

weather
report

66°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 5:07 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:52 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:08 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 31 degrees

• Humidity 15 percent

• Sky Mostly sunny

• Winds Northwest 20 mph, gusting

to 25 mph

• Barometer 30.10 inches

and falling

• Record High 72° (1934)

• Record Low -13° (1989)

Last 24 Hours*

High 50°

Low 8°

Precipitation —

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear; low mid 20s;

winds Northwest 10-20 mph. Tomorrow:

Partly sunny; high mid 50s;

winds North 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday.

Friday and Saturday: Dry, highs

45-50; low Friday 20-25, Saturday

15-20. Sunday: Chance of snow,

high 40, low 10-15.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.22 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.05

Loan deficiency payment — 40¢

Corn — \$1.75 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.85

Loan deficiency payment — 14¢

Milo — \$2.69 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.28 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.33

Loan deficiency payment — 56¢

Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.10 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.61

Confection current — \$13/\$8 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$12 (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.

Searchers stop
efforts at sea

PORT HUENEME, Calif. —

Authorities today abandoned the

search for survivors of a downed

Alaska Airlines jetliner as inves-

tigators sought clues from taped

talks between a Seattle mainte-

nance crew and pilots struggling to

keep control of the plane.

“We have far exceeded our esti-

mate of survivability,” Coast

Guard Adm. Thomas Collins said.

Authorities hoped to glean clues

to the cause from tape of a conver-

State board defends its role at hearing

By David Miles

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — State Board of Education member Scott Hill urged legislators to turn down proposals to change or eliminate the board and instead focus on issues that have a more direct impact on schools.

“I would challenge you to work on specific areas that will improve educational opportunity and not just be focused on, as it were, moving the deck chairs around on the Titanic,” Hill, of Abilene, told the House Education Committee on Tuesday.

Hill, the board’s legislative liaison, noted that on three occasions, voters have rejected proposals to change the makeup of the board.

Some legislators renewed efforts to alter the board after its vote in August to approve science testing standards that de-emphasize the teaching of evolution in public schools.

“I don’t have the arrogance to stand in front of you and say that we have the best educational governance in the country, but I can stand in front of you and say that we have the structure that the voters in the state of Kansas have supported,” Hill said.

The Education Committee is holding hearings on four resolutions to change the board. The most recent proposal, which the committee introduced Tuesday, is a resolution to abolish the board and replace it with an education secretary appointed

by the governor.

All of the resolutions would amend the state’s constitution, which requires a two-thirds majority vote in the House and Senate, as well as approval by a simple majority of the public.

Hearings are scheduled to continue Wednesday, and Chairman Ralph Tanner said he hopes to take action on the proposals by the end of the week.

Kansas is one of 17 states where voters elect at least some members of education boards.

Tanner, R-Baldwin City, assured Hill that the committee’s consideration of the proposals is not in response to the board’s decision on evolution. “It was not precipitated by any science stan-

dards, as far as I’m concerned,” he said.

Rep. Troy Findley, D-Lawrence, said his resolution to add an eleventh member to the board would end the “continuous 5-5 deadlocks that the State Board of Education was finding itself in.”

Linda Holloway, the board’s vice chairwoman, said after the hearing that such gridlock is a thing of the past. Holloway, of Shawnee, said there have been few 5-5 votes in the last year.

The proposed constitutional amendments on education are HCRs 5003, 5008 and 5029. The fourth proposal has not had a number assigned yet. Bills are available on the Internet at <http://www.ink.org/public/legislative/fulltext.cgi>.

Cable firm will restore Denver 9

Responding to an outpouring of complaints from customers, Eagle Communications says it will be returning Denver’s Channel 9 (KUSA) to the Goodland cable system and keeping Channel 2 (KWGN) by switching it to another slot.

Office Operation Manager Lila Krainbill of Russell said the change-over will take 30-60 days, and that KUSA will return to channel 33 while KWGN will move to channel 53.

Krainbill said that the change was based on responses from cable customers, and that negotiations with KUSA were begun after a survey of customers last week.

“We reached an agreement with KUSA, and will be putting the channel back on the air in 30-60 days,” she said. “We listened to our customers and appreciate hearing from them.”

Eagle dropped KUSA in the fall in a dispute over the station’s rebroadcast fee, which the firm thought was too high. The change took effect Dec. 27.

Eagle said it decided to pick up KWGN because the Warner Brothers programming that cable customers liked was available on that station after Chicago’s WGN, owned by the same company, had dropped the WB programming in September.

In December, Eagle also announced a rate increase for the Goodland system which raised the basic rate to \$33.60 per month.

Begone, old pavement



County crews were busy ripping the old oil surface off the Nemechek Road northeast of Goodland on Tuesday after commissioners voted on Monday to return the road to gravel. Neighbors had pleaded with

the county to keep the pavement, but commissioners kept with their policy of eliminating hard-surfaced roads because of maintenance expense.

— Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Pioneer Friends honor oldest of old timers

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Among the old-timers honored at the Pioneer Friends’ annual meeting Saturday, three siblings who grew up in southwest Sherman County

Children of Anna (Kolacny) and Percival Murray, they grew up on a farm 18 miles southwest of Goodland. Carl Murray, Helen Emig and Vida Young grew up in a world of dirt roads, country schools, outhouses and kerosene lamps. They’ve lived here ever since.

“It’s the best place in Kansas,” Emig said.

In all, 31 senior citizens were recognized at the meeting at the Goodland Public Library, with the group singling out five men and five women who had lived the longest continuously in the county.

