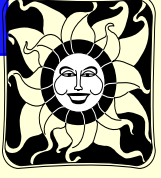


## weather report

63°  
at noon



### Today

Sunset, 7:00 p.m.

### Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:27 a.m.

Sunset, 6:59 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 64 degrees

• Humidity 32 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds variable at 5 mph

• Barometer 30.32 inches

and falling

• Record High 98° (1955)

• Record Low 34° (1974)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 63°

Low 36°

Precipitation none

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low near 40, south winds 5 to 15 mph

Tuesday: partly cloudy, high near 70, east winds 5 to 15 mph

### Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Thursday: chance of thunderstorms, lows in the 40s, highs in the mid 70s

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## local markets

### Noon

Wheat — \$2.33 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.28

Loan deficiency payment — .17¢

Corn — \$1.72 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.66

Loan deficiency pmt. — .33¢

Milo — \$2.39 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.28 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.38

Loan deficiency payment — .51¢

Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.91

Oil new crop — ask

Confection current — no bid

Pinto beans — \$17 (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.

## Price might nix merger

TOPEKA — The chairman of Western Resources admits he's nervous about the merger with Kansas City Power & Light, saying his company's lagging stock price might lead KCPL to call the deal off.

"I think you've got to face reality," David Wittig, who is also president and CEO of Western, said in an interview. "I'd like to sit here and tell you by God they'll do this transaction. But I don't know."

For weeks, Wittig had declined to comment on the conditions Kansas regulators are preparing to impose on the \$2.1 billion merger. But in the interview he acknowledged his concern about the Kansas Corporation Commissions impact on the merger.

"I'm nervous about it because Wall Street has not liked what they've heard so far," Wittig said, noting stock analysts have been calling the KCC and asking questions.

# U.S. offers 'hundreds' as peacekeepers

AUCKLAND, New Zealand (AP) — The United States is offering "hundreds, not thousands" of American forces to participate in the international force to restore order in battered East Timor, the Clinton administration said today.

National Security Adviser Sandy Berger also said the Indonesian military, accused by President Clinton of contributing to the violence in the former Portuguese colony, may wind up patrolling side by side with foreign peacekeepers.

Berger said the U.S. contribution to the peacekeeping force would involve small numbers of personnel, and suggested some may go there in a matter of days. "We're talking here about hundreds, not thousands, of Americans that would be involved," the national security adviser said.

Earlier, Clinton told reporters the United States would supply planes and pilots for an airlift and help with logistics, communications and intelligence. He also said U.S. officials might help with "command

and control" but "no one has asked us for any combat troops."

Clinton, and later Berger, promised close consultations with Congress on the size and nature of the U.S. contingent.

In Washington, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Congress probably would support a limited U.S. role. "If it involves troops on the ground, I think then a lot more questions are going to be asked," Lott told CBS.

At the State Department, spokesman James P. Rubin said that before the exact size and nature of U.S. participation can be decided, the U.N. Security Council must adopt a resolution authorizing a peacekeeping operation. The foreign ministers of Australia and Indonesia were meeting with the Security Council in a closed session this afternoon to begin working on details, including Indonesia's role.

"We can't answer every precise question" about U.S. contributions "until we know what it is that those countries like Australia,

Thailand, Malaysia and others, who are going to play the prominent roles on the ground, will need in terms of assistance," Rubin said.

Berger, briefing reporters at the conclusion of an economic meeting of leaders from 21 Asian and Pacific nations, cited breakthroughs in efforts to bring peace to East Timor and to persuade North Koreans to suspend plans for missile tests.

"This has truly been a good week for stability and U.S. interests in Asia," said Berger, who also listed resumed trade talks between China and the United States as another sign of easing tensions in the region.

He hailed the tentative agreement reached in Berlin by negotiators from North Korea and the United States, under which North Korea's hard-line regime agreed to postpone plans to test a second long-range missile. In return, the United States is considering measures to ease sanctions against North Korea, Berger said.



