

weather report

53°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:58 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:59 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 36 degrees
- Humidity 22 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds north 7 mph
- Barometer 29.94 inches and falling
- Record High 71° (1970)
- Record Low -07° (1957)

Last 24 Hours*

High 39°
Low 11°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy; low 10-15; winds northeast 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy; chance for snow; high 30-35; winds southeast 5-15 mph; low 10-20.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Friday. Wednesday and Thursday: chance for snow; high 20s; low 10-20. Friday: chance for snow; high 25-35; low 10-20.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.32 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.12
Loan deficiency payment — 33¢
Corn — \$1.80 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.85
Loan deficiency payment — 14¢
Milo — \$2.81 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.33 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.29
Loan deficiency payment — 60¢
Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.20 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$3.60
Confection current — \$13/\$8 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$13 (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.

\$1.4 million found missing

WICHITA—A title company is under federal investigation after the state found a \$1.4 million of customers' money missing, U.S. Attorney Jackie Williams said.

The FBI and the Justice Department are investigating South Kansas Title Corp., Williams said.

The shortfall was discovered after complaints about bounced checks and slow payments on mortgage closings and contract-for-deed accounts, said Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius.

In one case, a man sold property and paid about \$30,000 to South Kansas Title, the closing agent, but the money was not forwarded to the mortgage company, said Jim Nelson, a state investigator.

Customers of South Kansas Title apparently will not lose their money because the insurance underwriter will stand by its obligations.

Goodland youth is found dead in county bastille

An 18-year-old Goodland man was found dead in his cell of apparently "self-inflicted injury" at 2:30 a.m. Friday at the Sherman County Bastille.

The Kansas Bureau of Investigation is investigating, and Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson said a report is expected later this week. He did not release the cause of death.

Tirso E. Zuniga Jr. was being held pending hearings in Sherman County District Court. The sheriff did not say what the charges were, and had not returned phone calls about the case Monday.

Zuniga was taken to Goodland Regional Medical Center by Bateman Funeral Home for examination, and later taken back to the funeral home.

Whitson said there had not been a suicide at the Bastille since the early 1970s.

Zuniga was born July 6, 1981, in Lubbock, Texas, and his family moved to Goodland in 1998. He attended school here, and was unemployed at the time of his death.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday at Bateman Funeral Home. Burial will follow in the Goodland Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Emma Zuniga, Goodland; his father, Tirso Zuniga Sr., Salton, Texas; three brothers, Daniel, Andrew, and Johnny Zuniga, and a sister, Josie Hernandez, all of Goodland; and a grandmother, Antonia Maldonado, Salton.

Budget cuts going to Graves for OK

TOPEKA (AP)—Republican legislators are ready to send a bill that trims spending from the current state budget to Gov. Bill Graves.

Both houses scheduled final action on a bill that would cut state general fund spending by \$65.2 million, or about 1.5 percent, from the amount approved last year for the state's 2000 budget year, which ends June 30. The general fund is the largest source of money for Kansas government programs and where the state deposits most of its tax revenues.

The House planned to vote first. A joint conference committee of three senators and three House members drafted the final version of the bill after reconciling differences between the two chambers.

Democrats have complained repeatedly that Republicans are moving too hastily in approving dozens of changes in the budget. They contend GOP legislators don't even know exactly what's in the bill or how many of its provisions will affect programs and the Kansans they serve.

But with Republicans united, Democrats never expected to prevent the bill from passing. The GOP has majorities of 27-13 in the Senate and 77-48 in the House.

Graves and Republican leaders have said repeatedly that the Legislature must act quickly to resolve issues with the 2000 budget in order to begin work on the budget for the state's 2001 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

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The final version of the bill contained most of Graves' proposals for changes in the budget. The governor's proposed general fund cuts totaled \$67.4 million.

Legislators made two significant changes.

They rejected Graves' proposal to cut the current budgets of public elementary, junior high and high schools by \$13 per student, a decision that prevented a reduction of about \$8 million in the Department of Education's budget.

However, legislators were eager to strip out \$1.5 million out of the budget of the secretary of state's office.

Graves had proposed adding the money to pay for the April 4 presidential primary. Legislators want to cancel the election, and the governor has said he will give in to their wishes.

A Cowboy up in the air



Cowboy Luke Stone put up an underhand shot against the Colby Eagles Friday during the second round of the Orange and Black Classic at Colby. The Eagles won the game 61-42. Story on Page 8.

Photo by Chris Crutcher / The Goodland Daily News

Candidates focus on last minutes

DES MOINES, Iowa (AP)—After a final flurry, Republican and Democratic presidential candidates shifted attention to phone banks, car pools and the more mundane business of delivering backers to tonight's leadoff nominating caucuses.

Polls suggested there wasn't much suspense about the outcome, with Democrat Al Gore and Republican George W. Bush well in front, but the front-runners publicly fretted about

complacency.

Some of their rivals were shifting attention to the nation's first primary in New Hampshire and other tests beyond. Republican Steve Forbes declared today he would "feel good about a good, strong second" in Iowa because "here you get that boost for New Hampshire."

At a caucus workshop Sunday, Vice President Gore told supporters, "All of the cheering and clapping and slogans

and speeches will amount to nothing compared with what you do. One of the things I love about the Iowa caucus is that it measures depth of commitment."

Gore warned against "the slightest hint of complacency" that his lead in the polls could bring.

Texas Gov. Bush said, "I'm concerned about the polls. I'm concerned that people will say 'George W. has got

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Society editor promoted to full-time position at Goodland Daily News

Janet Craft has been promoted to full-time reporter and society editor at *The Goodland Daily News*, with responsibility for a wide range of news around the Goodland area.

"The job has kept me busy and has really given me a chance to meet a lot of different people," she said. "Since I'm not a very outgoing person, it has challenged me in a lot of ways."

Craft joined the staff as society editor in March. Before coming to the paper, she was a homemaker and had worked in admissions and insurance processing at Goodland Regional Medical Center.

She has lived in this area since June 1977. She has three children, Lisa, Michael and Kathryn.

She was born in Abilene and raised in Salina, graduating from Salina Central High School in 1973. She graduated from the Academy of Hair Design in 1974 and worked in Salina for two years. She then moved to Hays, where she worked for almost a year before coming to Goodland.

"Janet has added a new dimension to our coverage," said Steve Haynes,



Janet Craft . . . gets new job

president of The Daily News. "We are glad to have her and proud to promote her to this new position."



Finishing up final details

Rhoads Construction workers were doing some finishing work on the new gym addition at Max Jones Fieldhouse this morning. Lester Gates, employee, drilled holes to install accessories in one of the bathrooms, while Curt Baldwin, part owner of the construction company, installed hardware on the fire doors.

Photos by Janet Craft
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