

weather report

65°
noon

Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 7:51 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 5:55 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 69 degrees
- Humidity 90 percent
- Sky cloudy and rainy
- Winds east 5 mph
- Barometer 30.25 inches and rising

- Record High today 108° (1934)
- Record Low today 46° (1939)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 87°
- Low Wednesday 63°
- Precipitation 1.93
- This month 2.96
- Year to date 10.12
- Below normal 4.45 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 80, winds out of the south at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 61. Saturday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 87, winds out of the southeast at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 65.

Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers, a high near 90 and a low around 62.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

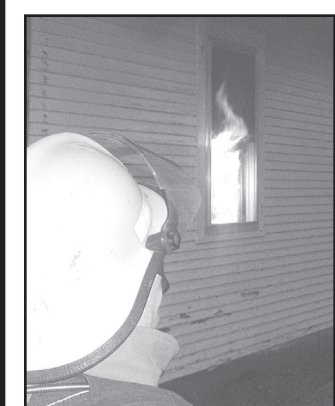
local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$7.473 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.18
- Corn — \$4.61 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.63
- Milo — \$4.16 bushel
- Soybeans — \$11.33 bushel
- Posted county price — \$11.38
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$22.85 cwt.
- Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Fires part of training

A dramatic scene with flames curling out of a window were part of a live fire training Tuesday at a house to be torn down on E. 10th Street. Volunteer fireman Andy Kear watch the flames before attacking the fire. See photos, story on Page 8.

Bull riders thrill packed crowd

By Tom Betz

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The announcer kept asking people to scoot over to let more people fit into the VIP bleachers and grandstand for the Western Plains Chute-Out Professional Bull Riders show Wednesday at the Sherman County fairgrounds.

A crowd, estimated at 2,000 by fair board officials, attended the inaugural Thunder on the Plains Committee presentation of the Enterprise Rent-A-Car Professional Bull Rider Tour event featuring 40 professional bull riders with a total purse of \$13,948.

The bulls were getting the best of the cowboys in the first round with 16 riders getting bucked off with no score and five making it to the eight second horn to get a score.

Top winner for the night was Palmer Merritt of King, N.C. who scored a total of 171 on his two bull rides to win \$3,794 for the night. In the long round he rode a John McDonald bull My Luck that was sponsored by Brad and Micki Ensign. In the short round Merritt scored an 86 on Time Machine a Hyland Cattle Company bull sponsored by Herl Chevrolet.

Cord McCoy of Tupelo, Okla., was second with a total of 168 for the two rounds winning \$2,595 for the night. McCoy rode Rawhide a John McDonald bull for an 84 in the first



Bullfighter Tracy Weeter of Goodland (center with black cowboy hat) tried to attract the attention of a bull to keep the rider safe during the long round of the Western Plains Chute-Out Wednesday evening. Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

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Goodland lawyer wins district judge race

By Tom Betz

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A Goodland lawyer was the overwhelming favorite of the voters for district judge of the 15th Judicial District in the Republican primary election, winning six of seven counties Tuesday and 47 percent of the vote.

Scott Showalter, 48, was one of three area lawyers seeking the nomination to fill the seat held by Judge Jack Burr in Goodland, who is retiring after 30 years.

Showalter said Tuesday he was glad the campaigning was over. He

said he would do his best to continue his effort in the general election this fall. Someone still could run against him as a write-in, though there is no Democrat on the ballot.

"I think this was my toughest campaign," he said, "and I will be glad it is over."

Unofficial results for the district give Showalter, with 2,576 votes, a commanding lead over his opponents, Kevin N. Berens of St. Francis (1,883, or 35 percent) and Andrea Wyrick of Colby (998, or 18 percent)

In Sherman County, Showalter's home, he won with 729 votes to 342

for Berens and 170 for Wyrick.

Cheyenne County, where Berens practices law, gave him the top vote with 488, while Showalter was second with 263 and Wyrick had 72.

Thomas County gave Showalter a large margin, 732 to 466 for Berens and 277 for Wyrick, who lives in Colby and is the Thomas County attorney.

The vote was closer in Wallace County, with Showalter winning with 187 to 176 for Berens and 104 for Wyrick.

Showalter won Rawlins County with 412 to 319 for Berens and 242 for Wyrick.

Sheridan County went for Showalter 147 to 88 for Wyrick and 51 for Berens.

Logan County, where Wyrick has been county attorney, went for Showalter with 330 to 176 for Wyrick and 165 for Berens.