Tom Livengood and Randy Schoenthaler examine a John Elway Beanie Baby which was one of the items sold at the Slice of Life auction Saturday. Proceeds from the auction will be used to by the Northwest Kansas Medical Foundation to help Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Photos by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News



A last minute change brought Kansas City Chief Cheerleader Serene Senkler to the Slice of Life auction and golf tournament. She showed her golf skills while waiting to see who her partner would be for Sunday.

# Largest celebrity item auction yet helps Slice of Life raise \$22,000

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

It was a little cooler than expected for the 10th Annual Slice of Life golf tournament Sunday, but officials said over all the event was a great success with about \$22,000 raised for the Northwest Kansas Hospital Foundation.

The Slice of Life celebrity auction Saturday evening was held with a standing room only crowd and Brenda McCants said the items brought in about \$18,000 for the foundation.

"We were very pleased with the support from the community," McCants said, "everybody had a pleasant evening and it was the best auction we have had."

Several of the items were really sought after and volunteer auctioneer

Col. Maynard Bane kept things well in hand as the hottest items brought over \$1,000 each. Some of the hottest items were a football autographed by retired Bronco quarterback John Elway which went to Rick Billinger and a three night four day trip for two to Harbor Town Yacht Club, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, which went to Don McKenzie.

Each of the four Kansas City Chiefs cheerleaders and the three former Chiefs players were auctioned off as golf partners for Sunday's tournament. Former Chiefs quarterback Tony Adams told the audience he would guarantee that he would help his partners win their flight. True to his word Brenda McCants said Adams helped her and partners Lynda Townsend and

Darlene Scott win the mixed flight.

The trio of Larry McCants, Perry Warren and Gary Schlosser were the partners for cheerleader captain Jennifer Kleiboeker. Jim Livengood was the partner of cheerleaders Kim Reeves and Mandy Toomay. A last moment switch in cheerleaders had Serene Senkler come as the fourth ambassador who was the partner of Rich Wiggins.

Former Chiefs player Jerry Cornelison was the partner for Ramona Livengood, Peggy Hanke and Penny Livengood. Former Chiefs player David Lindstrom was the partner of Alan Townsend.

A framed and autographed photo of Tom Hanks in "Saving Private Ryan" went to Jessica Cole. A similar photo of Tom Cruise in "Top Gun" went to Gary Schlosser.

An aerobatic ride with pilot Ken Stout went to new Goodland Doctor Natalie Griego.

Carol Sanders and Don Newell were the top bidders for two coats from Mr. Jim's His Shop, and Perry Warren will be having a special dinner prepared by Chef Anthony Spomer.

Tournament Director Dale Schields said the tournament went well despite the cooler temperatures and that this was one of the best in the 10 years the event has been held. He thanked everyone who helps make the event possible and said the money will help Goodland Regional Medical Center with equipment as well as provide scholarships to bring more doctors to the community.

## County budget hearing Tuesday

Funding levels for county departments will be the subject of a public hearing at 10 a.m. tomorrow at the Sherman County Commissioner meeting.

The commissioners will be discussing and finalizing the county budget for next year which is estimated to be an increase of about 10 percent over this year. Most of the increase is to allow for the repayment of the road bonds and the bridge bonds for the replacement of the Caruso bridge.

The budget increase will result in an increase in property taxes of 4.7 mills which is just under 10 percent.

In other business the commissioners will discuss opening lines of communication with the Goodland Regional Medical Center board, and whether to have the county shop do oil changes on county vehicles or have a local business handle this.

They will consider emergency vehicle designations for Sherman County rural firemen Randy Rice and Quigg McCombs.

The next regular county commission meeting will be 8 a.m. Thursday, September 30, in the commissioner room on the first floor of the Sherman County Courthouse.



Rick Billinger was well pleased with the Bronco quarterback John Elway autographed football he was able to purchase at the celebrity auction at Sugar Hills Golf Club.