

weather  
report

66°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:47 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:34 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:46 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 43 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds light and variable
- Barometer 30.29 inches and steady

- Record High 96° (1937)
- Record Low 26° (1983)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 55°  
Low 40°  
Precipitation .09 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low 35 to 40, west winds 10 mph.

Wednesday: sunny, high near 75, light winds.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Friday: dry, lows 45 to 50, highs near 85.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.17 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.14  
Loan deficiency payment — .31¢  
Corn — \$1.61 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.59  
Loan deficiency pmt. — .40¢  
Milo — \$2.25 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$3.99 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.07  
Loan deficiency payment — .82¢  
Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$6.15 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.85  
Oil new crop — \$6.15 cwt.  
Confection current — ask  
Pinto beans — \$19 (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.

1,700 dead in  
Taiwan quake

TAIPEI, Taiwan — High-rise apartment buildings were knocked off foundations and roads buckled into waves of asphalt when a powerful earthquake struck Taiwan, killing more than 1,700 people and destroying hundreds of homes.

With a preliminary magnitude of 7.6, the quake was the strongest to hit Taiwan in a decade and was about the same strength as the devastating tremor that killed more than 15,000 people in Turkey last month.

The quake's epicenter was centered 90 miles south of Taipei, the U.S. Geological Survey's National Earthquake Information Center said. It struck about 1:45 a.m. today (11:45 a.m. Mountain Time Monday), while most of Taiwan's 22 million people were sleeping.

Dazed Taiwanese — many wearing only underwear or pajamas — stumbled into dark, chaotic streets, shaken awake by the quake.

Pool vote tabled;  
special meeting set

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City Commission narrowed the financing options for the new pool and water park to proposals two banks Monday, but members said they were confused about the details.

Final action was delayed to a special meeting set for 12:30 p.m. Friday.

City Manager Ron Pickman presented the three financing proposals, from Froggatte and Herndon Capital Corp. of Wichita, Bankwest and First National of Goodland.

The proposal from Froggatte was for 12 years at 5.04-5.06 percent interest for a cost of \$3,378,226. There was also an origination fee of \$60,000 to be added.

The Bankwest proposal was for 10 years at 5.6 percent interest. The payments would be \$275,000 per year, but in the 10th year there would also be a balloon payment of \$398,000. Total cost of the Bankwest proposal was \$3,148,945.

First National had proposed 12 years at 5.27 percent with annual payments of \$274,919. There was also a monthly payment option of \$22,986 for 140 months. The total cost would be \$3,242,040, and includes a 1 percent origination fee of \$24,000.

"I cannot tell which of these is truly the best deal," Commissioner Jim Mull said. "I think it ought to be more in writing as presented. I do not feel we are looking at comparable presentations."

"It looks like Froggatte has the best interest rate, but the cost of issuance at \$60,000 throws it out," said Commissioner Rick Billinger.

"Looks like the First National Bank is the best," said Commissioner Curtis Hurd.

"The presentations are not the same," Mull said. "I am not comfortable with this because of the amount of money we are talking about. We must make sure we are doing the right thing. It looks to me like Bankwest is lower, but I cannot tell from these presentations."

Pickman said Bankwest was asked to provide a 12 year proposal, but none had arrived before the meeting.

"Are we sure we are going to spend \$2.4 million," asked Commissioner Tom Rohr.

"I thought we had talked about this before and had agreed to a maximum of \$2.4 million for the water park and the ball park," Hurd replied.

"We have talked about a lot of figures," Billinger said.

"Must have been two different meetings," Hurd replied.

"It looks to me like it will cost us \$180,000 more if not done in 10 years," Mull said.

"The best I see is the monthly payment," Billinger said.

"I want to get this off dead center," Mull said. "I move to adopt the bid from Bankwest."

Mayor Chuck Lutters called for a second to the motion, but there was silence from the others, and the motion.

Billinger said he still felt the First National Bank proposal was better because of the monthly payment and the fact that the loan could be prepaid.

"It doesn't say it here," Mull said pointing to the proposal.

"I think we should go with the First National with the monthly payment," Hurd said, and then made it a motion.

When Lutters called for a second, there was a long pause before Mull said he would second the motion.

"I would just as soon table it," Billinger said. "I am not sure who is the lowest. What is the timing on this, could we have a special meeting to have the two banks make presentations?"

Before he had to leave for another meeting Mull agreed to a special meeting on Friday, and the consensus was to have presentations from Bankwest and First National.

"I think we should keep it local," Mayor Lutters said.

