2, (left) was sitting next to “Dorothy” (Rachel Witman, 4) and witch Dylaney Weaver, 4, at the Moonlight Madness costume contest downtown Monday night. Dylaney won first place in her age group, with Witman coming in third.

Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Statue, witch costumes win

A legion of young princesses with a smattering of superheroes and animals, plus the traditional ghouls and witches, gathered at El Dorado Western Wear downtown Monday for the fifth annual Moonlight Madness Halloween costume contest.

More than 80 kids, plus admiring parents and grandparents, gathered in the store’s basement to show off their costumes to the judges.

The first group of 35 ranged from babies to 4-year-olds. It included quite a variety, including Dorothy from “The Wizard of Oz,” a dragon, witches, lions, pirates, mermaids and soldiers.

Dylaney Weaver, 4, won first place with her witch costume. Robert Vantleven Jr., 2, was second as the Itsy Bitsy Spider. Rachel Witman, 4, as Dorothy, wearing ruby slippers with Toto in her basket, was third. Runners up were Braden Lewis, 19 months, as a lion; Madison Albers, 2, as a dragon; and Dexter Dautel, 2, as a pirate.

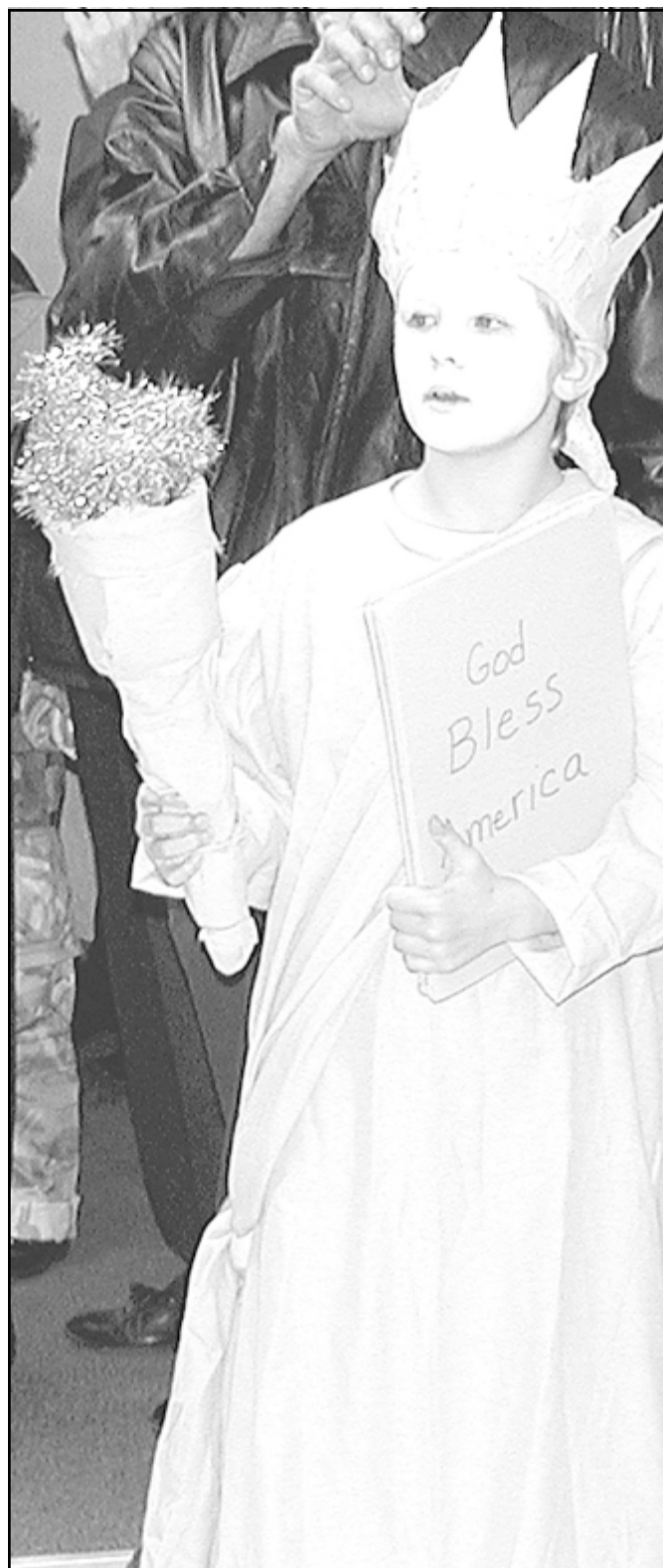
The second group of 5 to 9 year olds also had about 35 kids. Makayla Kennedy, 9, with her Statue of Liberty costume, came in first; Sheyla Hernandez, 6, as a her Japa-

nese princess, was second; and Ben Ramirez, 6, the Thing from the Fantastic Four, was third. Runners up were Darby Seeger, 6, as the Zombie Doctor; Abby Neal, 7, as a female Dracula; and Katie Seeger, 8, as Cinderella.

