

weather report



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Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 7:18 p.m.
Saturday
• Sunrise, 6:18 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:19 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 47 degrees
• Humidity 63 percent
• Sky partly sunny
• Winds east 17-26 mph
• Barometer 29.77 inches and falling

• Record High today 82° (1930)
• Record Low today 12° (1973)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 63°
Low Wednesday 37°
Precipitation trace
This month 0.02
Year to date 1.64
Below normal 0.67 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Cloudy becoming mostly sunny with a high near 75, winds breezy out of the south at 10 to 30 mph and a low around 42. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers at night, a high near 75, winds breezy out of the southwest at 15 to 35 mph and a low around 39.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain or snow showers, a high near 57 and a low around 35. Monday: Sunny with a high near 67 and a low around 38. Tuesday: Mostly sunny and breezy, a high near 66 and a low around 34.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

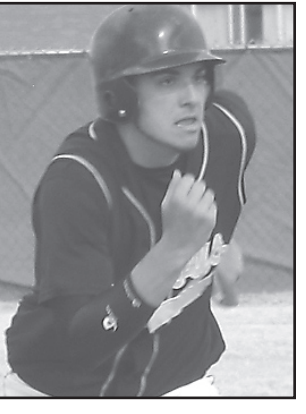


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Wheat — \$7.90 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.98
Corn — \$6.90 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.03
Milo — \$6.77 bushel
Soybeans — \$12.47 bushel
Posted county price — \$13.05
Millet — \$5 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$31.60 cwt.
Confection — no bid
Pinto beans — \$18 (new crop)
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Cowboys split games

Cowboy Dallas DeLa-Rosa runs for third base in the first game on Tuesday at Memorial Field. He later scored, and the Cowboys won the first game 4-2, but lost the second 17-8. See story, photos on Page 12.

Bond issue fails by wide margin

By Tom Betz

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With the largest turnout in recent record Goodland School District voters turned down a \$14.9 million bond issue by a more than 2 to 1 margin with 559 voting Yes and 1,439 voting No on Tuesday.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said a total of 2,099 voters participated for a 56 percent turnout, the largest she has seen in many years. The average turnout over the past several April General Elections have averaged about 20 percent with the one in 2009 increasing to 37 percent.

The school bond issue did not pass in any of the city wards or rural area, and took the biggest beating in Kanorado where 26 people voted and 25 were No on the bond issue.

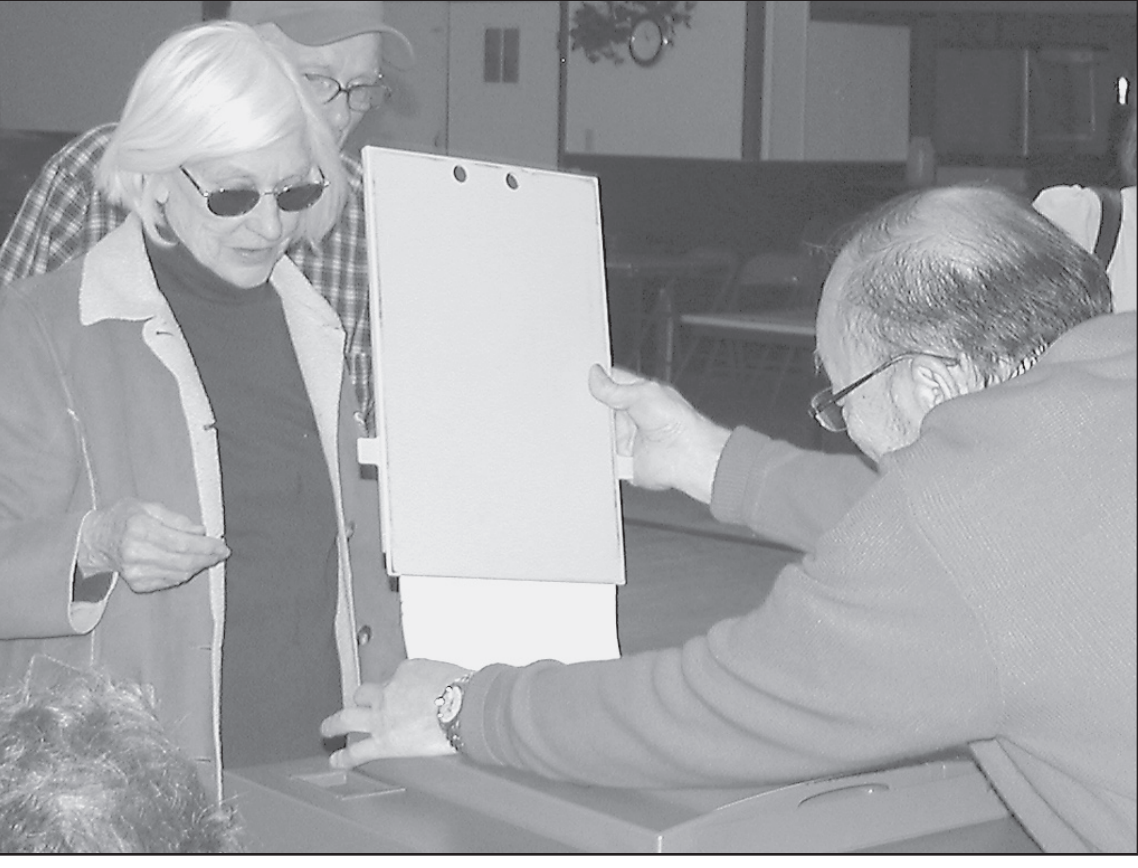
The school district board and administration were facing serious budget cuts, and the defeat of the bond issue will add to the list with continued questions about dealing with the problem of lower enrollment and too many buildings.

