

weather report

70° at noon

Today

Sunset, 7:58 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 5:49 a.m.

Sunset, 7:57 p.m.

Midday Conditions

Soil Temperature 68 degrees

Humidity 78 percent

Sky mostly cloudy

Winds south at 7 mph

Barometer 30.00inches and steady

Record High 105° (1954)

Record Low 44° (1974)

Last 24 Hours*

High 68°

Low 61°

Precipitation .04 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, low 60 to 65, south winds at 10 mph.

Wednesday: partly sunny, high near 80, southeast winds at 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, lows near 65, highs 85 to 90.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.31 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.22

Loan deficiency payment — .23¢

Corn — \$1.87 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.70

Loan deficiency pmt. — .29¢

Milo — \$2.80 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.10 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.87

Loan deficiency payment — 1.02¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.86

Oil new crop — \$6.85 cwt.

Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$13 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Zapruder's film costs \$16 million

WASHINGTON (AP)— Arbitrators declared today the government must pay the heirs of Abraham Zapruder \$16 million for film that Zapruder took of the assassination of President Kennedy.

A three-member arbitration panel decided the monetary sum on a 2-1 vote, said spokeswoman Chris Watney.

The Zapruder family had asked for \$30 million. The government offered \$1 million. A three-member arbitration board was established when lawyers failed to agree on the value of the film, owned by the Zapruder family but stored at the National Archives.

"Today's decision secures the original Zapruder film for the public and guarantees it will be preserved in the National Archives, where it belongs," David W. Ogden, acting assistant attorney general for the Justice Department's Civil Division, said in a statement.

Learning teamwork is the real challenge



One exercise at the North Elementary challenge course (above) teaches teamwork as participants have to pass each other on a cable span without stepping off the wire. On the cable were (in front) Shelly Cole and Nikki Little while (from left) Rhonda Williams, Dan McIver, Elaine Felver, and Harvey Swager stood by to make sure their partners did not fall. Another excercise (right) calls for team members to cross a "ravine" to safety. Instructor McIver helped Felver cross as Doug Beam waited on the other side to help her. Team members (from left) Cole, Little, Swager and Williams watched.

Photos by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News



By Charlie Baker
The Goodland Daily News
Five community leaders, three teachers, a preacher and a principal, are learning to talk, listen and get along with others this week at the North Elementary School "challenge course."

The group is scaling obstacles, ballancing across cables, swining across a ravine, working together to figure it out, all part in a class being taught by a consultant for Adventure Systems and Designs, which built the course in March. Dan McIver is in town teaching volunteers to become facilitators for groups that would like to go through the challenge training. The \$11,000 course was built with a special governor's grant for the prevention of drug and alcohol

abuse. "We want to develop camaraderie between students," said Rhonda Williams, peer counselor at the high school, who pushed to get the course built. "We hope the interaction that is necessary to get through the course will also help a quiet student to be able to say, 'I am not comfortable with that,' and have the courage to say no," she said. Doug Beam, youth minister at Sonrise Church.; Nikki Little, an English teacher at Grant Junior High; Shelly Cole, vocal music instructor at the junior high and high school; Elaine Felver, German teacher for the district; and Harvey Swager, high school principal, made up the group of volunteer



McIver

instructors. "The course is not a playground," Williams said. "If someone wants to use the course, they must have a facilitator." Since Williams is currently the only trained facilitator, use of the course is limited to times she can be there. Volunteers must learn not only the physical challenges of the course, but, how to guide those going through to communicate and process the information into a lesson that will last, said Williams. The group already has an event coming up: The week before classes start, the faculty from the school district is scheduled to go through the challenge course, and Leadership Sherman County is also scheduled to go through

the course. "The goal of the teachers going through the course is to develop communication skills, getting along, and problem solving skills," said Williams, adding that training uses experiences to teach people from various positions and ages how to communicate and cooperate. "A good way to explain the effectiveness of the course," said Williams, "is, 'Tell me, and I will hear; show me, and I will see; but involve me, and I will understand and remember.' " The theory of the course is that if people have to concentrate on movement, balance and overcoming obstacles, they will focus less on their differences. "We have to communicate in everything we do, but, the reality is, a lot of the time we don't communicate very

well," McIver said. The course presents a mental and physical challenge that is best overcome with a cooperative effort by the participants. "You may have formed an opinion of someone just because of the way they look," he said. "By having to work together to solve some of the problems of the course, the previous barriers drop, and people learn how to cooperate together and trust each other." McIver said the biggest benefit of the course is that barriers drop between people and they are able to work together to solve problems. "The good thing," he added, "is the relationships remain long after they go through the course."

