

weather report

65°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:02 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:03 a.m.
• Sunset, 6 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 51 degrees
• Humidity 23 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds north at 18 mph
• Barometer 30.23 inches and falling
• Record High 89° (1947)
• Record Low 22° (1982)

Last 24 Hours*

High 58°
Low 27°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low near 30, northwest winds 5 to 15 mph.
Thursday: mostly sunny, high near 75, northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: dry, low near 35, high near 70.
Saturday: dry low near 30, high near 65.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.08 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.09
Loan deficiency payment — 36¢
Corn — \$1.51 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.56
Loan deficiency pmt. — 43¢
Milo — \$2.19 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.12 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.05
Loan deficiency payment — 84¢
Millett — \$3.80 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.95 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.52
Oil new crop — \$5.95 cwt.
Confection current — \$9 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.

Budget talks moving ahead

WASHINGTON — As Clinton administration officials and congressional budget writers intensified efforts to resolve their budget fight, a White House spokesman said today that President Clinton remains committed to seeking a cigarette tax increase.

Republican congressional leaders emerged from a White House budget meeting Tuesday evening saying Clinton had agreed to abandon his effort to pay for extra spending for schools and other programs by raising taxes, including an increase in the federal cigarette tax.

But White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said, "The president recognizes the Republicans might not go for all 55 cents of the tobacco tax, but we still believe it is an important part of our health care agenda to reduce teen smoking, and we're going to see what we can do as far as getting what we can there."

County sells bonds, reviews restrooms

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

When the fax machine quit ringing shortly before 10 a.m., Sherman County had received four bids on the \$381,000 of road and bridge bonds it is selling.

Chapman Securities of Wichita was the low bidder, with an average annual interest rate of 4.54219 for four years. At that rate, the interest on the road and bridge bonds will cost \$45,127 over the next four years.

Midwest Capital of Kansas City, Mo., was a very close second with an average annual interest rate of 4.57486. The total interest cost under this proposal would have been \$45,451. Bids were also received from Commerce Bank and UMB Bank, both of Kansas City, Mo.

Commissioner Kenny Davis made the motion to approve Chapman as the low bidder, and the motion was seconded by Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld. Commission Chairman Gary Townsend joined to make the vote unanimous.

Following the approval, Dave Warren of Chapman said the county could have received a lower rate if the sale could have been done earlier. The need to wait through the taxpayer protest period delayed the process by 60 days. Warren said if the county would pass a charter resolution setting forth an annual bond sale for road projects, the petition period could be bypassed.

"Under the state law, the county can issue bonds for road improvements on an annual basis with the amount to be one-half percent of the assessed valuation up to a total of 2 percent," Warren said.

Warren said he would have the bond attorney draft a resolution for Sherman County which would allow future sales to be done without a petition period. There would be a petition period of 60 days when the county passed the resolution, he said.

Davis said it was worth looking into and suggested that Warren have a draft resolution sent to County Attorney Ronnie Selby for review.

Warren also said the county could possibly save some interest by combining its many lease programs into a master lease which could be at a lower rate. He said he was willing to put a proposal together for the commissioners to look at, and would gather the information from the county auditor in Larned.

Townsend said he thought it would be a good idea, and both Davis and Frankenfeld agreed to look at a master lease proposal.

Earlier, William McKnight, county building maintenance supervisor, told the commissioners there were still some problems with the new restrooms in the courthouse. He said there was no thermostat in the men's room and that it was extremely hot in there recently. He said the problem is complicated because there are windows in the women's restroom which could be opened, but there are none in the new men's room.

The commissioners asked if there had been a final walk through of the project and whether contractor Mike Miller had been contacted. Townsend said he would contact architect Blaine Davis to see what can be done to get this project completed.

While waiting for the bond bids to be tabulated, County Clerk Janet Rumpel took County Attorney Selby and members of the press through the restrooms to explain the problems. Selby said it might be possible for the county to take some legal action to correct the problems if an equitable solution cannot be reached.

Selby told the commissioners there is one week of publication remaining on the quiet title action on the Goodland Regional Medical Center property. Once the publication has been completed, it will be up to the court for the final degree.

