

weather
report

56°
at noon



Today
Sunset, 6:03 p.m.
Tomorrow
Sunrise, 5:41 a.m.
Sunset, 6:04 p.m.

Midday Conditions
•Soil Temp. 45 degrees
•Humidity 40 percent
•Sky Clear
•Winds SE 20
•Barometer 30.17
inches and falling
•Record High 83° (1966)
•Record Low -6° (1965)

Yesterday's Data
High 59°
Low 24°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas
Tonight: Mostly clear; low 30-35;
S 5-15. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy;
high near 70; winds S 20-30.

Extended Forecast
Saturday through Monday:
Chance of showers Saturday and
Sunday; highs near 60; lows
around 30. Monday dry; high 60;
low around 30.

24-hour weather information is broadcast at
162.400 MHz.

local
markets



Noon
Wheat — \$2.55 bu.
Posted county price — \$2.36
Loan deficiency payment — 9¢
Corn — \$1.88 bu.
Posted county price — \$1.95
Loan deficiency payment — 4¢
Milo — \$2.89 cwt.
Soybeans — \$4.58 bu.
Posted county price — \$4.13
Loan deficiency payment — 76¢
Millet — \$4.25 cwt.
Sunflowers
oil current — \$8.30 cwt.
loan deficiency payment — \$2.06
oil 1999 crop — \$8.95 cwt.
conf. current — \$18/\$11 cwt.
Pintos - \$12 (new crop)
Local markets courtesy of Mueller Grain, Sigo
Sun and Collingwood Grain
Local bean market courtesy of Prairie Pea and
Bean

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press
1 p.m.



Second round
hits Yugoslavia

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — NATO launched a bombardment on Yugoslavia for a second night, firing on Serb targets from aircraft and from ships in the Adriatic.
Western leaders had promised a second night of attacks by bombers and cruise missiles after a devastating first round that reportedly killed at least 11 people, injured dozens and delivered serious blows to the Yugoslav military.
Air raids sirens sounded in Belgrade, Pristina and elsewhere in Yugoslavia tonight after dozens of NATO warplanes took off from bases in Italy.
“We’re going to systematically and progressively attack, disrupt, degrade, devastate and ultimately — unless President (Slobodan) Milosevic complies — we’re going to destroy these forces and their facilities and support,” said Gen. Wesley Clark, supreme commander of allied forces in Europe.

Getting a jump on the vote



Absentee and early voting is now available at the Sherman County clerk's office, where Deedi Hoss prepared to cast her ballot the other day. The service is available during regular hours for those who wish to vote early for the April 6 election, or who expect to be absent on that day.

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Eligibility rules differ at two schools

By Tom Betz

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Goodland High School follows basic state rules for eligibility on sports and other activities, administrators told the school board at a special meeting Wednesday night, and the junior high has its own, much stricter rules.
At a wide-ranging discussion of district policies on trips and activities, Superintendent Marvin Selby asked Dick Liess, high school athletic director, what rules are being followed. Liess said the high school is bound by the Kansas High School Activities Association rules for athletic participation, and that a portion of those is printed in the student handbook.
The rules require a student to be passing five classes per semester, and not be failing two or more classes in a quarter.
At the junior high, said Principal Jim Mull, said there is a list printed every Thursday, and if a student is failing in even one class, they are not eligible for the next week until they are passing.
“With the weekly listing, we see their grades more often and can act quickly to find out what is happening and get it corrected,” he said.
Do the strict rules help much?
“Seventy percent of those on the down list are not participating in any-

thing,” said Harvey Swager, high school principal. “I sometimes think we need a rule to force them to participate, because when we look at those who participate, there are very few who are in trouble.”
“I disagree. School exists for educating the young people,” said Jerry Franklin, a board member. “I am not anti-sports, but I think we need a balance.”
“Most who participate are ‘C’ or better students who are not abusing the right to participate with low grades,” Liess said. “The coaches are the first to get the down lists and work to get the students up above the level.”
“We can use the athletics in a positive way,” said board member Kathy Russell.
There seemed to be some support for the idea of random drug testing, but board member Jane Philbrick said she wanted to hear from the students if they thought such a program would help.
“I want to hear from them first,” she said.
“I am opposed to random drug testing unless it is for everybody, including the administrators and even the school board,” board member Mike Campbell said.
Only students involved in any extra

curricular activity could be tested, Selby said.
“I support drug testing, and think even having the threat would be good,” board member Ron Schilling said.
“The vast majority who are using are not involved in these activities,” Russell said. “The kids know how to alter or mess with the tests.”
“Kids who you think are using probably are not, and those who you don’t suspect probably are,” said Dick Short, board president. “I want to know if doing the drug tests would be of benefit to the district?”
Everyone in the room seemed to agree that there would be some benefits. Selby said the tests would be for drugs, alcohol and smoking. He said there were some schools doing this now and he would do some checking with them on how it is working and exactly how it is handled.
State and national competitions were another topic where the board seemed to agree they were worthwhile, but wondered if there might be some means of determining when the district is involved and how to handle the costs.
It was a consensus that any activity which is recognized by the Kansas High School Activities Association, and where a student qualifies for a state

competition, the district should be able to fund these.
As to national competitions, Richard Schwasinger discussed how he plans for taking students to the national Distributive Education Clubs of America competition, and how they raise the money for the trip.
He said he has been taking students to the national competition for 21 years.
To qualify, a student must be either first or second in the state competition, which involves all the schools in Kansas.
This year there are four qualifying students who will be traveling to Orlando, Fla., for the nationals.
Campbell said there needs to be some review of these competitions, and that the school district should consider how these are paid for.
“I support the DECA program, but think we need to examine how these are being funded. Maybe we need to be planning for such competitions in our budget,” he said.
As to the need for a dress code, the principals said they would like some guidance and Selby said he would see about developing some policies.
The final item on the agenda was the possible land sale, but Selby said he has not had any contact on this item.

