

**weather
report**

76°

at noon



Today

Sunset, 7:27 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:03 a.m.

Sunset, 7:28 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temp. 46 degrees
- Humidity 18 percent
- Sky Partly cloudy
- Winds southwest at 8-24 mph
- Barometer 30.05 inches and falling
- Record High 87° (1987)
- Record Low 18° (1953)

Yesterday's Data

High 76°
Low 32°
Precipitation —

Northwest Kansas

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 40-45, winds light from the south. Tomorrow: Clear, high 75-80, wind north at 5-15.

Extended Forecast

Tuesday, Wednesday: Showers, highs about 70, lows about 40. Thursday, showers, high about 60, low 40-45.

24-hour weather information is broadcast at 162.400 MHz.

**local
markets**



Noon

- Wheat — \$2.25 bu.
- Posted county price — \$2.26
- Loan deficiency payment — .19¢
- Corn — \$1.84 bu.
- Posted county price — \$1.86
- Loan deficiency payment — .13¢
- Milo — \$2.74 cwt.
- Soybeans — \$3.94 bu.
- Posted county price — \$4.13
- Loan deficiency payment — .76¢
- Millet — \$4 cwt.
- Sunflowers
- oil current — \$8.30 cwt.
- Loan deficiency payment — \$1.71
- oil 1999 crop — \$8.80 cwt.
- conf. current — \$17/\$10 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.

Topeka schools ask end to suit

TOPEKA — The Topeka School District is asking for an end to court oversight of its desegregation plan, the outcome of the landmark "Brown vs. Board of Education" case from 1954.

The district filed a motion asking the U.S. District Court in Topeka to end its oversight, which would end the long-running case.

Brown has been litigated off and on since the U.S. Supreme Court in 1954 sided with the plaintiffs and overturned the "separate but equal" doctrine that had been used across the United States to justify the segregation of schools.

In 1979, three lawyers persuaded Linda Brown — who now has her own children in Topeka schools — to be the plaintiff in a resurrected version of Brown. The case wound its way through the court system for the next 14 years and culminated in a new court-ordered desegregation plan.

Museum friends begin building fund

As plans move forward to gather ideas on the design and goals of a new High Plains Museum building, Pioneer Friends Inc. has established a building fund to begin raising money for the effort.

The current conditions of the museum and lack of suitable storage space prompted the city to appoint a committee to review and develop plans for a new facility.

Pioneer Friends, a tax exempt organization associated with the museum,

and the museum board recently decided the building fund would be a good step towards establishing a new building and location.

The museum's need for a new museum has been highlighted by the recent visits of museum experts, who noted threats to the preservation of the existing collection and lack of storage.

A new building will not happen overnight, but the Pioneer Friends board believes the building fund is the best way to ensure the preservation of the

collection.

Museum officials say items which depict the county's history may be lost because the museum will be unable to accept artifacts without adequate storage and display space.

The museum and the Pioneer Friends are circulating a survey to gather citizen input on the future of the museum, and a series of focus groups will be held at the end of this month.

Possible sites have also been examined which could increase the attraction

of tourists from I-70, some better than others. The museum is a strong draw for tourists due in part to advertising by the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau featuring the replica of the first patented helicopter.

The museum, owned and operated by the City of Goodland, opened in 1959. A similar space crunch existed around the time of the city's Centennial celebration, when the museum was expanded and the display area for the helicopter established.

Anyone wishing to participate in the focus groups who does not receive an invitation is asked to call 899-4595. Those interested in supporting the building fund with a donation can call museum Curator Linda Holton, and she will direct the caller to a Pioneer Friends board member.

Donations for the building fund should be made to Pioneer Friends Inc., and designated for the High Plains Museum Building Fund, or simply "Building Fund."

Students display engineering work

High Schools students from Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska will exhibit their drawings and displays from 8 a.m. to noon Wednesday in the annual Northwest Kansas Technical School Engineering Technology Exhibit.

The drawings and displays will be open to the public for viewing in the engineering tech building, a half block south of 13th and Eustis Streets on the campus.

A new category of engineering display has been added this year, and will showcase students' three-dimensional models and mock-ups.

Tracey Purvis, technical school en-

gineering instructor, said the displays will be from high school technology and science classes.

Jim Paulsen, engineering instructor, said the exhibits will be in five categories beginning mechanical, advanced mechanical, architectural floor plan, architectural elevation and pictorial.

Hand-drawn and computer aided drawing entries will be exhibited in each of the categories.

Patrick McMahon, engineering instructor, estimates there will be more than 300 drawings, including entries from Goodland High School students, in the exhibit.

County to discuss lease, contract for mowing

The summer mowing contract and the "certificate" for the Goodland Regional Medical Center master lease are the main items on Tuesday's agenda for the Sherman County commissioners.

The lease certificate was tabled at the previous meeting because Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld was absent, and Commissioners Kenny David and Gary Townsend felt it was important that all three be present.

County Attorney Mike Irvin told the commissioners he had reviewed the certificate and did not see any reason for them not to sign.

The master lease program through the First National Bank of Goodland will allow the hospital to purchase the equipment needed to complete the new medical clinic, and is expected not to

exceed \$750,000.

