

**weather
report**

38°

at noon



Today

Sunset, 5:30 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:11 a.m.

Sunset, 5:28 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temp. 51 degrees
- Humidity 59 percent
- Sky Overcast
- Winds N 10-20
- Barometer 29.81 inches and falling
- Record High 85° (1946)
- Record Low 0° (1936)

Yesterday's Data

- High 60°
- Low 28°
- Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas

Tonight: Cloudy; 50% chance of snow; low 30; winds N 5-15. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy; 30% chance of snow; high 40-45; winds NW 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Sunday through Tuesday: Chance of rain each day; highs in the 50's; lows in the 30s.

24-hour weather information is broadcast at 162.400 MHz.

Happy Easter egg hunting



Tyden Austin



Lexi Davis and Tiffany Charron

Lions egg hunt moves

Because of the forecast for inclement weather the Topside Lions Club Easter Egg Hunt Saturday will be held at the Goodland Activity Center it was announced today by Connie Grieve, committee chair.

All children under 10 are invited to the GAC for the egg hunt which will begin at 10:30 a.m. There will be special areas for different age groups.

Four Goodland Day Care centers held a special egg hunt Thursday at Rosewood Park for their youngsters (photos left). The centers involved were Teresa Davis, Kindi Bauman, Carol Johnson and Kari Peter.

Many candidates on Tuesday ballot

By Tom Betz

Goodland Daily News

In addition to city and school board contests, the question of removing the property tax lid in Sherman County is on the Tuesday election ballot along with a constitutional amendment referred by the state legislature.

The constitutional amendment is to specifically authorize cities and counties to allow the exemption from property taxation of equipment used in the development, exploration and production of oil and gas.

Currently the exemption from property tax is used exclusively for economic development purposes. Sherman County is seeking citizen

approval of a resolution to remove the aggregate tax lid which was imposed by the state legislature in 1989. The commissioners feel this is necessary to allow them to handle changing requirements and services they did not have 10 years ago.

Those against the removal of the tax lid feel the commissioners have been able to work under it and there is no reason to change the status quo.

Three seats are up on the Goodland City Commission, and there are six candidates. There are four seats open on the Goodland School Board, and there are six candidates. Kanorado will elect a Mayor and two council members, and there are two candidates for mayor and

three candidates for the council positions.

City of Goodland

There are three positions up for election on the City Commission, and the top three receiving votes will be elected.

Incumbents Jim Mull, Barbara Aten and John Golden are seeking re-election and Curtis Hurd, Thomas L. Rohr and E. Wayne Hilton are also seeking election.

Goodland School Board

Incumbents Ben Duell, Jane D. Philbrick, Kathy A. Russell and Ron Schilling are running and W. Eric Gray and Richard L. Schwasinger are also seeking a four-year term. Citizens will be voting for four at-large positions.

Town of Kanorado

There is a contest for Kanorado Mayor between incumbent Hazel Estes and Bob Handle.

For the council, incumbent Jay Pettibone is seeking re-election, and Phil V. Hooker and Jacob Fritz are also seeking election. The citizens will be electing two to the city council.

Brewster School Board

Will elect four board members, one from each board member district. Those seeking election are: District #1, Gregory A. Mills; District #2, Joan Jamison; District #3, Rebecca L. Luckert; and District #7, Leroy Moore faces Renee Faber. Board members will be elected for a term of four years beginning July 1.

Town of Brewster

Incumbent Mayor Mike Baughn is unopposed for re-election. There are two city council positions open and incumbent Ron Ribordy is seeking re-election. Gene Schoenberger is also seeking to fill an open seat on the city council.

Poll locations

The polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sherman County poll locations are: Ward One, second floor, City Building, 11th and Center; Wards Two and Three, First United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 11th and Sherman; Ward Four, Courthouse Lobby.

Kanorado City and Stalene Township vote at the Kanorado Senior Center; Itasca, Lincoln and Voltaire townships will vote in the Courthouse Lobby (north side).

Grant, Iowa, Llanos, Logan, McPherson, Smoky, Shermanville, Union and Washington townships will vote at the Methodist Church Fellowship Hall.

Early and absentee voting is available to any registered voter at the Sherman County Clerks office until 5 p.m. Monday.

New fire truck arrives

The Goodland City Commissioners will be able to see the new city fire truck during their regular meeting 5 p.m. Monday.

Final reading of the franchise ordinance with Southwest Bell will be on the agenda, and the commission will take a final vote following the reading.

Because of specification concerns at the last meeting the commission will again consider bids for a mower to use at the sewer plant.

Under new business, the city will hear a request for assistance to the 24-hour Relay Challenge by Brenda McCants and LeAnn Taylor.