Bindweed problem prompts citizen suggestion

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News
Saying that bindweed could hurt property values in the city, resident Gene Tromble asked the city commission Monday night to mount a coordinated effort with the county to combat the noxious weed.

City Manager Ron Pickman replied that the city could only spray the weeds on city property, but that 66 homes in the city have been identified as having bindweed and the list had been sent to the Sherman County Noxious Weed Department for their attention. "I feel we need a citizen committee to analyze the bindweed problem," Tromble said. "I think this is a good first step to get something done. Timing is of the essence because the best time to spray is in the fall. "It would be an educational effort to inform homeowners about the bindweed problem and why it is important for them to try to control this noxious weed. If you agree, I would be willing to contact the county commissioners to see if we can make this a joint effort." Pickman said the state laws make the county responsible for handling noxious weeds, but that the city would be willing to cooperate in a joint effort aimed at educating the homeowners. Commissioner Jim Mull said he would support anything which would help control the problem. "I have been trying to get something done for several years," he said. "If we don't begin to get some control on this, it will take over the whole city. I think we need some means of making the homeowner responsible for spraying." After the commissioners each expressed support for a joint effort, Tromble, who lives at 403 W. 12th, said he would contact the county commissioners on Aug. 17 to discuss getting this started. Another visitor to the commission



Bindweed flowers

meeting was Chamber Director Ron Harding, who asked the city for permission to close several streets for the Sunflower Festival and Ag Show on Aug. 13 and 14. He asked taht the road by the Industrial Park be closed for the Ag Show on Friday, Aug. 13, and that the blocks east and west of Main Street on 11th Street be closed for the street festival on Saturday, Aug. 14. Another request was to close the parking areas on both sides of Main in the 1100 block and the east side of the 1200 block for the antique tractor show. The commission gave verbal approval for the street closings. John Hendrich, 1720 Caldwell, asked the city investigate odor problems from the sewage treatment plant north of his home. He said the odor has been very bad most of the summer. Public Works Director Ed Wolak said the city does use some chemicals to try to contain the odor, but that the chemicals do not last long. He said the system goes through a cycle of pumping out the digesters about twice a week, and during this process more odor can be detected. Pickman said the city will take another look at what might be done, but it may not be much. In other business, the commission:

City sets aside money for aquatic center

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News
In shaping the budget for 2000, the Goodland City Commission Monday approved setting aside \$522,000 from the electric and water funds for the next phase of development of a new aquatic center. The plan for paying for the pool would be to borrow \$2 million on a "certificate of participation" to be paid back over 10 years with money from the general fund, the electric department and the water department. This would not cause any increase in property taxes or utility rates, said City Manager Ron Pickman.

Setting the money aside does not mean the facility is ready to begin construction, but does give the city a plan to move forward with the design. The city commission will have to approve a final design and building plans before construction could begin next year. Construction would take at least a year. Looking to the future, the commissioners also established reserve funds for the electric, water and sewer departments. These will allow surplus money to be held in "savings" to provide for future maintenance and operation of these departments as well as improvements and expansion of these systems. The commission established a \$1 million reserve for the electric department, \$500,000 for the water department and \$200,000 for the sewer department. The reserve funds are to be built up without any increase in utility

city property to Lewis Simpson. He was the sole bidder at \$5,002 each. • Approved adoption of the 1997 edition of the Uniform Building Code. The vote was 3-1 with Commissioner Tom Rohr voting no. Rohr objected to the section which requires stamped building plans for all commercial buildings or additions. Pickman explained this requirement is a state law, and Goodland could not exempt out of it. Commissioner Curtis Hurd agreed it seemed a bit harsh to require this but that since it was a statewide requirement, he could not see any

way not to approve the ordinance and made the motion to approve the ordinance. • Approved sale of police vehicles based on the high bidders. Bane Auction was high bidder on an '87 Ford Bronco (\$2,150) and the '92 Ford Crown Victoria (\$1,675). Police Cars Unlimited Inc., New York, was the high bidder on a '94 Ford Crown Victoria (\$2,448). • Approved a low bid from Asbestos Removal and Maintenance Inc. of Wichita, for \$4,325, to remove asbestos at the swimming pool and the city

power plant. • Approved a petition for annexation of property from Lola Tompkins, Augustus H. (Tommy) Tompkins and Viola Tompkins. The property is about 13 acres located along Eighth Street and west of Kansas Avenue between Eighth and Fourth Streets. The commission also approved an ordinance annexing the property into the city. The next regular city meeting will be 5 p.m., Monday, Aug. 16, in the commission room upstairs in the City Hall, 204 W. 11th.