When the write-in votes were counted in Kanorado there appeared to be a possible tie for the second city council position, but County Election Officer Mary Ann Sneathen said Thursday it had been cleared up and there was no tie.

In the Kanorado Mayor's race Dennis Korblick was on the ballot and received 26 votes. A write-in for Linda Bishop fell a bit short as she got 18 votes.

For the Kanorado city council position Alan Billenwillms was on the ballot and received 26 votes to win the top spot. The council had a vacancy for a second person and write-in votes gave Jay Pettibone 18 votes and Robert Helderman had 17.

Sneathen said there were no provisional votes for Kanorado so Pettibone will win the second council position. She said the commissioners will canvass the votes today, and there were 36 provisional ballots. She said it does not appear any of the races would be changed by the provisional votes.



Election worker Ying Huang helped Marlyn Mangus put her ballot into the machine to be counted at the general election on Tuesday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars.

Photo by Pat Schiefen
The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland School Board will have four new faces with voters giving the nod to Teresa Sieck with 1,114 votes, Gennifer House 978, Jessica Cole 920, and Diane Stiles 852, to win the four open seats. Incumbent Chuck Wilkens did not get re-elected with 747 votes, and Michael Brannick was the other candidate receiving 824 votes.

The school board members will not take office until July. Previously the school board had decided the top candidate who was not an incumbent would be appointed to fill the unexpired term of Andrew House, who had been killed in an accident in September.

Based on the results Sieck would



Sieck House Cole Stiles



Zimmerman Fairbanks Finley

be appointed to fill that vacancy at the next board meeting.

Sieck said Wednesday she was pleased to have been elected, and knows the school board is facing some tough decisions in the next

few months and beyond.

Gennifer House, a big supporter of the school bond, and wife of Andrew House said she was disappointed in the bond, but pleased to be elected to the school board.

Young voters mirror adults in most results

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Tuesday students from around Goodland had an opportunity to experience the election process by casting ballots at the same time their parents were voting and when the results were tabulated the kids mirrored the adults on all but one of the positions.

The Leadership Sherman County class this year put on the kids voting and were pleased to have 182 total vote in the dining room at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

Teachers from Central Elementary walked their students down to the VFW Tuesday afternoon, and the kids took turns voting in the two booths that had been set up. Most of the 182 were from Central with 128 coming to vote. Grant Junior High has about 22 vote, West had 26 vote and 7 came from the high school.

At times the little dining room area was a bit crowded, but the kids waited patiently for their chance to take the ballot into the booths. Some of the voters were too short and a chair was available to help them get up high enough to reach the shelf and vote.

The special ballots with photos of the school and city candidates had been prepared specially, and members of the Leadership class explained the voting procedure to each class before they went into the booths.

A lot of the young people were excited to be involved in the election process, and the Leadership class thanked the teachers and parents for allowing their kids to participate.

In the results the kids voted down the Goodland School District bond issue with 80 Yes and 102 No. The kids were more in favor of the bond



Some of the young voters on Tuesday needed a little help from a chair to reach the shelf to mark their ballots. The Kids Vote was quite popular with 182 voting.

issue than their parents with the issue losing by 21 percent. The votes were close with 12 Y and 14 N at West, 59 Y and 68 N at Central, 7 Y and 16 N at Grant and 2 Y and 5 N from the high school.

On the school board candidates the kids agreed with the adults in electing Teresa Sieck with 114, Jessica Cole was second with 111, Diane Stiles third with 74 and Gennifer House fourth with 73. The kids gave Michael Brannick and Chuck



Leadership Sherman County class member Ray Smee explains the ballot to a class of fourth graders from Central Elementary as they prepared to vote on Tuesday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars

Wilkins 66 votes each, and there were 4 write-ins.

On the city commissioner race the kids broke with the adults a bit by giving Jeff Deeds top billing with 85 votes. Chris Zimmerman was second with 78, Annette Fairbanks was third with 76 for the three winning spots. Gary Farris was fourth

with 67, Bill Finley fifth with 47, and Dave Daniels sixth with 45. The Leadership people asked another question about who helped the kid about voting. The kids said their parents were the top with 104, Teachers were second with 25, friends were third with 24, Facebook was fourth with 18, and news

fifth with 4. Hosting Kids Vote were Leadership Sherman County class members including Brendon Gross, Mike Hamilton, Kelly Hillman, Jeff Mills, Michelle Simoneau, Rich Simon, Ray Smee, LeAnn Taylor, Beverly Trupp and Jason Trupp.

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Sherman County remains under burn ban!

