

weather report

64°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 64 degrees
- Humidity 69 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds northwest at 18
- Barometer 30.12 inches and rising
- Record High 107° (1952)
- Record Low 41° (1989)

Last 24 Hours*

High 74°
Low 49°
Precipitation —

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, northeast winds 10-15, lows 45-50. Wednesday: mostly cloudy with 20 percent chance of rain, highs 60-65 with east winds 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Saturday. Thursday high 70, low 50 with slight chance of thunderstorms. Friday and Saturday highs near 90, lows around 50.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

- Noon**
- Wheat — \$2.29 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.25
 - Loan deficiency payment — 20¢
 - Corn — \$1.66 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.89
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 10¢
 - Milo — \$2.50 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$3.98 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.07
 - Loan deficiency payment — 82¢
 - Millet — \$4 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$7.55 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$1.96
 - Oil new crop — \$7.85 cwt.
 - Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)
- (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press
1 p.m.
Koreans sink northern boat

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — A high-seas confrontation between North and South Korea escalated today when southern warships sank one northern vessel and badly damaged at least one other in a clash in the Yellow Sea. About 30 North Korean sailors are believed dead and officials injured, a U.S. defense official said today in Washington. Seven South Korean sailors were injured, none seriously, when their ships, a frigate and four patrol boats, were raked by northern fire. U.S. Navy and Air Force planes increased patrol flights over the Yellow Sea, and the United States may send additional ships or other resources to the region, according to the defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity. The U.S. has no aircraft carrier in the region because of hostilities with Iraq and Yugoslavia.

Attorney quits county post Irvin to be city manager of small town near Topeka

By Tom Betz

Goodland Daily News

It has been rumored for several days, but today County Attorney Mike Irvin made it official that he will be leaving Goodland and Sherman County in July to become the city manager at St. Mary's, west of Topeka.

He told the Sherman County commissioners his last day would be July 16, and that he would notify the county Republican Party leaders, who will need to choose a new attorney. Irvin said that Goodland lawyer Bonnie Selby had agreed to be appointed as the assistant county attorney, and may be interested in being appointed as his replacement.

The commissioners met behind closed doors for half an hour with Irvin and Selby before making the motion to appoint Selby.

The commissioners did not discuss filling Irvin's other position as county administrator. He has not been active in that role in recent weeks.

Earlier in the meeting, the commissioners approved a bid from Bankwest of Goodland for a lease-purchase agreement to fund the county's portion of the Caruso bridge project.

Commissioner Kenny Davis asked if the county auditor had been asked about the lease-purchase option, and whether it was feasible.

Irvin said he and Commissioner Gary Townsend had talked to Judy Miller and Randy Allen of the Kansas Association of Counties about the lease-purchase option, and they were not comfortable with it. However, he said they did not give any specific reason for not liking the agreement.

The commissioners placed a call and talked to Miller, who said that the lease-purchase option was allowed under

state law.

"We know this is an option," she said, "but we discourage this on an everyday basis."

Someone asked if using the lease-purchase to raise the county portion of the project would affect either the state or federal funds, and Irvin said he had talked to Larry Emig of the state Department of Transportation, who said they did not see a problem with this method of raising the county money.

"Emig said there would not be a problem as long as we stayed within the statute," Irvin said.

The only thing Irvin said he would think would be better was if the bank would allow some flexibility in the equipment being used as collateral.

After taking time to call Bankwest and talking to Cara Daise, Irvin said the bank was willing to allow the county the flexibility as long as they were notified when a change in collateral was being made.

The Bankwest offer was the only local bid of the three received by the commissioners. Under their bid, there would not be any administrative fee and the agreement would be for 4.45 percent interest over a five-year period.

The other two bids were from Chapman Securities of Topeka, which included a 1 percent administrative fee and additional costs which would add over \$5,000 to the bill. The third bid, from Cooper, Malone and McClain of Wichita, also included an administrative fee of at least 1 percent.

Commissioner Townsend said he favored keeping the money in town, and that since there was no fee with the Bankwest bid, it would save the county about \$5,000.

The next commissioner meeting will be 8 a.m., Wednesday, June 30.

