

weather report

66°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:13 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:25 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:13 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 22 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds south 8 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.66 inches and falling
- Record High 86° (1942)
- Record Low 9° (1945)

Last 24 Hours*

High 82°
Low 41°
Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: partly sunny, high upper 50s, low lower 30s, winds north 10-15 m.p.h. Saturday: cloudy with 30 percent chance of rain in the evening, high mid 50s, low mid 30s.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly cloudy with chance of showers, high mid 40s. Monday: mostly cloudy and winds, high mid 40s, low mid 20s. Tuesday: partly cloudy and windy, high lower 60s, low mid 20s.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.05 bushel
 - New crop — \$2.76 bushel
 - Corn — \$2.44 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.22
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
 - Milo — \$2.21 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$5.44 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.33
 - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$9.65 cwt.
 - Oil new crop — \$10.15 cwt.
 - NuSun — \$10.25 cwt.
 - NuSun new crop — \$10.85
 - Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.
 - New crop — \$17/\$10 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — withdrawn
- (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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Art Center celebrates

People talked and enjoyed refreshments at the 90th anniversary celebration of the Carnegie Library building Monday. A bust of Goodland High School graduate Lacey Brenner and a fountain are among the sculptures by Norbert Ohmacht of Burlington on display at the Carnegie Arts Center. See Page 3

Vote stops clock on Mountain time

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County citizens voted nearly 3-1 to stay on Mountain Time in a straw poll held Tuesday at the county courthouse.

A total of 1,450 people voted with 1,062 (74 percent) against a change to Central Time, and 388 (26 percent) in favor.

The turnout is equivalent to 37 percent of the registered voters in the county, but that is not exact because a person did not have to be registered to vote in the straw poll. At total of 1,675 voted in the city and school board elections, which was 43 percent of the registered voters.

On Tuesday, 1,302 people voted at the courthouse and there had been 150 vote in advance at The Goodland Star-News office. Of those voting in advance, 106 (71 percent) were for Mountain and 44 (29 percent) were for a change to Central.

Of the 1,302 that voted on Tuesday, 956 (73 percent) voted for

Mountain and 344 (26 percent) voted for Central.

The percentage from Tuesday does not add up perfectly because two voters who made changes to their ballots and they were not counted. One voter added a third choice for "Don't care," and the other wrote in an option for "Central time year round and Mountain time year round."

Those voting were a cross section of the population, with at least six high school students, young professionals and blue collar workers, many business owners and managers, as well as a large turnout of senior citizens.

One person who voted in the advance and then voted again at the courthouse about 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday. The two votes were subtracted from the total and the Mountain votes.

Some people welcomed the defeat of the measure.

"I'm glad it was that wide," said Dale Stephens, a farmer and mem-



Time to move clock forward

Sunday is the beginning of Daylight Saving Time, when the clocks are to be moved ahead one hour.

Officially, daylight saving begins at 2 a.m. on Sunday, and will continue until the last Sunday in October.

Most people set their clocks ahead before going to bed Saturday to be sure they don't miss church or an important game.

ber of the Goodland Ambassadors. "Now maybe they will let it die for another 12 to 15 years."

"I'm glad people got out and expressed their opinion," said Sherman County Commissioner Kevin Rasure. "It looked to be a good turn-

out, and we'll take this as part of the evaluation."

"Looks like the people have spoken," said Larry Keirms, a leader of the movement to change to Central Time. "I guess the Sherman County residents want to be the mountain climate

capital and stay in Mountain Time."

Several couples came in to the courthouse, and when they signed in and received their ballots from office manager Sheila Smith, said they were probably going to cancel each other's votes. In some cases, the wife said she was voting for Central Time and the husband wanted to stay on Mountain, but there were couples where the wife wanted to stay on Mountain and the husband voted for Central.

One voter added the word "forever" to his vote for Mountain Time.

One older man asked if the change in time would tell him when the fish would be biting. Another older man piped up and said, "Yes, that top line is for the suckers."

The numbers in this straw vote were similar to those from one conducted by the Sherman County Herald and The Goodland Daily News in April 1989 when 1,035 voted in favor of staying with Mountain time and 579 voted for Central time.

Youth flees trooper, crashes stolen car

By Darrel Pattillo

The Goodland Star-News

A Denver youth driving a stolen truck tried to run from a state trooper Wednesday, but wound up in the hospital after striking a sheriff's vehicle east of Goodland.

