

Election results made official

RESULTS, from Page 1

County Commissioner District 2
 Ken Klemm – 238
 Lowell Coon – 170
 Paul Flanders – 152

Sheriff
 Burton Pinalto – 802
 Kevin Butts – 579

Precinct Committeemen:
Llanos:
 Ron Schilling – 13
 Todd Quenzer – 4
Logan:
 Joe Scheopner – 30
 John Topliff – 28
 Dennis Bentzinger – 15
Stalene:
 Gary Winter – 18
 Scott Hooker – 16
Ward Four:
 J. Ronald Vignery – 200
 Kendall Gittinger – 92
Ward One:
 Jeffery Mason – 176
 Michael Bretz – 119

Precinct Committeewoman:
Llanos:
 Marsha Schilling – 14
 Bronwyn Quenzer – 3
Logan:
 Carol Jean Topliff – 32
 Iris Scheopner, 31 votes
 Dorothy Bentzinger – 10
Ward Four:
 Judith Vignery – 165
 Rosanne Koggie – 114
Ward One:
 Roberta Bretz – 112

Jeanette Ruddell – 103
 Lois Cossman – 70

Uncontested races:
U.S. House
 Tim Huelskamp – 1,165

District Court Judge 2
 Scott Showalter – 1,210

Commissioner District 3
 Larry Witt – 205

County Clerk
 Janet Rumpel – 1,102

County Treasurer
 April Hall – 1,219

Register of Deeds
 Billie Hoyt – 1,148

County Attorney
 Brock Abbey – 1,153

McPherson Township Treasurer
 Carolyn Paul – 14

McPherson Township Trustee
 Joyce Purvis – 13

Grant Township Treasurer
 Neal Schritter – 3

Logan Township Trustee
 Christie Rasure – 3

Precinct Committeeman
Grant:
 William Gattshall – 10
Iowa:
 Warren Sweat – 6
Itasca:
 Harlan House – 72
Lincoln:
 Ben Duell – 18
McPherson:
 Elmer Purvis – 14
Smoky:
 Eric Bergquist – 13

Union:
 Allen Quenzer – 17

Voltaire:
 David Schields – 66

Ward Three:
 Travis Witman – 149

Ward Two:
 Chad DeJong – 118

Washington:
 Leonard Owens Jr. – 16

Precinct Committeewoman
Grant:
 Dianne Gattshall – 11
Itasca:
 Cora House – 71
McPherson:
 Joyce Purvis – 14
Stalene:
 Karen Hooker – 28

Union:
 Doris Quenzer – 17

Voltaire:
 Betty Jean Schields – 65

Ward Three:
 Dawn Jolly – 146

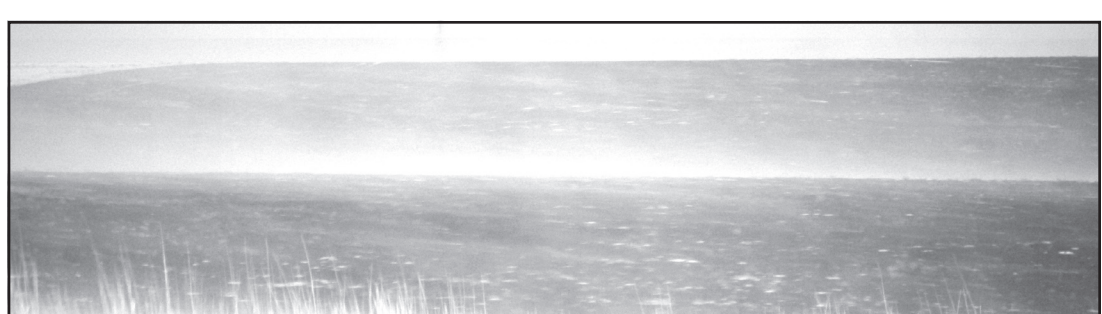
Ward Two:
 Lisa DeJong – 109

Washington:
 Sondra Owens – 16

Democratic Primary:

State Senate
 Allen Schmidt – 89

Commissioner District 3
 Steve Evert – 29



The fire burned several hundred acres of pasture land and crop stubble. Firefighters had it out by 5 a.m. Thursday.
 Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