In the age group 10-14, Seth Thomas, 12, came in first as Ben Franklin; Cameron Hayes, 10, second as the Grim Reaper; and Brianna Salinas, 11, third as a lady vampire. The runners up were Carrie Stevens, 11, as a witch; Sheldon Nelson, 12, as skeleton; and Amy Floyd, 12 as a lady vampire.

The Goodland Kiwanis Club provided the prize money for the winners and the youngest participants. Madd Hatter provided haunting music to set the mood, and there was plenty of candy, donated by Wal-Mart.

Between rounds of judging, the kids made the rounds of downtown businesses that stayed open to hand out treats, including J.C. Penney, Garcia’s Home Furnishings, Jacque’s Hallmark, High Plains Office Supply, Mann’s Jewelry, Farm Bureau Insurance, American Communications and Overhead Door and *The Goodland Star-News*, which organized the event.



Makayla Kennedy as the Statue of Liberty won first place for her costume in the 5-9 age group at the annual Goodland Moonlight Madness on Monday night. Halloween music livened things up, and the kids got to collect treats from downtown merchants.

Voters’ turn on Tuesday

Tuesday marks the end of the political campaigns as voters decide the winners in state-wide offices and the 1st District county commissioner race for Sherman County.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the polls will open at 7 a.m. and close at 7 p.m. at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, 824 Main, for all registered voters.

People who will not be in town on Tuesday, or who want to vote early, can come to the clerk’s office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and on Monday until noon. Rumpel said anyone who is sick or disabled can have someone else come to the clerk’s office and ask for an absentee voter form and ballot. Those have to be returned before the polls close at 7 p.m. on Tuesday.

Three Sherman County men are seeking the 1st District county commissioner seat. Incumbent Chuck Thomas of Edson, a Republican, who won a four-way primary, faces a Republican challenger, Darin Neufeld of Goodland — who lost the primary by 14 votes — running as a write-in candidate, and homestore owner Conrad Pettijohn of Goodland running as an independent.

Only people who live in the district and are registered can vote in that race. The district covers all of Goodland Ward 3, Ward 4 south of Sixth Street and Iowa, Itasca, Union and Washington townships in eastern Sherman County.

Rumpel said this would be the second election for new voting machines, and there were few problems during the primary in August.

Rumpel said Neufeld’s write-in candidacy may slow the counting process a bit, but as long as the intent of the voter can be determined, the write-in votes will be counted. She said there is no requirement that the voter write in the full name or that the name be spelled correctly.

“As long as the election board can determine the intent of the voter to write in Neufeld’s name,” she said, “the vote will count.

She said the voter can write-in “Darin,” “Neufeld,” or “D.N.” and all would count.

The race for Congress in the 1st District tops the ballot.

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The 72-year-old barrel hanger at Renner Field was a gathering place for pilots when the Watson Hevner family lived in an apartment on the east side of the hangar. Judi Vignery, Hevner’s oldest daughter, said she was sure this photo was taken while the family was living at the airport, though

she was not sure exactly when. She thought she and her sister might be the two leaning against the window, and that Lawrence Tedford might be the man in the middle sitting on the sidewalk. Linda Holton, curator of the High Plains Museum, said the photo is from 1957.

Photo from High Plains Museum

Hangar was family’s home

By Tom Betz

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Plans to tear down the 72-year-old barrel hanger at Renner Field may be on hold, and that would be good news for a family that called the hangar home from 1949 to 1966.

Judi Vignery and her younger sister, Susan Elliott, recall the days when their father, Watson Hevner, managed the airport from 1946 to 1966, and they want the hangar saved because it was their home when they were growing up.

“It was the only home I had growing up,” Elliott, of Hillsboro Ore., wrote in a letter to City Manager Wayne Hill. “My sister Judi (Hevner) Vignery and I did not live in a house; we lived in the apartment on the east side of the hangar and our bedrooms were actually rooms in the big hangar. We went to bed with the beacon shining in our windows and woke up to the sound of small

City delays demolition plans

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Maybe the 72-year-old barrel hangar at Renner Field won’t fall to the wrecking ball after all.

The city was ready to tear it down in September, but an aircraft accident involving a city supervisor delayed the de-

struction, and now an offer buy the building has put all plans on hold.

City Manager Wayne Hill said the city received a letter from John Toppliff, owner of Mr. Jim’s His and Hers Shop and vice president of flight operations for a com-

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planes flying overhead.

“It’s too late to save the building on the east side of the hangar, which was part of our home, but I hope it is not too late to save the hangar. I would hate to see the hangar demolished. It would be wonderful if the city can find a way to save it. I would think it

would be considered a historical building considering it was built by the WPA and used ... in World War II to train glider pilots.

“Whenever we come back to Goodland

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