There were questions about the legal ramifications to the county, but Irvin said there appears to be no problem unless the money was used for other purposes, and the county as to exceed a level of \$5 million in bonds.

The mowing contract with Ron Lucas will be reviewed and signed.

Amy Griffey of the Northwest Kansas Planning Commission is to meet with the commissioners at 9:30 a.m. to discuss a grant workshop.

The commissioners meet at 8 a.m. in the commission room on the first floor of the Sherman County Courthouse on the first, second and third Tuesday of each month and the last working day of each month. The next regular meeting will be 8 a.m., Friday, April 30.

Air Reserve, Guard units face callup in Kosovo crisis

WICHITA (AP) — Plans to activate reserve forces in support of the Kosovo conflict could affect more than 1,300 Kansas Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve members.

The reserve callup is linked to NATO's decision to expand the air war by adding 300 or more U.S. aircraft — about one-third of which are likely to be refueling airplanes — and two battalions of Army Apache helicopters.

Defense Secretary William Cohen said he couldn't say precisely how many reservists might be needed but said, "I think it'll be a significant number."

The reserve callup will include up to

25,000 Air National Guard members in units that fly aerial refueling missions both from the United States and from Europe, according to U.S. defense officials.

"We haven't gotten an official word yet, but when they tell you they need tankers and tanker air crews, it's pretty safe to guess this means us," said Capt. David Fruck with the 93rd Air Reserve Group at McConnell Air Force Base. At full strength, the group has 32 flying crews and more than 400 people.

At Forbes Field in Topeka, the 190th Air Refueling Wing of the Kansas Air National Guard has already spent three weeks on duty in the Kosovo region.

Regents' expansion looking like the inevitable

By Lew Ferguson

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — A tone of inevitability is creeping into conversations about prospects for passing a bill to restructure the Board of Regents and greatly expand its jurisdiction over higher education in Kansas.

Bill Docking, chairman of the present board, used the word "probable" in gauging those prospects. He set up a transition team to prepare for reconstituting the board and moving community colleges, Washburn University and vocational-technical schools under its supervision for coordination.

Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer, who headed Gov. Bill Graves' higher education task force last year, said he now believes a restructuring plan will be approved when the Legislature returns for its wrap-up session on April 28.

"I think it does have an air of inevitability about it," said Senate Majority Leader Tim Emert, R-Independence, a member of a conference committee that meets again April 27 to put final touches on a compromise plan.

Rep. Ralph Tanner, R-Baldwin City, chairman of the conference committee, said it "seems to be the case" that the regents and the universities they govern are now generally on board.

"Otherwise, they wouldn't have enlisted the time of those people they named to their transition team," Tanner said.

Another conference committee member, Sen. Christine Downey, D-Newton, said her optimism is growing that the structural plan she and Emert developed will be enacted. And, she said, the bill will include a funding component along the lines of the one the House inserted into it.

"I think there's a very strong chance we'll get this funding component approved," she said. "We lose some votes in the Senate, because some people wanted funding later. But I'm pretty confident of the structure and performance piece."

There remains one outspoken opponent: Johnson County Community College.

Sherrer spoke to a civic club in Johnson County this week, trying to dispel some of the apprehensions and misconceptions held by that constituency.

For example, he said, those with whom he spoke contend the regents could dictate whom the big two-year college named as its president. That's possible now with community colleges under the state Board of Education.

Other than Johnson County and its legislative delegation, opposition has

slowly eroded, Tanner said.

The tipoff, he said, is the stature of the people Docking put on the regents' transition team.

They are Tom Bryant, regents interim executive director; Tom Burke, president of Kansas City, Kansas, Community College; Ken Clouse, president of the area vocational-technical schools' association; Duane Goossen, state budget director; Ed Hammond, president of Fort Hays State University; Linda Holloway, chairwoman of the state Board of Education; and Andy Tompkins, state education commissioner.

Docking will be chairman of transition team.

"I couldn't be more pleased with the expertise and personalities of those who are being brought to the table by

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T-minus 35 minutes... and counting



Looking like a launch pad at Cape Kennedy, Goodland's new water tower continued to rise into the air Saturday when the 80-ton crane arrived. Brad Heer, project superintendent, said the good weather allowed the crew to get the interior pipe completed to its 110 foot height. He said an internal crane will be used for the rest of the erection, because the large crane cost \$165 per hour. Heer said the welding crew was working on interior joints, and expected to begin the outside work later in the week. Several of the outside sections of the tank itself have been completed, and they will be swung into place beginning the end of the week if the good weather continues. The 500,000-gallon water tank is being built by Pitt-DeMoine of Pittsburgh, Pa.

Photo by Tom Betz / Goodland Daily News

Slugger recalls dream of West

DODGE CITY (AP) — Baseball Hall of Famer Reggie Jackson is a big fan of the Old West, so a weekend visit to Dodge City was a special treat for the retired slugger.

"I really am a Western fan, and a huge Dodge City, Wyatt Earp and Doc Holliday fan," Jackson said Saturday after Mayor Gerald Schmitt and city manager John Dearthoff gave him a framed print of Holliday.

Jackson wore a Dodge City Community College Conquistadors jersey as he helped dedicate the city's new Cavalier Field baseball complex on what was once the campus of the now-defunct St. Mary of the Plains College.