

weather report

74°
 noon
 Monday



Today

- Sunset, 7:46 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:58 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:44 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 74 degrees
- Humidity 68 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds south 10 mph
- Barometer 30.02 inches and falling
- Record High today 106° (1934)
- Record Low today 47° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Sunday 79°
- Low Sunday 63°
- Precipitation trace
- This month 3.43
- Year to date 10.59
- Below normal 4.25 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 90, winds out of the north 5 to 10 mph and a low around 60.
 Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, winds out of the south at 5 to 10 mph, a high near 88 and a low around 63.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 88 and a low around 63.

(National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$7.40 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.29
- Corn — \$4.41 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.54
- Milo — \$3.96 bushel
- Soybeans — \$10.95 bushel
- Posted county price — \$10.97
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$22.45 cwt.
- Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Tractor pull draws crowd

Candi Meissinger (above) drove her modified tractor Plum Nasty for a win in the Modified Tractor Pull on Friday. She pulled the sled 312.98 feet. See more photos and story on Page 8a.



Man wins election on recount

By Pat Schiefen

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The final result for the Sherman County Commission seat for District 2 primary left people scratching their heads Friday morning after one candidate was declared a winner after his name was pulled out of a hat only to be told two hours later the other man had won by one vote.

When the canvass board checked the tape of the results they first thought there was only one vote in Commissioner District 2, which was for Dee Miller and tied the vote total with Mitch Tiede and Miller each at 49 votes.

The two men agreed to settle the tie by having a name pulled out of a basket and at that point Miller was declared the winner. However, after the candidates had left the courthouse the canvass board found they had overlooked another ballot in District 2,

and since it was for Tiede the board members called the two men and said that Tiede had won 50-49.

The unofficial results after the polls closed on Tuesday night gave Tiede the victory over Miller by one vote, 49 to 48.

On Friday morning the canvass board went through and validated the results for all the races.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel 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 would count and then to open the envelopes and see who get the votes.

When the canvass board reviewed the 16 ballots it allowed 15 to be counted. It was originally thought by Rumpel there was only one ballot in Ward 4 on the Democratic side that could tie up the race in the District 2 county commissioner race.

Rumpel said that in the poll books the other provisional Democratic ballot was not marked. The voting machine caught the error.

The canvassing board was made up of County Commissioners Chuck Thomas and Kevin Rasure and Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts. Candidates Dee Miller and incumbent commissioner Mitch Tiede were present for the counting.

Most of the provisional ballots were because people had moved in the county but had not changed their voting registration. There was also a case of a name change and moving in the county.

Once the provisional ballots had been checked they were put through the vote counting machine and a tape of the results was printed out.

The tape showed the Democratic vote in Ward 4 was for Miller, and it brought the

results to a tie between Tiede and Miller. At that point Rasure asked the two candidates how they wanted the tie to be broken. Miller and Tiede agreed to have a name drawn from a basket.

They asked Pat Schiefen, reporter for *The Goodland Star-News*, draw the name from the basket. Miller's name was drawn and it was thought Miller had won the race.

As the canvass board was double checking the results on the tape Rumpel said they found there had been another Democratic ballot cast in Voltaire Township.

That vote was for Tiede and changed the final victory for Tiede with 50 votes and 49 votes for Miller.

"I'm just glad it turned out as it did in the end," said Tiede. "It was awful hard on the candidates."

Miller was unavailable.



Home owned carnival workers Thursday morning found the game tent (above) blown over and the area a total wreck. With the help of many volunteers and city employees the mess was cleaned up by mid-day and by that evening the games had been relocated to the carnival building where Garin Ihrig (below) tried his hand at a game that required a steady hand.

Photos by Brad Schields and Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Winds play havoc with carnival game tent

By Tom Betz

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The home-owned carnival had a good run the week of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair despite getting rained out one night, but the carnival games had the toughest time when winds early Thursday morning shredded the big tent.

Brad Schick, head of the carnival committee, said the tent was about nine years old, and that sometime in the early morning of Thursday the winds pulled out some stakes on the east side and shredded the tent blowing it to the west and on top of the Lions ride tearing a few holes in the canvas cover.

He said a couple of the games were destroyed and a couple damaged. He said a lot of people from the fair board, carnival committee and others came out in the rain Thursday morning to help clean up the damage and move the games into the work area of the carnival building.

"It was great to have the help, and we had it cleaned up and everything relocated by mid-day," he said. "It is a bit cramped in the work area, but most of the games were able to operate."

He said Rich Simon, public works director, asked if the city could help, and brought out equipment and about 20 city employees helped clean the mess up.

The games ran in the building Thursday and Friday, and once

people found out where they were the games were crowded. Schick said some of the game operators said they liked being in the building as closing at night was as simple as pushing a button to close the overhead door.

