

weather report

86°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 7:18 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:17 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:16 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 74 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south at 18
- Barometer 29.92 inches and falling
- Record High 105° (1939)
- Record Low 38° (1974)

Last 24 Hours*

- High 93°
- Low 63°
- Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 60 to 65, south winds 10 to 20 mph.
 Friday: mostly cloudy, a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high near 85, southwest winds 15 to 20 mph.
Extended Forecast
 Saturday through Sunday: chance of thunderstorms, lows near 55, highs in the mid 70s.
 Monday: chance of thunderstorms, low near 55, high near 80.
 (National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.23 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.19
 - Loan deficiency payment — .26¢
 - Corn — \$1.68 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.67
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — .32¢
 - Milo — \$2.46 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.26 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.03
 - Loan deficiency payment — .86¢
 - Millet — \$4 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$6.95 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.76
 - Oil new crop — \$6.85 cwt.
 - Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$15 (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.
More inmates in next decade

TOPEKA — The Kansas Sentencing Commission says the state will see an increase in prison inmates in the next decade, largely because more people will be behind bars longer.
 In its annual report released Wednesday, the commission said that in 2009, there will be 10,054 inmates in state custody, an increase of 18.5 percent from the June 30 population of 8,486.
 There are currently 8,509 inmates in seven prisons, work release programs, county jails and Lamed State Hospital for the mentally ill.
 Secretary of Corrections Charles Simmons, a commission member, said the projections means his agency "will have to develop plans right away to come up with additional beds."
 That could include building another prison, adding to existing facilities or renovating existing space.

County budget has 10 percent increase

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County property taxes will increase by 10 percent next year, based on the draft budget approved at Tuesday's county commission meeting.

Most of the increase in expenses of \$317,820 will be in the Road and Bridge Fund to allow for the repayment of bonds which have been issued to resurface old U.S. 24 and replace the Caruso bridge.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said expenses for other county departments would increase by \$138,434, bringing the total county budget up to \$2,539,139. She said most of the increase is to help rebuild the reserve funds, which had been depleted in the past few years under the tax lid.

The commissioners also approved a resolution which explains the need for the tax increase and is required as part of the new law the Legislature passed which removed the state tax lid earlier this year.

Rumpel said the commissioners were faced with a dilemma, because under the old tax lid, the maximum amount the budget could have raised was \$23,000 which would not even cover the road and bridge costs.

"Most of the individual budgets were left at the 1999 level," she said. "Without the increase, the commissioners would have to make

major cuts in many county services."

In other business the commissioners:

- Approved purchase of new locks for the doors in the courthouse to make them handicapped accessible. The cost of this is about \$7,000, and was part of the grant the county received to upgrade the courthouse.

- Decided by consensus not to change the road and bridge work week. Commissioner Gary Townsend said he had talked to several employees and felt the current four 10-hour days was more productive. Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld also indicated his support of the extended days. Commissioner Kenny Davis said he was not convinced.

- Approved a grant application for a used pumper truck to be housed in Kanorado. The grant request was presented by Amy Griffey, grant coordinator for the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission. The commissioners also approved a resolution which says the county will continue to maintain the fire truck should the grant be approved.

- County Attorney Bonnie Selby talked to the commissioners about the quit claim deed approved and signed by the Goodland Regional Medical Center board. She asked if the commissioners wanted her to continue with the quiet title lawsuit on the hospital property. While the quit claim deed does put the hospital in the

county's name, Commissioner Townsend made a motion to proceed with the title action. The motion was seconded by Davis and passed unanimously.

- Members of the newly organized Noxious Weed Committee, led by Gene Tromble, met with the commissioners. Tromble said the goal is to inform property owners about noxious weeds and that it is the owner's responsibility to eradicate the noxious weeds on their property. The commissioners felt the weed committee should be an advisory group and Commissioner Frankenfeld agreed to be the liaison.

- Dorendo Harrel, county health administrator, told the board she will be losing an employee in September, and asked permission to hire a replacement. She said she would be advertising for a part-time registered nurse because Rural Health Ventures plans to take over some of the services the health department has been performing.

- The commissioners approved the holiday schedule for next year including Jan. 3, Feb. 21, May 29, July 4, Sept. 4, Nov. 10, Nov. 23 and 24, and Dec. 25 and 26. The Martin Luther King and Columbus Day holidays were traded for the extra days at Christmas and Thanksgiving.

The next regular commission meeting will be 8 a.m. Tuesday in the commission room in the Sherman County courthouse.

New bleachers for visiting football fans



The new bleachers for the visiting side of Cowboystadium have arrived, and will be in place for the season opener Friday against Hoxie. Wendall Koehn, foreman for Robinson Construction, said they should finish the job sometime today. "If not today," he said, "for sure by noon

Friday." The bleachers will add about 600 seats to the stadium, making the stadium eligible to host state play-off games.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

Many places closing for Labor Day

Banks will be closed Monday for Labor Day, and there will be no mail delivery. State, federal, city and county offices also will be closed.