Fire burns miles of pasture land

FIRE, from Page 1

The Sherman County Sheriff's Office and local emergency management personnel helped provide water and food for the firefighters. The Thomas County Sheriff's Department also had a deputy on scene to help look for hotspots. Ambulances from Goodland and Sharon Springs were on standby. The firefighters fighting the blaze were hampered by the terrain, which had deep gullies in many places,

and the weather. The cold front that moved through only dropped trace amounts of rain, but it brought with it sustained winds up to 23 mph and gusts up to 30 mph. Because of the wind and the dry conditions, the National Weather Service had issued a notice earlier in the day warning of severe fire danger. Firefighters had the fire under control, but the conditions helped it flare up several times at several different locations during the night.

School district taken off improvement

DISTRICT, from Page 1

In other business the board:
 • Paid \$128,397 in bills.
 • Hired Don Smith as the Athletic Director for the 2012-13.
 • Hired Sondra Smith as a kindergarten teacher at West Elementary.
 • Hired Scarlett First and Kayla Luera as parprofessionals at Central

Elementary.
 • Hired James Oberkirsch as a regular bus driver and Michael Sorenson as the substitute bus driver and bus washer.
 • Hired Amy Cebula as the Goodland High School assistant girls golf coach and Connie Livengood as the eighth grade assistant boys basketball coach.
 • Hired Melanie Daise as the Grant Junior High Yearbook sponsor.
 • Hired Jacque Elliott as the mentor for first year teacher Tiffany Janisch and Deanne Langness as the mentor for first year teacher Emily Blankenship.

County officials concerned over possible security breach at Sheriff's Office

BREACH, from Page 1

to turn the matter over to the Sheriff's Department, and leave it up to Sheriff Butts and the county attorney to decide whether or not to investigate further.

In other business, the commissioners:
 • Decided to instruct Engineer Dan Hall to draw up definite specifications and plans to remodel the IGA building into a combined ambulance and fire station, and put it out for bids.

The commissioners had a tough time deciding on this course because of the high estimates provided by Hall. At a previous meeting, Hall estimated the remodeling cost could be more than \$900,000, while the cost of a new building could exceed \$1.3 million. Hall had said that he always estimates on the high side, and the commissioners were concerned about how much or if the project cost would come down when it is put out for bids.

Commissioner Max Linin suggested they go ahead and put the project out for bid to see what the prices are. If the bids come back

too expensive, he said, the county can then decide what direction to go in.

While the old building is structurally sound, there is an issue with the depth of the concrete floor. A soil testing company found the floor to be four inches thick. The commissioners said at a previous meeting that six inches or more would be ideal to accommodate the heavy fire department vehicles.

The commissioners called in Mike Miller with Miller Construction to answer some questions on construction. Miller said if a problem develops, it is not all that expensive to tear out and re-pour small sections of the floor. Miller said he suspects that installing doors on the east and west walls will be the most expensive part of the project. Those are structural walls, he said, and if the contractor is going to cut holes in them for the doors, they will need to be reinforced.

• Decided to offer flu shots and shots for pertussis – more commonly known as whooping cough – to any county employees that want them. The flu shots will cost the county about \$300 and the pertussis shots

will cost the county about \$1,100.

County Health Department Director Donna Terry said she is pushing the pertussis shots because there has been an outbreak recently. It is difficult to diagnose, she said, and when someone goes into the doctor's office for a cough, they are usually given antibiotics, which make the test for pertussis invalid.

• Met with Economic Development Director Michael Solomon and Cheryl Traub, the coordinator of Colby Community College's nursing program in Goodland. Solomon said Northwest Kansas Technical College is choosing not to renew the nursing program's lease on space at the Armory, so the program will need to find another building. Traub said the reason Northwest Tech is not renewing the lease is because it needs more space for its own programs.

Solomon suggested the county's building on 17th Street, which at the moment is nearly empty. Traub said the program needs two classrooms and two offices, which would easily fit in the building. There is already a bathroom in the facility.

The commissioners indicated they would support the program renting part of the building. Solomon said the next step is for Colby Community College to look at the building and come up with a proposal.