With the financing question on hold, the commission turned to the contract with Sullivan Palmer Architects for design services and contract administration on the water park.

Pickman said the contract calls for payments to the architect to be \$138,000 plus actual expenses. There is a provision for an additional 7 percent if the cost exceeds \$2.155 million.

Hurd made the motion to accept the contract contingent on the financing, and it was seconded by Rohr.

Billinger asked about the provision for the 7 percent, and if the same could be put in that the cost would be less if the project did not reach the \$2.155 million cost.

The motion to approve the contract failed on a 2-2 vote with Hurd and Lutters voting in favor and Billinger and Rohr voting against. Mull had left before the motion was made.

"What do we do now?" Billinger asked. "Can we ask for a change in the

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Reaching for the top



Workers at Max Jones Fieldhouse addition worked on the heating and duct work Tuesday. Steel workers should begin to put the roof panels on sometime this week.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News

City asked to curb U-turns, skateboards, bicycles

By Tom Betz

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Several visitors asked the Goodland City Commission last night to do something about alleged traffic problems on Main Avenue, including U-turns and skateboarders and bike riders on the sidewalks.

The Vocational School asked the city to bury a power line so its campus would look better, while other citizens complained again about a fertilizer mixing operation with anhydrous ammonia at Collingwood Grain on West 17th Street.

Saying he was from the "grumpy old men's coffee table," Wade Barnett told the commission the city needed to address "the careless driving situation" on Main.

"Are we going to wait until someone is hurt or killed?" he asked. "Some may argue U-turns in the business district are legal, but it is not nice and is dangerous. I would request you look into this. The Post Office is the worst spot. It is a crazy place to be during busy times."

"There are also too many bicycles on the sidewalks and the signs about skateboarding are not readable. I also think since we have a new police chief, we should have a policeman walk Main Street."

City Manager Ron Pickman said new signs barring skateboarding have been ordered and should arrive shortly. He said under the Standard Traffic Ordinance, U-turns are illegal within the business district, and the city is not required to post signs against u-turns.

"We have tried to get this under control," said Commissioner Jim Mull. "I have talked to the police chief and he



Collingwood Grain's fertilizer mixing operation was the subject of a complaint from Al Ryan at the Goodland City Commission last night. He was complaining about the steam cloud, which he said caused him to make a trip to the hospital last week.

Photo by Charlie Baker / The Goodland Daily News

said the officers are having trouble catching people making u-turns, but they are watching for this."

"I moved back here a few years ago and I have been appalled at what has happened to traffic in this town," said Al Ryan. "I have talked to you about this over the past two to three years. You haven't done anything. This behavior should be easy to stop, but it seems your police officers are looking the other way."

"I sat in those chairs (on the commission) for four years and know what

small town politics is all about. If you, but the situation is so bad, I drive down Main Street with white knuckles.

"I also think there should be a police presence downtown."

One councilman noted that there are two sides to the situation.

"I have more complaints about the police department being overzealous in giving out tickets," Mull said.

Another said he thought it would be good to post signs against U-turns.

"Even though the signs are not required, I feel it would be better to have

them downtown," said Commissioner Curtis Hurd.

Pickman said he would talk to the police chief about the situation and that the new signs would be installed as soon as possible.

Larry Keirns, president of Northwest Kansas Technical School, was the next visitor. He noted that the school had broken a record and had enrolled 602 students when it started its 36th year this fall.

"We are in the planning stage on the first building on the new acreage we

purchased to the south," Keirns said. "We are planning to build a student physical fitness facility of about 11,000 square feet.

"We would like to ask the city about moving the ugly power poles along 15th Street. We are asking to have the lines buried. We anticipate beginning construction in a couple of months, and want to see these lines moved to improve the view of our new campus."

Keirns said he had talked to Ed Wolak, city public works director, about the cost and Wolak estimated the cost to be \$28,000.

Wolak said the lines could not be moved, but could be put underground. He said \$9,000 would be for material and the rest for labor.

Keirns said the lines are a visual obstruction to all the buildings which are planned for future campus expansion to the south. He said the school has a waiting list and if the money was available through the state, there are several programs the school could start which would add 200 students to the campus.

"How soon do you need to know," was the question from Commissioner Rick Billinger. When Keirns said he would like to know as soon as possible, Billinger asked Wolak if the project could be worked in to the schedule.

Wolak said it would be put on the list, but said there are others that need to be done before November.

"I want to say how proud we are of you and your people," Mull told Keirns. "I agree the school is a very important part of our community, but I want to study this request a little and ask that we table this."

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