The Goodland Daily News will not publish a paper on Monday, and the office will be closed.

Cowboy Loop and Coastal Marts will be open if you need fuel or convenience items. Wal-Mart will open regular hours, but McB's will be closed.

You can rent movies at Pied Piper Sunday and Monday during regular hours. Alco will be open regular hours, and Gibbon's will open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. J.C. Penney will open noon to 4 p.m. both Sunday and Monday. Orscheln will be open 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday.

Among those which will be closed are Medical Arts Pharmacy, liquor stores the public library, Great Western Tire, NAPA, Clawson Auto Parts, Shore Brothers, Millers Radio Shack, Rasures and PJ's Home Center.

For those that do not want to cook, Whispers restaurant at Howard Johnson will be open, as will Wendy's, McDonald's, Subway, Pizza Hut, Gambino's, Dairy Queen, and Kentucky Fried Chicken. Bowladium will be open, and the cafe at Butterfly Aviation will be open.

Ray's Cafe will be closed, as will Crazy-R's. China Gardens will be closed both Monday and Tuesday. The Elks Club will be closed Monday, as will Anthony's.

Federal marshals secure Waco evidence from FBI

WASHINGTON (AP)—Previously undisclosed evidence in the FBI's 1993 assault on the Branch Davidian cult near Waco, Texas, has been impounded by federal marshals as Justice Department officials begin seeking an outsider to conduct a new investigation.

President Clinton wants an independent inquiry, White House spokesman Jake Siewert said today.

"The president is deeply concerned that the attorney general appears to have been misled and may have been lied to" about what went on at Waco, Siewert said.

The marshals took custody of an infrared videotape recorded during the early morning of April 19, 1993, when FBI agents lobbed incendiary tear-gas canisters at a concrete bunker adjacent to the Davidians' compound, an FBI source said Wednesday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Hours after the incendiary canisters were fired, the wooden compound 50 yards away erupted in flames. Cult leader David Koresh and some 80 followers died during the inferno, some from gunshot wounds, others from the fire.

The FBI and Attorney General Janet Reno, who have been heavily criticized over the Waco tragedy, have said there was no evidence to suggest the blaze was set by the combustible canisters.

Senior Justice officials directed the marshals to seize the evidence Wednesday afternoon after being informed by the FBI that new information had been discovered in the files of the FBI's hostage rescue team at Quantico, Va., Jus-

ice and FBI officials said.

An audio track on the infrared tape picked up the voice of an agent seeking and receiving permission from a commander to fire incendiary tear-gas grenades at the bunker, an FBI source confirmed today, adding that nothing on the videotape conflicts with the FBI's position that the tear gas did not ignite the blaze.

Reno has decided upon an independent inquiry — as recommended by the White House, the head of the FBI and several lawmakers — instead of one run from within her department, the New York Times and The Washington Post reported.

An informal list of several potential outside candidates to head the probe was in circulation, and some of them have been contacted, a Justice source said Wednesday. Reno was out of the country on official business through today.

Lawmakers said the fact that Justice dispatched marshals to seize evidence from the FBI — which Justice officials characterized as a public rebuke — further underlined the need for an independent probe.

"It's just further evidence that the leadership of the FBI is giving the whole organization a needless black eye," Sen. Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, who heads a Senate Judiciary subcommittee with FBI oversight, said in an interview. "We've got a cowboy culture at the top of the organization that can easily impress you that their opinion is that they aren't responsible to anybody."

Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., said: "The spectacle created ... by the Department

of Justice seizing evidence from one of its own agencies is further proof there is no substitute for a credible independent inquiry. The department has proven more than amply in the six years since the Waco incident that it is utterly incapable of policing itself."

Department sources said Reno and her top aides were angered at the latest twist in the newly resurgent Waco controversy. Just a week ago, the FBI was forced to retreat from six years of denials that it had used incendiary tear gas during the final hours of the 51-day siege, which had begun in a bloody shootout when federal agents tried to

arrest Koresh on weapons charges.

That belated admission about the incendiary tear gas has prompted an outcry on Capitol Hill, where congressional Republicans are readying hearings for the fall. A frustrated Reno also ordered an inquiry to determine why combustible tear gas was used against her orders.

Byron Sage, a retired FBI supervisor who was the agency's chief negotiator with Koresh during the standoff, said today Reno's orders were that incendiary gas not be used against the wooden compound for fear it would cause a fire. "Those instructions were followed,"

Sage said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

Even with the latest disclosures, Sage said, "The facts have not changed as far as what happened on the 19th of April or on the 51-day effort prior to that. The military (incendiary) rounds that are in question were not directed toward the wooden structure — that's a central issue that needs to be remembered."

The newly uncovered Forward-Looking Infrared, or FLIR, tapes were turned up as part of FBI Director Louis Freeh's order that all files be searched for relevant information in advance of the investigation, the FBI source said.



The driver of van pulling a camper trailer eastbound on I-70 lost control near Kanorado and slid off the right side of the road about 9 a.m. today, demolish-

ing the camper. The occupants of the van were not injured.

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