She also said she was looking for a way to clean up the vehicles the county has confiscated over the past several years including several from a drug bust two years ago. She said if they can be cleaned up, she will do the paperwork to hold a sheriff's disposal sale. She suggested using people sentenced to community service to do the cleanup.

Townsend suggested she talk to Sheriff Doug Whitson about the possibility of having prisoners in the Bastille help with the vehicle cleanup.

Selby asked the commissioners about holding a planning session with the commissioners and department heads to review where things are and to give some direction for the future. The commissioners agreed that would be a good idea, and suggested the session be held Tuesday, Nov. 9, following the regular commission meeting.

The next regular county commission meeting will be 8 a.m., Friday, Oct. 29.

Kanorado has ambulance



Karen Hooker, director of the Northwest Kansas Emergency Medical Service, points out some of the features of the new ambulance in Kanorado.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Ambulance volunteers needed

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Kanorado-area residents can rest a little easier, knowing there is an ambulance nearby in case they need medical help.

Previously, in case of a wreck or heart attack, an ambulance had to be called from Goodland. Now the vehicle, purchased used from Thomas County and capable of carrying two patients, is stationed at the Kanorado firehouse. It arrived last Wednesday.

It is owned by Sherman County, operated by the Goodland Regional Medical Center, and managed by Karen Hooker, director of the Sherman Kansas Emergency Medical Services.

Kanorado has three people certified to respond to emergency calls. They are Hooker and Gary Winter, emergency medical technicians, and Jerry Webber, a first responder. By Kansas law, an ambulance needs to have two certified crew members in order to transport patients. To insure that ambulance service in Kanorado will continue, more certified volunteers are needed.

An emergency medical technician class will be starting at 6 p.m. Monday, Nov. 1, at the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Also, donations are being accepted to pay for equipment for the ambulance, such as an automatic external defibrillator and a cellular phone.

Elizabeth Dole pulls out of presidential race

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elizabeth Dole, who had hoped to make history as the nation's first female president, dropped out of the rapidly shrinking Republican presidential race today. She said a lack of money doomed her spirited candidacy.

"The bottom line is money," she said. "It would be futile to continue."

Her departure leaves front-runner George W. Bush, Arizona Sen. John McCain and conservative millionaire Steve Forbes in the top tier of the GOP field. She is the fifth GOP candidate to drop out this year.

Four other candidates are vying for conservative voters, including Pat Buchanan, who plans to bolt the GOP on Monday to seek the Reform Party nomination.

The first woman to mount a top-tier presidential campaign, Mrs. Dole's campaign attracted new voters — particularly young and professional women — to the Republican Party. She finished strong in an early political contest — Iowa's non-binding straw poll in August — and displayed a practiced polish on the campaign trail.

But the wife of 1996 GOP presidential nominee Bob Dole was unable to overcome the huge financial advantage of Bush, the Texas governor who raised more than ten times as much money in 1999. She also was unable to convert the raw enthusiasm of her rallies into improved poll ratings.

She is likely to be considered by the eventual nominee as a potential running mate, but Dole said today she has not given any thought to a vice presidential nod. She also said she had no plans yet to endorse a rival.

With her husband at her side — she gave him a peck on the cheek at one

point — Dole told supporters that her long career in public service is not over.

"To my friends, I say, 'Take heart. We will meet again and often,'" she said. "While I may not be a candidate for the

presidency in 2000, I'm a long way from twilight."

She said she wanted to help the GOP bring women into the party's fold.

McCain and Forbes stood to benefit

from a narrower field that would give them more room to attract attention. Bush advisers had hoped Dole would stay in the race to deflect attention and split up votes going against the front-

running, establishment candidate.

Bush called her a trailblazer who was an inspiration to women. "I'm proud to call her a friend," the Texas governor said.

I-70 section nearing completion



Workers from Koss Construction laid concrete on the eastbound lane of I-70 near the K-27 exit this morning. The big machines can put down about three quarters of a mile a day in good conditions.

Photo by Charlie Baker/The Goodland Daily News