Showalter said he believes his experience as a city judge in Kanorado and assistant judge in Goodland, and his 10 years as Sherman County attorney, give him the experience to be a good judge.

As court trustee for the past 12 years, he said, he handled more than 1,000 domestic law cases each year, ranging from paternity to child support and maintenance collection.

He said about a third of the cases a district judge hears are criminal, and the other two-thirds involve domestic issues and civil law.



Showalter

Commissioner defeated, sheriff, treasurer win in Primary

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An incumbent Republican county commissioner lost his race for a third term, but the Republican sheriff held off an absentee opponent and the Republican county treasurer handily won their nominations for a second term.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said there are 15 provisional ballots to be counted on Friday morning, but none of the Republican races are close enough to change the winner.

County Commissioner Kevin

Rasure lost to Max Linin 194-157 in District 3.

Rasure, who was seeking a third term, said Wednesday he was disappointed that he will not be able to continue to serve the citizens of Sherman County.

"I have been honored to serve for eight years," he said, "and I know I will do my best in the next few months to the end of my term. I feel like we have done some good things, and I have tried to hold down the property taxes."

Rasure said he felt his questioning the expenses and decisions made for

the County Road and Bridge department had created an opposition to his election.

"I felt it was right to question what was going on," he said, "but I never once voted against their equipment needs."

Linin, who has farmed south of Goodland the last 28 years, says he hopes to bring better communication to the commission.

He said it is a big commitment, and he is willing to learn and listen to the people. He said he does not

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Moderates win Republican party seats

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In the Republican Precinct contests some of the races were close, and a couple are close enough the provisional ballots being counted today could change the winner.

Several precinct races had couples facing off in an apparent attempt by ultra conservative Republicans to defeat party members who are considered to be more moderate.

In Itasca Committeeman race Harlan House is the apparent winner with 48 votes to Leonard Thompson with 45. For Committeewoman

Cora House was the leader with 50 votes to Patty Thompson with 42.

Attorney Ron Vignery defeated John Koggie 216 to 39 for Ward 4 Precinct Committeeman while Judy Vignery defeated Rosanne Koggie 193 to 59.

In Ward 1 Attorney Jeff Mason defeated Michael Bretz for precinct committeeman 147 to 113.

In the Llanos township Ron Schilling won the precinct committeeman position over Todd Quenzer 12 to 5, and Marsha Schilling won the precinct committeewoman position over Bryn Quenzer 11 to 6.

Republican County Chairman Roxie Yonkey was defeated by Dawn Jolly for precinct committeewoman in Ward 3, 71 to 49.

In other Republican precincts there were no contests and those running were unopposed including Danny Traub who received 20 votes for committeeman in Lincoln Township and his wife Cheryl who got 20 for committeewoman.

Andrew House received 63 for committeeman in Logan Township and wife Jennifer got 64 for com-

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Close commissioner race could end in toss of coin

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There was only one Democratic Primary Election race in Sherman County, and the final winner may

not be determined until this morning when the votes are canvassed. Incumbent District 2 Commissioner Mitch Tiede held a slim one-vote lead over Dee

Miller when the ballots were counted on Tuesday at 49-48, but County Clerk Janet Rumpel said that could change because there was one provisional Democrat vote from District 2.

She said a total of 16 provisional ballots were taken on Tuesday and it will be up to the canvass board to determine if the votes will count and then to open the envelopes and see who gets the votes.

Tiede called Wednesday to say he was going to have Sheriff Kevin Butts take his place for the canvass on Friday.

"I'm hanging in there," he said. "It was a close one, and I guess we'll see what happens on Friday."

Rumpel said if the vote counts it

can either be a vote for Tiede to give him a two-vote margin or a vote for Miller would make it a tie. She said in case it is a tie they canvass board would have to break the tie by pulling a name out of a hat or tossing a coin.

Miller said Wednesday he was not surprised it was close, but felt it was

"A friend told me it was going to come

down to a single vote," Miller said. "I guess I will get up early Friday and go see what happens."

"I have had a few calls from people saying they did not go to vote, and some who have called to say they wished they could have voted for me but were not in the right district."

Tiede said he would not be at the canvass on Friday, but told Rumpel to call him if needed.

The winner determined today will face Republican Cynthia Strnad in the General Election on Nov. 4. Strnad, who served as a County Commissioner for two years changed affiliation to Republican to run this year, and won the nomination with 349 votes.



Tiede



Miller

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