

weather
report

67°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 5:43 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 6:11 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:44 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 45 degrees
- Humidity 21 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds southwest 20-26 mph
- Barometer 29.80 inches and falling
- Record High 82° (1972)
- Record Low -13° (1948)

Last 24 Hours*

High 71°
Low 27°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy; low 35-40; winds south 15-25 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy; chance of thunderstorms; high mid 60s; winds south 15-25 mph; low 35-40.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Friday. Wednesday: chance of rain or snow; high 50-55; low 25-30. Thursday: dry; high mid 50s; low 25-30. Friday: dry; high 50-55; low 25-30.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.15 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.04
Loan deficiency payment — 41¢
Corn — \$1.79 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.88
Loan deficiency payment — 11¢
Milo — \$2.71 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.42 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.37
Loan deficiency payment — 52¢
Millet — \$3.70 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.00 cwt.
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$4.04
Confection current — \$13/\$7 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.

Three officers
found guilty

NEW YORK (AP) — Three white officers were convicted today of conspiring to cover up an officer's role in the precinct house torture of Haitian immigrant Abner Louima.

A federal court jury reached its verdict on the fourth day of deliberations in the second trial stemming from the 1997 incident that horrified an already race-conscious city. The case went to the jury less than a week after four other white officers were acquitted in another racially charged case: the February 1999 shooting death of African immigrant Amadou Diallo.

Former officer Charles Schwarz, 34, and officers Thomas Wiese, 37, and Thomas Bruder, 34, were found guilty of conspiracy to obstruct justice because they had claimed that Schwarz was not present during the attack on Louima. They could be sentenced to five years in prison.

Great Lakes cuts weekend, daily service

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

While business and political leaders were busy trying to save Essential Air Service flights to Goodland, Great Lakes Aviation quietly cut back from three flights daily to two flights to Denver, five days a week.

Service to Salina disappeared in the unannounced cuts last week, as did weekend service to Denver and midday flights.

"I found out late Friday afternoon because people were calling and saying they couldn't get tickets to fly to Salina," said Ron Harding, executive director of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, who has been working to save the service. "I couldn't get any answer from Great Lakes, but went out to the airport and looked at their schedule.

"They cut our weekend service completely and we are now down to two trips a day going to Denver only."

The middle-of-the night cutback came sooner than the airline has announced, Harding said, and it already has cut into the carrier's business here.

"We have a call into Congressman Jerry Moran's office because the order for the termination of service wasn't supposed to happen until April 1, and now they have already cut service," he said. "We understand Great Lakes begun flying the Salina-to-Hays-to-Denver route which was part of the Department of Transportation order.

"There was no indication from Great Lakes at the meeting in Dodge City Monday that there would be any change in service before the order was to go into effect. This has already affected the boardings, and is another example of how Great Lakes had added confusion to the process because people don't know when changes are being made. It is very tough to keep up the effort to use the air service when there is no notification from the airline."

The change in service cuts the number of flights into Goodland to 10 per week, which is below the 12 originally established as a minimum under the Essential Air Service program, Harding said, and well below the 18 authorized by the Department of Transportation in their original contract to Great Lakes. A quick check this morning reveals that there has not been any change in the air service at Lamar, Colo., another point the firm wants to drop, and the Great Lakes people at the Lamar airport did not know of any upcoming changes.

Harding said he had been told that the Great Bend flights were being serviced through either Dodge City or Garden City, but he had not been able to confirm this change.

"We need the Sunday service for

those who are needing to be somewhere on Monday morning," Harding said. "I understand that Congressman Moran was to meet directly with the Secretary of Transportation last week, but don't know the outcome of that meeting.

"All of the legislators have been receiving letters on this issue, and they are being forwarded to the Department of Transportation. The congressional

staffs said the letters were helpful for them because they are hearing from the people of the area, and not just from Goodland."

Sen. Sam Brownback issued a statement Friday afternoon asking that the Department of Transportation to take a careful look at their decision to cut air service to Goodland and Great Bend.

"I am very concerned the Depart-

ment of Transportation has tentatively decided to terminate the subsidy for Essential Air Service for Goodland and Great Bend," Brownback's statement said. "Essential Air Service is exactly that — essential. Air service in rural areas provides vital links to family, business and medical care.

"I have contacted officials at the Department of Transportation to re-

quest that they carefully review the objections filed by Goodland and Great Bend. I have asked the department officials to give every possible consideration to the factual evidence presented by our communities, and encouraged them to consider other factors before a final determination is made. It is critically important that these vital links be maintained."

Rolling into the springtime sun, fun



Two sets of sisters rollerbladed on the tennis court Friday afternoon at Chambers Park. Shannon Johnson (top left) and Sarah Albers (top right) held a sweater between them as Sandy Johnson and Amanda Albers went under it. Sandy and Sarah (right) followed each around the court.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



Super Tuesday is showdown time for Bradley, McCain campaigns

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — A feisty John McCain labeled Republican rival George W. Bush "so Clinton-esque it's scary," while a subdued Bill Bradley said he must "win a couple of states" as both underdogs looked to revive their presidential campaigns in a Super Tuesday showdown.

