

farewell at sea, a Navy destroyer carat a site not far from where they died. A group of about 15 family members carried the cremated remains of Kennedy, Carolyn Bessette Kennedy Briscoe. Their ashes were to be committed to the sea off Martha's Vineyard about three miles from where the bod-

# **Midday Conditions**

Today

Tomorrow

- Soil Temperature 78 degrees • Humidity 28 percent
- Sky mostly sunny

report

**93**°

at noon

• Sunset, 8:09 p.m.

• Sunrise, 5:39 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:08 p.m.

- Winds south at 15 mph
- Barometer 30.09 inches and falling
- Record High 105° (1934) • Record Low 52° (1958)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High	94°
Low	62°
Precipitation	none

#### Northwest Kansas Forecast Tonight: clear, low near 65, south winds 5 to 15 mph Friday: mostly sunny, high near 95, southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

**Extended Forecast** 

Saturday through Monday: dry, lows near 65, highs near 95.



Noon Wheat — \$2.10 bushel Posted county price — \$1.95 Loan deficiency payment - .50¢ Corn — \$1.78 bushel Posted county price — \$1.64 Loan deficiency pmt. — .35¢ Milo — \$2.24 hundredweight Soybeans — \$3.83 bushel Posted county price — \$3.86 Loan deficiency payment — 1.03¢ Millet — \$4 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. - \$2.62 Oil new crop — \$6.85 cwt. Confection current - \$17/10 cwt. Pinto beans — \$14 (new crop) (Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.

#### FALMOUTH, Mass. (AP) — In a ies were recovered Wednesday.

The victims' families had endured a ried family members today to a cer- five-day vigil before the bodies were emony to release the ashes of John F. brought to Cape Cod on Wednesday Kennedy Jr., his wife and sister-in-law night for autopsies. The medical examiner determined all three died instantly of multiple traumatic injuries resulting from the plane crash.

The Briscoe spent about half an hour and Lauren Bessette onto the USS nearly motionless off the Vineyard's southwest coast, near the spot where the plane piloted by Kennedy plunged into the water. It then turned around and

headed back in the direction of Cape and cousins Maria Shriver and William approved a request by the senator and Cod.

It was not immediately known whether the ceremonies were completed; media boats were kept 2,000 yards from the ship.

Dressed in dark clothing, family members boarded the Coast Guard cutter Sanibel, which took them to the Briscoe, shortly before 9 a.m. at Woods Hole port. The mourners included Kennedy's sister, Caroline Kennedy; his uncle, Sen. Edward M. Kennedy;

Kennedy Smith,

The Bessette sisters' relatives also were attending, including their mother, Ann Freeman, stepfather, Dr. Richard Freeman, and Ms. Bessette's twin sister, Lisa Ann Bessette, a family source said.

Three folded American flags and three wreaths with red, yellow and white flowers had been placed on the ship

the Bessette and Freeman families for Navy assistance for the ceremony, the Pentagon said this morning. Two Navy chaplains and a civilian priest - all Roman Catholics - were to officiate at the ceremony, the Navy said.

Navy divers recovered the three bodies in murky waters off Martha's Vineyard, 116 feet below the surface and 7 1/2 miles from shore.

"Today we were able to bring closure Defense Secretary William Cohen to two families and that I think we realize is very important," said Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard M. Larrabee, who added the bodies were raised "in a way that respected the situation they were in. It was something we were very sensitive to."

The plane's debris reflected the speed at which it struck the water, with pieces spread more than 40 yards from the main crash site, Larrabee said.

Working with visibility of 5 to 8 feet, divers encountered twisted wreckage, with wires and seats askew, "the kind of thing you can imagine that would be the result of a high-impact contact with the water," he said.

To keep TV cameras away, flights were banned within five miles of the recovery effort led by the USS Grasp, a Navy salvage ship. Sen. Kennedy and his sons, Patrick and Edward Jr., were aboard the Grasp when the bodies were recovered and accompanied the remains to Woods Hole.

The Cape Cod Times reported today the Kennedy family had asked that no photographs be taken during Kennedy's autopsy because they could end up in tabloids or on the Internet. Such photographs are routine.

Cape & Islands First Assistant District Attorney Michael O'Keefe would not deny the published report or say whether the alleged request was honored.

"The wishes of the family were appropriately expressed," he said. 'Where it was possible, they were followed."

Kennedy, 38, was piloting his singleengine Piper Saratoga from New Jersev on Friday night when it dropped from radar 161/2 miles from Martha's Vineyard Airport.

Kennedy and his 33-year-old wife had planned to drop Ms. Bessette, 34,

# **School board** moves ahead on purchase of building

## **By Charlie Baker**

The Goodland Daily News Taking advantage of the opportunity that has presented itself, the Goodland School board voted 7-0 to adopt a resolution stating its intent to enter into a lease purchase agreement to acquire the former Medical Arts Clinic.

The lease purchase provides for the district to make annual payments of \$20,000 for a period of ten years.

If the lease agreement is accepted, the district plans to convert the building into classrooms and offices for early education.

The district has had an architect inspect the building, and estimates for remodeling the site are around \$200.000.

'We could never build a structure that size for \$400,000," said Superintendent Marvin Selby, "and the location and grounds are a perfect fit."

Selby said that there is another party interested in the property, and that is why the board has moved quickly on the resolution. Even if no petition is filed by voters in objection to the districts motion, the bid still may not be accepted.