State Trooper Rich Hageman said he had pulled over a 1999 Ford Expedition around 12:30 p.m. at mile marker 9 in Sherman County.

He said he stopped the driver, 15-year old Ramonte D. Lloyd of Denver, for going 79 miles per hour in a 70 zone in the eastbound lanes.

"After I got his information," Hageman said, "I was walking back to my car when he took off going east."

Speeds reached 108 miles per hour, Hageman said, as he pursued the utility truck toward Goodland.

At exit 12, and again at exit 17 southwest of Goodland, Lloyd took the off-ramp and got right back on the Interstate, with Trooper Hageman following at around 70 miles per hour.

At exit 19, east of town, Sherman County Undersheriff Kevin Butts was waiting just west of the off-ramp to deploy road spikes. Lloyd drove into Butts' pickup, hitting the left rear and sending it into a light pole. The Expedition rolled, coming to rest upside down south of the off-ramp, about half way to the stop sign.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson said Wednesday Butts wasn't injured, but Lloyd was in the Goodland Regional Hospital with a guard outside of his room.

The hospital refused to release Lloyd's condition.

Trooper Hageman said the Expedition had been reported stolen in Denver.



A stolen 1999 Ford Expedition came to a stop after rolling just south of exit 19 on the east side of Goodland on Tuesday. The driver, Ramonte D. Lloyd, 15, of Denver ran into the rear of Sherman County Undersheriff Kevin Butts' patrol pickup before rolling the Expedition. Lloyd was in the Goodland Regional Medical Center under guard. Butts escaped injury.

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News faces elected to school board, city commission

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

There will be three new faces on the Goodland school board and two on the City Commission after the votes were counted Tuesday.

Incumbent board member Jane Philbrick was the only one of four re-elected as the voters chose three new board members, Fritz Doke, Danny Whalen and Marty Melia.

In the city election, incumbent Rick Billinger was re-elected along with newcomers David Daniels and John Garcia.

In Kanorado, Hazel Estes was re-elected as mayor and Chad Hanevik was elected to the City Council. There was a write-in for Obert Helderma to fill a vacancy on the council.

A total of 1,675 people voted in the election, 43 percent of the 3,927 registered.

Philbrick topped the school ballot with 1,011 votes, followed by Doke, 837, Whalen, 787, and Melia, 761. Each will have a four-year term.

Fifth was Dr. Gary L. Smith, 710, followed by three incumbents, sixth Kathy Russell, 679; seventh Ben



Philbrick



Doke



Whalen



Melia



Estes



Billinger



Daniels



Garcia

Duell, 539; and eighth Eric Gray, 511.

Billinger was the top of the city ballot with 762 votes, and Daniels was second with 743. These two will have four-year terms. Third was Garcia with 714 votes, and he will have a two-year term.

Next were Commissioner Tom Rohr, who received 479 votes, and

Commissioner Curtis Hurd with 297.

Estes won re-election as Kanorado mayor with 41 votes while Gerald Webber received 18. Hanevik, who was the only candidate to file for the council, received 48 votes, and Helderma, who was running as a write-in, received 34. Webber received four write-in votes for council.

Goodland City Manager Ron Pickman said the new commissioners will take the oath at 5 p.m. Monday. After the meeting is called to order the selection of a mayor is the first item of business. The mayor is elected from the commission members for two years.

School board members will be sworn in next week, but they do not

take office until the new year begins on July 1. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said she will certify the election after the canvass today, and that she will swear the new board members in next week.

School Board Clerk Pat Juhl the new school board will hold a reorganization meeting on July 1 or shortly after.

City agenda

The Goodland City Commission will meet at 5 p.m. Monday, with the first item being the swearing in of the new commissioners who were elected Tuesday.

Rick Billinger was re-elected along with new members David Daniels and John Garcia.

The next item will be selection of a mayor from among the commissioners, and a mayor protem, to preside at meetings.

On the agenda is discussion of the lift for the Carnegie Art Center.

The commission will consider an ordinance amending the utility service code to allow implementation of

emergency water rates for various usage levels. The ordinance would allow the commission to declare a water emergency and set rates based on the severity of the emergency.

The commission will consider appointments to the library, High Plains Museum and the community corrections boards. The library board is recommending Jerry Fairbanks and Gary Brouillette, the museum board Mary Lou Franklin and Judy Siruta and the community corrections board, Cris Lovington.

The mayor will sign proclamations for the Week of the Young Child, April 7-12, and Fair Housing Month.