View of workouts about to end



The facelift at the Goodland Activities Center began today as workers removed the old glass at the front of the building. The panes being removed measure 107 inches tall by 101 inches wide and weigh in at over 300 pounds each. Dependable Glass of Goodland is removing the glass. New, energy efficient windows will replace the old. Removing the glass were (left to right) Darrell Rohr, John Studer, Nathan Elliott and Tom Rohr.

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Storm cut wide swath through area's wheat

By Keith Lippoldt

Goodland Daily News

Farmers and insurance adjusters are warming up their calculators, ready to tally up damage from the storm that cut through Sherman County and northwest Kansas last Thursday night.

Although an exact dollar amount has yet to be determined, and probably will not be for a couple of weeks, experts say that some crops may be totally destroyed while others must wait before an assessment can be made.

"The crop damage is very heavy," said Valerie Kaup of Farm Bureau Insurance. "Some wheat farmers may not be able to harvest their crop at all. It doesn't look good."

Kaup, who said that the storm caused crop destruction nearly 12 miles north of Kanorado and Ruleton, reported that Farm Bureau has received over 30 damage reports, mainly in rural areas. Most reports were roof and window damage north of Kanorado.

Sherman County Extension Agent Dana Belshe gave the same bleak report.

"The center of the storm passed from the state line to Highway 27 north of Goodland," he said. "There were areas completely mowed down by the



The storm Thursday, which pushed Beaver Creek to near flash flood levels, cut away most of the north levee at Allied Inc.'s gravel pit north of Goodland. Officials at the firm's Hays office said they are pumping the water out, but they are not sure when the pit will be back in operation.

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storm."

Belshe says that the damage to the wheat is determinable, but the affects that the storm had on other crops will not be final for a week or two.

"Several factors will determine the effects the hail had on the corn. If the growing point was below the ground,

it might survive the impact but, the ice may have caused some freeze damage.

"If the growing point was above the ground, it could be lost anyway. It is going to take at least a week to determine."

Belshe also said that the soybeans and sunflowers that were up out of the

ground probably would not survive the effects of the storm.

Samantha Siruta of Western Insurance Agency had first-hand information on damage in the Kanorado area.

"We have received several reports of damage to shingles and cars, including my own," Siruta said.

Childless farmer leaves gift to Goodland School District

The Goodland School Board received a give of nearly \$31,000 Monday night from the estate of a childless area farmer who thought schools were vital to society.

Walter Linthacum, executor of the estate of Orval Franklin, presented a check to the board for \$30,704.

"Mr. Franklin was a dirt farmer that worked hard all his life," said Linthacum. "He and his wife never had any children, but he always believed that education was important."

Superintendent Marvin Selby said the district would use the funds for something permanent and visible that will honor the gift.

Teacher Jack Walker brought four students from his biology II classes to present a study they com-

pleted on species of birds found in western Kansas and eastern Colorado. Kylie Randolph, Lanae Koons, Marnie Davis, and William Bennetts brought samples of spreadsheets they had compiled in the project and explained them to the board.

Sharon Gregory, principal at Central School, reported that the district uses several tests to evaluate student performance based on national, state and local levels.

The national test is the California Achievement Test/5. Grades 1-11 are tested, then the scores are grouped together and averaged. The district scored above the norm in all categories except spelling.

"The state tests target specific skills and abilities," said Gregory.

The district has seen increases at the fourth and seventh grade levels over the last year, but is still below the state average.

She said the 10th grade scores were in the unsatisfactory range in two areas of the math scores. The scores in both the lowest in a five-year period, she said.

"We use these tests to target areas of concern and develop strategies to deal with them," said Gregory. "It is a concern. We have some new strategies to put into place next fall."

Toni Becker, summer school director, gave reported that 133 students have signed up to attend. In other business, the board:

- Approved a request to annex property at Kansas Street to the city of Goodland and a request to change the legal description of the property.
- Approved the negotiated teacher agreement for the 1999-2000 school year, subject to ratification by the union.
- Approved the hiring of Threse Armstrong, junior high math teacher; Troy Rall, junior high language arts teacher; Sally Bruce, junior high part-time counselor; and Carl T. Miles III, band instructor for high school and junior high.
- Accepted resignation of Kristi Clark as activities secretary.
- Approved the contracts for Selby and the school psychologist.

The next regular meeting will be at 7 p.m. June 28 at the administration office.