Realtor Terry Richardson confirmed his morning that another party is inter

**Quadruplets** 



Employees at Goodland Regional Medical Center have been watching four baby swallows grow up for the last few weeks. The four babys are in a nest attached to the wall of a patio that employees use for a break area. The parents have been very busy bringing food to the youngsters who appear to be nearly



CAPECANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) -Thunderstorms forced NASA to call off today's launch of space shuttle Columbia and the first woman to command a U.S. space flight-the second delay this week.

Launch managers said they will try again early Friday. If Columbia doesn't soar then, it will be grounded until mid-August for reasons that have nothing to do with the shuttle or its payload, a \$1.5 billion X-ray telescope already nearly a year late getting into orbit.

"Hopefully, we will find the third try to be the charm," said Earle Huckins, NASA's deputy associate administrator for space science.

Storms early today took shuttle weather officers by surprise.

After waiting nearly an hour, he radioed the bad news to Air Force Col. Eileen Collins and her crew.

"Eileen, we gave it our best shot," Roe said. She thanked him for the great effort.

ested in the property, but declined to identify them.

ready to make their first foray into the wide world as one spreads his yet untried wings. Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

off at Martha's Vineyard and then fly to Hyannis Port for the wedding of his cousin, Rory.

# Bonds will be issued in September

### By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News Bonds are to be issued in the amount of \$295,000 for the first phase of the old ployee with the same effective date. Hwy 24 project, and \$86,000 for the replacement of the Caruso bridge based on actions of the Sherman County Commissioners Tuesday.

Dave Warren of Chapman Securities was present and discussed the necessary resolutions with the commissioners for the bond issues. He said the plan is to issue the two together for a total of \$381,000 and this will be done in September.

There was some question about whether a petition period would be reauired, but further checking determined there would not be any petition period on these bonds.

Warren and Curt Way, county public works director, estimated the county road bonds next year to complete the funding of the road project.

Bonnie Selby reported she has received some calls as the assistant the county attorney position. county attorney, and the commissioners approved her hiring effective Mon- quested permission from the commis-

to the county attorney, as a county em-

The commissioners discussed the county attorney office expense budget with Selby. In the past the secretary has been an employe of the county attorney paid out of the monthly office expenses, but this will change with Studer being hired as a county employee. Selby is to check out the other bills being sent to the county attorney and the commissioners will decide if the bills should be handled like the other departments.

Both Selby and Studer have been sworn-in as county employees according to Rumpel, and Selby will be the assistant county attorney until she is appointed to the vacancy through the local Republican Party and the Governor's office. The Sherman Rewould have to issue about \$170,000 in publicans will hold a vacancy meeting July 29, and then submit a name to the governor for his approval. At this time Selby is the only indicated candidate for

Terry Ballard, county assessor, re-

day, July 19. Also the commissioners sioners to get bids on a new copier, agreed to hire Kelly Studer, secretary computer printer and a digital camera. He told the commissioners these will be needed, and wanted to know if they could be purchased in the 1999 budget or if they should be added to the 2000 budget.

The commissioners told Ballard to get bids on the items and bring those to the commissioners for their consideration.

Nina Carpenter and Nira Barricklow, of the Thomas County Alcohol and Drug Abuse Council asked the commissioners to consider budgeting \$5,500 of the Special Alcohol Tax Funds to cover the cost of services being provided to Sherman County.

The commissioners said agreed to consider the request along with the other budgets, and thanked them for bringing the information at this time.

The next regular commissioner meeting will be 8 a.m., Friday, July 30, in the commissioners room on the first floor of the Sherman County courthouse.

At the next meetingwill be the hearing on the proposed road closures.

# Celebrities join anti-violence appeal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The real power to shape attitudes in America rests in Hollywood, Kansas Sen. Sam Brownback said in urging the entertainment industry to adopt a voluntary code of conduct.

Brownback joined former presidents Ford and Carter and other prominent Americans Wednesday in asking rupt." the industry to voluntarily reduce the amount of violent and sexual material to which children are exposed.

Brownback said Hollywood had eclipsed Washington in the power it exerts over society. He said television, movies and music certainly had positive things to offer, but there were many things bad as well.

stir our loftier aspirations," he said. "And there are children's programs that have been honored for their educational value. We should not hesitate to praise these shows and their producers. But if a TV program can educate and edify, it can also confuse and cor-

A bipartisan group of senators, including Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., Brownback, R-Kansas, Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, John McCain, R-Ariz and Kent Conrad, D-N.D., released the appeal at a Capitol Hill news conference.

Among those signing the appeal in addition to Ford and Carter were Nobel

"There are movies and songs which Peace Prize winner Elie Wiesel, Gens. Norman Schwarzkopf and Colin Powell, entertainers Steve Allen, Naomi Judd, Carol Lawrence and Joan Van Ark, and political figures Sam Nunn, William Bennett and Jack Kemp.

> The school shootings in Littleton, Colo., and elsewhere have rekindled efforts to pressure the entertainment industry to curtail violence and explicit sexual content.

The appeal referred to the "growing public appreciation of the link between our excessively violent and degrading entertainment culture and the horrifying new crimes we see emerging among our young."



Goodland Cowboy Jeff Darnauer got an enthusiatic send-off from Goodland Ambassadors and Goodland Shriners this morning. The 6'5", 220 pound defensive end will represent Goodland in the 26th Annual Kansas All-Star Football Shrine Bowl July 31st in Wichita. Darnauer will report to the training table for a week of practice before the game. Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News