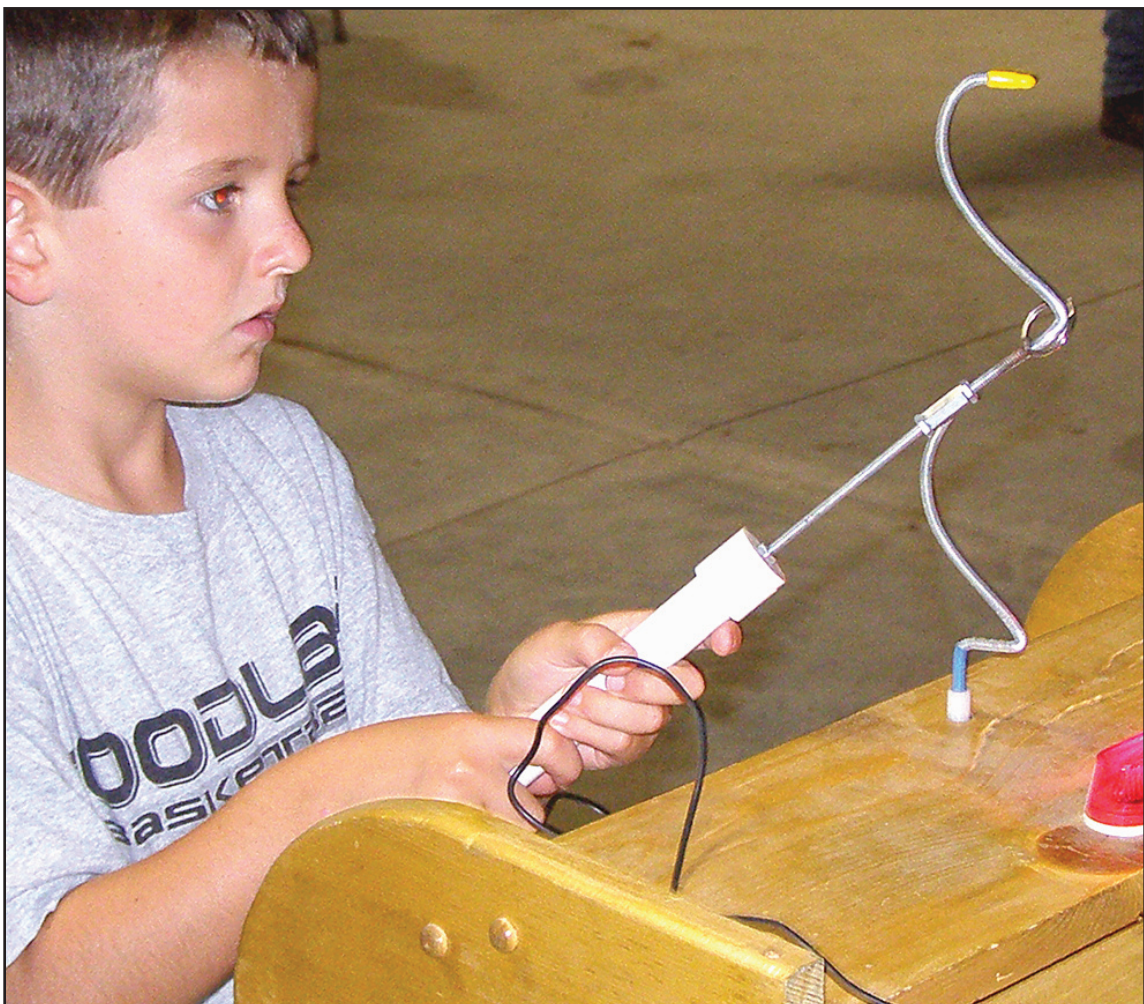
Schick said he talked to a person at the National Weather Service Goodland office and they told him the tent was probably damaged by straight line winds that got to gusting up to 49 mph about 2 a.m. on Thursday.

Schick said with the rains on Monday and Wednesday after midnight it appeared that some of the tent poles worked loose and that got part of the tent flapping and carried it away.

"I don't think I would have wanted to be here when that happened," he said. "I am glad no one was in the tents or on the rides when this happened."

Records from the National Weather Service indicate the winds were light at under 10 mph from the west when the rain started about 12:15 a.m. By 1 a.m. the winds had picked up to 21 mph and were gusting to 31 mph from the west. The winds increased to 30 mph and changed to the northeast with gusts to 39 mph by 1:30 a.m.

A heavy thunderstorm began at 1:47 a.m. with the winds coming out of the east at 35.7 mph and gusts were up to 49.5 mph. Rain continued to fall and by 2 a.m. the



wind was out of the east northeast at 23 mph with gusts to 31 mph. By 2:30 a.m. the wind had dropped to 19.6 mph and was out of the east southeast. At 3:30 a.m. the winds

had died down to 4 mph and were coming from the west.

The rainfall for Thursday was 2.2 inches and that broke a record from 1966 of 1.07 inches.

On Monday the public forum, hot dog feed and kids pedal pull

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