Linda Holton will present a report from the Museum Resource and Public Relations Committee about their goal for gathering citizens input as the next step in developing plans for a new museum.

Brad Cowen of Collingwood Grain will talk to the commission about improving some fertilizer storage.

Bids are to be examined for the handicapped restrooms at Centennial Park.

Bids will also be discussed for a utility line truck.

A home occupation permit for a daycare will be considered for Jacque Cooper, 503 Main.

Demolition bids will be considered for 1324 Main and 1508 Main.

An executive session is on the agenda dealing with preliminary discussion relating to the acquisition of property.

The commission will also honor

Mary Porterfield as a 1999 Kansas Master Teacher.



With the recent warm weather the spring flowers are appearing in abundance. These were found at 1510 Cherry. Photo by Nell Frohlich

County receives \$75,000 for local access roads

By Tom Betz

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In their final meeting of March, the Sherman County Commissioners approved an agreement with the Kansas Department of Transportation for \$75,000 to assist with the local access roads which will be needed while K-27 is rebuilt north of Goodland in the next few years, and the bridge replacement at Caruso this summer.

The county plans to chip seal Eighth Street west to Road 14, and then south to the I-70 interchange. This will be the detour for the bridge replacement expected to begin in July, and then also be part of the local access road when the state begins rebuilding K-27 north of Goodland.

On the subject of the Caruso bridge, Curt Way, Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld and County Clerk Janet Rumpel visited with Mark Bauer, accountant, about financing the project.

At a recent meeting, Larry McCants approached the commissioners about using a master lease to fund the bridge

using county equipment as the collateral. The commissioners appeared to favor this because it would be less costly than the bridge bonds.

However, Bauer has some reservations on the lease for the bridge project. He said while there may be a reduction in cost, the fact the Road and Bridge fund is under the tax lid may cause some problems with the budget. Also he was concerned that the lease would tie up the equipment if the county decided in a couple of years to trade the equipment. Bauer felt that a bond issue would be a better route at this time because it gives the county more flexibility, and may spread the repayment over a longer period of time.

"In the long run, it may cost the county a little more money, but it would be better than putting the budget in a bind," he said.

Way said the county has a little more time to decide how to finance the project and because Commissioner Kenny Davis was absent, the item will be considered at the next regular meet-

ing April 13.

On the master lease with the hospital, Commissioner Gary Townsend said he was not comfortable signing the "certificate" until he knew more about why the commissioners needed to sign it. He also asked County Attorney Mike Irvin to review the document.

Bob Perry, attorney for the master lease agreement with the hospital, called and visited with the commissioners. He said the county is being asked to sign because the hospital is a subordinate entity of the county, and needs the county's approval. The "certificate" simply states the county does not intend to issue more than \$5 million in General Obligation Bonds in the next year. Perry said the certificate does not effect the county in any way.

The commissioners will consider

Correction

In Thursday's edition Marion Parker was inadvertently misidentified as Marion Palmer. We apologize for the mistake.

this at the next meeting.

Steve Evert and Harlan D. House came to the commissioners with a request to allow the Sherman County Homeowned Carnival to build a stor-

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**local
markets**

Thursday (closed Friday)

- Wheat — \$2.49 bu.
- Posted county price — \$2.45
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$1.81 bu.
- Posted county price — \$1.92
- Loan deficiency payment — 7¢
- Milo — \$2.76 cwt.
- Soybeans — \$4.14 bu.
- Posted county price — \$4.06
- Loan deficiency payment — 83¢
- Millet — \$4.25 cwt.
- Sunflowers
- oil current — \$7.80 cwt.
- Loan deficiency payment — \$1.71
- oil 1999 crop — \$8.40 cwt.
- conf. current — \$17/\$11 cwt.
- Pintos - \$12 (new crop)

Local markets courtesy of Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun and Collingwood Grain

Local bean market courtesy of Prairie Pea and Bean

**afternoon
wire**

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Soldiers appear in court today

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Yugoslavia began court proceedings against three captured U.S. soldiers today as NATO warplanes struck deep inside Serbia. Miles-long lines of refugees were reported backed up at Kosovo's borders.

Serb officials began gathering evidence today against the American soldiers captured Wednesday near the Kosovo-Macedonia border, the state-run Tanjug news agency reported.

The investigating judge said court proceedings had begun and that "more detailed information will be known Saturday," Tanjug said. Judge Jovica Jovanovic did not say how long the preliminary phase would last or whether the soldiers would eventually be charged.

In Belgrade, one of the country's most prominent lawyers, Toma Fila, who is not directly involved in the case, said the soldiers could be charged with "waging aggression."