School trips
prompt debate
on regulations

By Tom Betz

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When is a “fun” trip also an educational trip? What are the district’s responsibilities when asked to provide transportation? These and many other questions were discussed by the Goodland School Board, principals, teachers and parents during a 2 1/2-hour special meeting Wednesday night.
“These are not easy questions and we don’t expect that everyone will agree on what should be done,” said Superintendent Marvin Selby. “What we hope to do is discuss each topic and then possibly develop a policy which will be brought back to the board for further discussion.”
Selby said the principals had spent over two hours discussing the same topics earlier in the day, and had found it difficult to agree on many of the subjects.
The superintendent said it is difficult for the board to handle requests for trips by student organizations without any policy, and that it might be better if the board developed a policy and then leave the decisions to the principals.
“I have a problem with the district supporting these organizational fun trips where there is no educational value,” said board member Ron Schilling.
“We got into an argument on exactly that point earlier today,” Selby said. “We even discussed whether there might be some educational value in a skiing trip because it has some life skills experiences.”
“I think they are worthwhile, if well organized, well supervised and paid for by themselves,” junior high Principal Jim Mull said. “Sometimes it is easier for us to say no.”
“My concern is that the school is taking over more and more parental responsibility,” board member Jerry Franklin said. “I think skiing is fun, but I don’t feel the school should be responsible to do this.”
“Do you just say no to trips?” Selby

asked.
Looking at the class field trips, board member Kathy Russell said she felt these trips were valuable because some of the students who get to go might not ever make such a trip otherwise. Her example was the recent trip to Topeka of the 5th and 6th grade with the technology fair.
“I think these trips open their eyes, and there is some value to all these trips,” said board member Mike Campbell.
“Most of these trips do have redeeming value, but it may be the mode of transportation we need to review,” said board member Ben Duell. “We may need to review who we allow to use our vehicles.”
“We do live in a rural area and we don’t want to deprive our young people of these opportunities,” Selby said. “We have nothing written on this. We will write up, what we are doing now, and bring it to the board.”
Having the students raise money for the trips and other projects was another topic, and Selby said some concerns have been raised about the number and type of fund raising activities the students are doing.
Much of the discussion centered around whether there should be any door-to-door sales, and what other ways there might be to handle the fund-raising needs.
There were complaints that it seems the students are always hitting up the people for one organization or another.
Campbell suggested that the organizations combine their efforts into one fund raising event or pool their money into a United Fund type program to fund the various projects.
“There is an advantage to living in Ruleton,” Duell said. “Nobody knocks on our door, but the disadvantage is our kids had to drive 10 miles to sell to our neighbors.”
“There is no easy answers,” Selby said. “I think we will continue to look at this, but don’t know if we can do much.”
Where do you draw the line? Selby asked when talking about outside groups using school transportation. An example of a situation is that the district has allowed the 4-H group to use a bus to travel to Rock Springs. Part of this is that the sponsor was also a certified driver.
“I would like to see a service club or the City-County Recreation take this over,” Campbell said. “I think we could donate a bus and have the technical school do the maintenance, but I don’t think it is the district’s responsibility to handle the community transportation needs.”
“It was OK when we could handle these on a case by case basis, but that doesn’t seem to be working now,” Franklin said. “Maybe say no to all.”

Students fight
over state fish

TOPEKA (AP) — Packed like sardines into a small Statehouse hearing room, students and teachers exchanged terse words over which of two creatures would make the better state fish.
In one corner: Olpe seventh-graders who say the channel catfish exemplifies the tenacity of Kansans.
In the other: students from Overland Park’s Blue Valley Northwest High School who criticized the catfish as a bottom dweller and billed the Topeka shiner as a better environmental symbol.
Both sides pressed their cases Wednesday at a hearing of the Senate Federal and State Affairs Committee on a House-passed bill to designate the channel catfish the “official fish of Kansas.”
Chairwoman Lana Oleen, R-Manhattan, ended the debate by asking both sides to seek a compromise.

Democrats object, but their guys may get boot

TOPEKA (AP) — Democrats withheld their support, but a resolution asking for a swap of statues so Kansas can honor Dwight D. Eisenhower and Amelia Earhart is on its way to Congress.
A 26-14 vote in the Senate ended five days of debate on whether the state should ask Congress to remove two statues that have been in the U.S. Capitol for decades. No state has ever re-

placed even one of the two statues each is allowed.
Kansas’ statues honor John James Ingalls, a Republican who served as a U.S. senator from 1873-1891, and George Washington Glick, the state’s first Democratic governor, who served from 1883-85.
If those choices seem obscure, it’s probably because of the passage of time. The Legislature decided to honor

Ingalls in 1903 and Glick in 1913.
U.S. Rep. Todd Tiahrt, a Republican who represents the 4th District of south-central Kansas, conceived the idea of swapping Glick’s statue for one of Eisenhower. His staff says he has nothing against Glick, just a lot of like for Ike, the former president and general from Abilene.
The Senate adopted the proposal on a voice vote Friday, after some grum-

bling from Democrats. The resolution is nothing more than a request that Congress still could ignore.
The House amended the resolution to switch the statue of Ingalls with one of Earhart, the pioneer aviator from Atchison who disappeared in the South Pacific in 1937 while attempting a flight around the world.
The Senate voted Wednesday to accept the House amendment.