• Spoke to Solomon about the Rural Opportunity Zone scholarship, which provides \$1,500 per year for five years to help repay a person's student loans if they move in from outside the county. Solomon said Sherman County has 14 filed applications, of which four have been approved and six are pending. However, he said, the county only set aside money for one scholarship. He asked that the county consider setting aside more money during this year's budget session.

• Met with Library Director Karen Gilman about funding for the library. She said the library and the city agreed to a \$3,000 reduction in funding, and she is hoping the county will keep funding at the same level – \$25,000 – or consider increasing it. The library does get some money from the state.

• Met with Dan Pletcher, the new Road and Bridge Department supervisor, on a

variety of issues. Pletcher gave the commissioners a report from the state on the county's bridges, which says major repairs are needed on many of them. The report had been received a long time ago, he said, but it had never been shown to anyone or acted on.

Pletcher said he also replaced some of the reflective markers on the overpasses with flexible ones, which can be hit by combine headers and not damaged. Commissioner Max Linin – a farmer – said he had been trying to get that done for a long time.

Linin also told Pletcher he would be ok with the county mowing a swath or dryland corn off the corner of a plot by some intersections of county roads. This would improve visibility and safety for vehicles coming up to these intersections, as the tall corn can make for blind corners. Linin said he thinks most farmers would be ok doing this, especially as this year's dryland corn is in bad shape.

Pletcher said he wants to hire four seasonal workers next summer to help with things like mowing.

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ANTIQUES: Complete Rock Island Brakeman uniform W/hat, nice; Rock Island tie tacks; Several Rock Island pins; 6 Rail Road lanterns; Rock Island RR keys; Tyco Rock Island Elect train set; 1983 Union Pacific calendar, complete; China Hutch; High Boy dresser; Secretary; Seth Thomas Clock W/key; Mantel Clock W/key; 2 pocket watches; 2 Large Hull vases; Hull vase W/matching candle holders; Watt Bowl set; Pink depression pitcher & glasses; Crystal bowl; Crystal stem glasses; 14 of The American Adventure Series books, 1940's; Several old books of all kinds, Kansas Speller, First Reader; Rail Road liquor decanter train set, 4 pieces; Several liquor decanters; Antique desk; Oil lamps; Ant. picture frames; Radios.

COINS, PROOF SETS:
 2-1969 2-1970 2-1971 2-1972
 2-1973 2-1974 2-1977 4-1978
 2-1979 2-1981 2-1982 2-1987
 4 Centennial 1776 – 1976 2-2009

GUNS SELLING AT 1 PM: Ruger 357 Blackhawk pistol, SN 33257; Hi-Standard Mdl. H-D Military 22 pistol, SN 222345; Colt 22 cal derringer, SN 83456D; WW II - Winchester Mdl 94 30-30 cal W brown barrel SN 1646377; Remington Wingmaster Mdl 870 TC - 12ga pump, SN ST85801V; Remington Speedmaster Mdl 241-22 rifle SN 108156; WW II - M1 Grand Tank, short barrel used in tanks; Remington Mdl 31TC 12ga pump, SN 113441; Browning BT-99 Silver Inlaid single shot 12ga, special steel SN 05221PM299; Browning Mdl 22.250 W/scope, SN 8363; Browning Light Twelve 12ga trap gun, SN 12356; Remington - Field Master Mdl 121- 22cal pump rifle, SN 159446-019; Browning Mdl 81 - 308cal, lever action W/6.5-20x50 Guide Green scope, SN 03622NX227; Remington 3200 over-under 12ga SN OU18627, very nice; Shooting glasses; Lots of reloading equipment also. **MISCELLANEOUS:** Kirby Heritage Vacuum W/attachments; Kenmore vacuum; Several pistol holsters; Army helmets; New baseball gloves; Costume Jewelry; Fishing poles; Nordic climber; Waterless cookware; Bissell vacuum; Silverware; Cookware; Roaster pans; Lots of dishes; Nick knacks; Lamps; Towels; Bedding; Exercise Bike; Step ladder; Some hand tools; 2 Sets of golf clubs; Games; Shovels, Rakes and Lots more

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