

weather
report

41°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:36 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:41 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:34 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 58 degrees

• Humidity 89 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds northwest at 12

• Barometer 30.39 inches

and rising

• Record High 97° (1953)

• Record Low 26° (1985)

Last 24 Hours*

High 53°

Low 43°

Precipitation .24 inch

month .42

year 19.44

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clearing, low near 30,
west winds 5 to 15 mph .

Wednesday: sunny, high near 60,
southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Friday: dry, lows
35 to 40, highs 75 to 80.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.31 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.17

Loan deficiency payment — .28¢

Corn — \$1.64 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.64

Loan deficiency pmt. — .35¢

Milo — \$2.30 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.05 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.01

Loan deficiency payment — .88¢

Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.20 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.44

Oil new crop — \$6.20 cwt.

Confection current — ask

Pinto beans — \$16 (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.

Senate eases
education cuts

WASHINGTON — Senate Republicans are easing House-approved cuts in President Clinton's plans for education and other social programs, but they still face clashes over many of the White House's priorities.

The Senate Appropriations Committee planned to vote today on a \$324 billion social spending bill for fiscal 2000, which begins Friday. The measure, approved Monday by a subcommittee, would outspend Clinton on education by \$500 million, but provide less for hiring teachers, after-school centers and some of his other favorite initiatives.

"There's a very tough line between what I think the president will sign and what I can sell" to congressional Republicans, the subcommittee chairman, Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said in an interview. "It is a devilishly difficult judgment play, but I think we're on the right track."

Two injured workers flown to Denver



Scott Gilmer (right), Sheriff Doug Whitson (second right), and Wayne Sparks (center), and other members of the Goodland volunteer fire department and the Emergency Medical Service, worked on one of two men

who were injured in a construction accident on Monday morning. The two men were transported to Goodland Regional Medical Center and then flown to Denver.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Two employees of Koss Construction Co., were flown to Denver Monday following an accident at the supply site near the east exit to I-70 where they were injured.

Arturo Marin, 29, Goodland, and Daniel Kudron, 62, Yukon, Okla., both employees of Koss Construction Co., were injured when a stack of highway reinforcing spacers apparently fell on them at the company's supply site about 9:30 a.m. yesterday.

As of this morning, Marin is in serious condition at Denver Health Medical Center with facial and chest injuries and Kudron is in critical condition with a pelvic fracture.

The Goodland fire department and ambulance were called to the scene, and both men were treated and placed on backboards.

Marin and Kudron were transported by ambulance to the Goodland Regional Medical Center where they were stabilized and then flown by Flight for Life to Denver where they were admitted around 11 a.m.

Koss officials said they could not comment on the accident until all the investigation has been completed. Information available at the scene indicated the accident occurred when the two men were loading the reinforcing spacers on the back of a flatbed trailer. The strap to hold the stack in place apparently didn't get hooked and allowed the metal to fall on the two men.



Emergency Medical Technicians, members of the Goodland Fire Department, and Sheriff's officers worked to prepare Daniel Kudron and Arturo Marin for transport to the Goodland

Regional Medical Center after a stack of metal fell on them.

Photo by Curtis Becker/The Goodland Daily News

School board abandons clinic purchase plans

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Plans to purchase and remodel the Medical Arts Clinic into a preschool and early childhood center were abandoned by the Goodland School Board last night because the total cost was nearly \$700,000.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said preliminary estimates from Horst, Terrill and Karst Architects of Topeka to remodel the clinic were \$479,470, and this did not include asbestos removal.

"I know we talked about purchasing the clinic building for \$200,000, and thought we could remodel it into a great early childhood center for about \$200,000," Selby said. With these new estimates I cannot recommend continuing this effort.

"It would have made a wonderful location and is a beautiful building, but we cannot afford \$500,000," Selby said.

Members of the board agreed it had looked like a good investment for the community and the school board, but the cost would be prohibitive at this

time. "It would not be good to purchase the building and then have it sit empty until we had enough money to do the remodeling," said Board member Jane Philbrick.

Board member Mike Campbell made a motion to end the effort to purchase the medical arts clinic. The motion passed 6-0 with Board member Gerald Franklin being absent.

"I regret the trouble this may have caused, but think it was worth looking into," Selby said.

Jim Wedermyer, representing Goodland Kiwanis, presented Board President Dick Short with a symbolic

"key to the park improvements" and said the club has completed the two shaded benches at the Topside Territory playground east of West Elementary School. The board thanked Wedermyer on behalf of the Kiwanis efforts and felt this was a nice improvement for the playground.

On a similar note Activity Director Dick Liess said he had recently had a number of people from the community come forth to donate items for the new gym, weight training room, Cowboy

stadium and the new building at the track.

He said First National Bank had agreed to sponsor the new scoreboards for the new gym and it would be the latest, wireless, state-of-the-art scoreboard.

A new scorer's table with a lighted front for the new gym is to be donated by Mueller Grain Co.

The William Berringer Memorial is donating a new weight training machine for the new weight room. This is a Hammer strength, ground based Jammer weight training machine.

The new girl's locker room will have an ice machine because of the sponsorship of the Black and Gold Booster Club. Liess said the new Ico-O-Matic machine has already arrived.

New optic yellow goal posts with 20-foot up-rights have been ordered for Cowboy stadium thanks to John Hendrich. Liess told the board that Hendrich felt this would be a good addition to the stadium, and that he insisted the new goal posts have the wind indicator streamers attached to each of the tops of the posts.

Next March Liess said a new public address system will be installed at the new track announcers booth with the assistance of Fixsen Electronics. The sound system is being donated by the Sherman County Alumni Association.

Board member Ben Duell made a motion to have the district accept the donations, and to thank each of the sponsors for their gift to the district.

Superintendent Selby handed out copies of the 1999-2000 budget forms which are used to determine the state funding for the coming school year. He then took the board and the audience through the various steps to determine what the school funding will be and show how the enrollment numbers affect the total.

Using a three year average, the enrollment for Goodland is 1160.7 Selby said. Using that as the basis he figured the low weighted enrollment factor for the district which adds 310 to the enrollment number.

Also there are additions for bilingual enrollment which is 1.2, and for vocational education which is 28.3. There

is an addition for at-risk students which is based on the number of students receiving free lunches.

"Receiving a free lunch is not our determination for what is an "at-risk" student, but it is the method used by the state to fund the program," Selby said.

The other number which is added to the equation is for transporting students to school. The Goodland School District is 914 square miles and is second or third largest in the state Selby said. With this formula the weighted number for transportation is 71.6.

All these added together give Goodland a weighted enrollment number of 1604.5 for the next year, and when multiplied by \$3,770 per student the state funding will be \$6,020,690. Selby said this is \$3,770 higher than the estimated budget, and is one student above what was expected. He said the numbers will probably change a bit when the state audits in February or March.

The board adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regular board meeting will be 7 p.m., Monday, Oct. 11, at the district office.