In the more competitive race of the two, both Bush and McCain were making a final push today in California, where 162 delegates to the GOP nominating convention were the biggest prize of the day. Bush had the inside track on those delegates, but McCain hoped for a symbolic victory in the nonbinding popular vote.

"There has not been a primary yet that has met expectations. It's just too volatile," McCain said this morning at a rally in Santa Clara, claiming the momentum.

At a San Diego park, Bush, fighting off a cold, sounded hoarse at times but still projected the confidence of a front-runner. Bush said he wasn't worried that the primary battle would leave the GOP fractured, and even gave McCain "a lot of credit for bringing people to the party." The competition has made him a better candidate, Bush said, and should satisfy anyone who wondered "about my inner strength" and "whether I can battle back."

Bradley aides were quietly making plans for an exit if Vice President Al Gore does as well as polls suggest in Tuesday's voting for the Democratic nomination.

"I don't think there's any magic number, but I do think we have to win a couple of states," Bradley said today on CBS' "Early Show," holding out hope for Connecticut, Rhode Island, Maine, Maryland or Missouri.

Both Gore and Bradley were devoting the day to New York. Gore courted New York's Jewish activists this morning, saying in a Gore administration, the United States would be "a good and helpful and loyal friend to Israel."

Bradley greeted commuters — some cordial, some grumbling about the obstacle to their morning rush — at the Staten Island Ferry terminal in Manhattan at 7:30 a.m. "Rest is for another day," he said.

McCain told reporters that Bush "handed us back the reform issue" thanks to a \$2.5 million series of attack ads he says are financed by Bush's forces.

"It's so Clinton-esque it's scary — raise the soft money, run the attack ads," McCain said of the ads on Sunday. "They're getting more and more like the Clinton campaign. They'll say anything."

Bush complained today that the ads were "what much of the press corps wants to talk about," even though he had "nothing to do with" them.

Bush was appearing on Jay Leno's "The Tonight Show" before heading home to Texas to await election results. McCain planned to watch the returns in

Los Angeles.

After weeks of bashing Gore, Bradley has toned down his assaults in recent days as the Super Tuesday campaign was wrapping up. Today, Bradley said he would support Gore if he's the nominee and has no interest in the vice presidency. Bradley said he still thinks that Gore's role in the 1996 fund-raising scandals "could risk the whole Democratic agenda" in the fall.

Polling showed no openings for Bradley to dent the front-running Gore and talk was turning to the potential of the former New Jersey senator leaving the race after Tuesday.

There was evidence that both Bush and Gore had reason for confidence.

In what amounts to the first national primary, Republicans in 13 states cast ballots with 613 delegates at stake, while Democrats in 15 states pick 1,315 delegates — both representing more than half the number needed for nomination.

"I think it is going to be very, very decisive," McCain said as his campaign plane headed for California. He has said he would support Bush if the Texas governor is nominated, but made it clear he would expect Bush to run an "entirely different" campaign than the bitter primary battle.

"You can't win a general election with the type of campaign he's run," said McCain.

Among the keys to Tuesday's voting are New York, Ohio and California.

Group seeks to buy Medical Arts Clinic

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

In an unexpected item at Tuesday's Sherman County commissioners' meeting, the commissioners approved the sale of the old Medical Arts Clinic by the hospital board.

Goodland Regional Medical Center Administrator Jim Chaddic asked commissioners for their approval. He told them that the hospital board had received an offer from WWB, LLC, to buy the building.

The corporation is a group of local investors who plan to remodel the building and rent it out, said Chaddic.

Darwin McClung, a member of the corporation, said the goal of the members was to buy real estate and then rent it out to businesses.

McClung said the corporation has a written commitment from Kennedy and Coe, an accounting firm, to lease the building after it is remodeled.

The commissioners agreed that the money from the sale should go to the hospital.

The commission will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday, and plans to finalize the agreement with the city for the exchange of properties.

An item to be discussed is the handicapped accessible restroom project at the courthouse, which is being done by contractor Mike Miller. The commissioners will also discuss a bill from Miller for the fire alarm system at the courthouse.

The commission will discuss how to handle the charge for utilities when the Sherman County Racing Association uses the fairgrounds. In the past, the association paid for the utilities after they had used the facilities. Commissioners decided to include the cost of utilities with the charge for rent. One idea was to average the cost for a year going by past utility records and then add that average to the rent.

Bids for mowing the ditches along county roads for this year will also be reviewed.

Road and Bridge Director Curt Way will present the commissioners with a contract from Penco Engineering on bridge inspections for them to sign.