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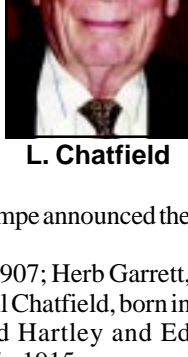
Bush admitted he was taken by surprise, too.

“I think everybody was,” he said on his flight to South Carolina, where he debuted a new, more conservative speech tailored for the state’s voters.

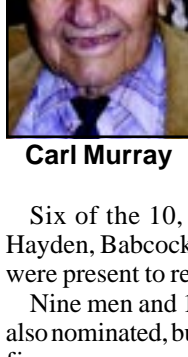
Vice President Al Gore, who edged Bill Bradley to win the Democratic pri-



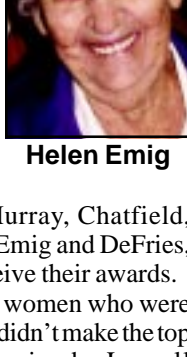
Ed Hayden



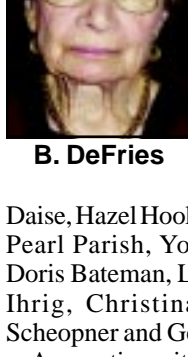
L. Chatfield



Carl Murray



Helen Emig



B. DeFries



Eula Babcock

President Ron Rempe announced the names:

Murray, born in 1907; Herb Garrett, born in 1910; Lowell Chatfield, born in 1914; and Willard Hartley and Ed Hayden, both born in 1915.

Ethel Straughn, born in 1902; Eula Babcock and Emig, both born in 1907; Lola Hurd, born in 1908; and Bernice DeFries, born in 1910.

Six of the 10, Murray, Chatfield, Hayden, Babcock, Emig and DeFries, were present to receive their awards.

Nine men and 12 women who were also nominated, but didn’t make the top five, were recognized: Lowell Connolly, George McClelland, Carrol Mogge, Clarence Scheopner, Milton Parish, Ira Holton, L.E. “Bud” Owens, Nelson Woolverton, Rex Orchard, Vera

Daise, Hazel Hook, Margaret Bauman, Pearl Parish, Young, Inez Bennett, Doris Bateman, Louise Fixsen, Grace Ihrig, Christina Schiefen, Clara Scheopner and Genevieve Matthews.

A reception with cookies, punch and coffee was held afterwards, accompanied by picture taking and much reminiscing.

Emig said she and her late husband,

Fred “Fritz” Emig, were both born in the county. After they were married, he worked as a farm laborer until the couple was able to save enough money to buy their own land. They never moved away.

Murray, and his late wife, Florence, moved to the place where he still lives in 1935 and bought it in 1944.

“I knew what it would do, what it would produce,” he said. “Even in the Dust Bowl days, I knew it would come back.”

Emig and Murray talked about those days and how the dirt piles were three or four foot high, like snow drifts. They also recalled how \$5 would pay for their gas to town, admission to a “picture show” and groceries.

“Sherman County is the best place,” said Murray. “If I had it to do over, I don’t think I would live anyplace else.”

Candidates shift focus to south after New Hampshire vote

By Walter R. Mears

AP Special Correspondent

Sen. John McCain took his battle for the Republican presidential nomination to South Carolina today, telling supporters he was “still high” from his startling landslide over George W. Bush in New Hampshire.

“I know it’s going to get more intense now,” McCain said on NBC’s “Today.” “We’ve interfered with the coronation.”

Republicans recruited enough votes from within their ranks to pass the amendment with plans to sidetrack it later. The amendment passed, leaving nothing for Gore to do. The amendment would require people found to have violated laws protecting abortion clinics to pay their fines or judgments, even if they are bankrupt.

Gore claimed to have dealt “a devastating blow” to his challenger in New Hampshire. Bradley today called their close finish “a real victory for a new

kind of politics” and declared himself primed for the national battle.

“The warmups are over, the national campaign has begun,” Bradley said as he campaigned in Hartford, Conn., en route to New York, a key state. He stopped to encourage striking workers at a nursing home, picking up a megaphone and telling them, “I’m with you all the way.”

The struggle for the next round of delegates began Tuesday night even before all of New Hampshire’s votes had been counted, as candidates deployed south and west for the primaries ahead.

At a morning rally in Spartanburg, S.C., McCain told supporters, “We’re still high from that incredible victory last night.” He said he got calls from

“old friends whom I haven’t heard from in a while.”

Bush’s first stop in South Carolina was Bob Jones University, controversial for its ban on interracial dating, where he took a noticeably more conservative tone. He promised to restore “the highest standards of honor to the highest office in the land” and “set a new tone” for America.

Exit polls suggested Bush’s efforts to present himself as the most electable Republican didn’t help in New Hampshire. Asked who was more likely to beat a Democrat this fall, voters were divided between McCain and Bush.

Exit polls also found that McCain won not only among New Hampshire’s many independents but also among registered Republicans. His military

experience and call for campaign finance reform resonated. Sixty-three percent of Republican voters said McCain says what he really believes, not just what people want to hear. Just 31 percent said the same of Bush.

Democrats get a five-week pause in primary voting, but not in campaigning. Gore heads for crucial California later today; Bradley is due Thursday. California is the biggest of the 14 state prizes at stake in the Super Bowl of the primary campaign March 7. Both also were campaigning in New York, which votes the same day, on their way west.

On the Republican side, Delaware is next on Feb. 8. Bush is campaigning there, although briefly. McCain is not. Steve Forbes, a fading third in New Hampshire, is competing in Delaware.