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weather report

83°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:22 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:10 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:23 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 56 degrees

• Humidity 12 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds northwest 12-20 mph

• Barometer 29.68 inches

and steady

• Record High 86° (1936)

• Record Low 15° (1928)

Last 24 Hours*

High 83°

Low 44°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 30 percent chance of rain, low 40-45, wind north 5-25 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, 40 percent chance of rain, high 50, low 30, wind 20-30 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: dry, high 60, low 40s.

Monday: dry, high 80s, low 40s.

Tuesday: dry, high 80s, low 40.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.18 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.07

Loan deficiency payment — 38¢

Corn — \$1.76 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.96

Loan deficiency payment — 03¢

Milo — \$2.66 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.58 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.63

Loan deficiency payment — 26¢

Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.20 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.61

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.

Battle of wits for D.C. police

WASHINGTON — Washington police are waging a battle of wits with protesters who promise to disrupt meetings of world finance ministers Sunday and Monday.

Symbols of the psychological battle were laid out on a Washington street corner Thursday when Police Chief Charles Ramsey plunked down on the sidewalk metal and plastic tubes, chains and chicken wire.

Some 300 tubes and other equipment were seized from two protester vehicles Wednesday night after they were driven from the Maryland suburbs to the District of Columbia. Ramsey readily admitted that his officers knew from intelligence operations that the devices were coming.

From the protester side, the tubes represent a new way to keep police from easily breaking human chain blockades.

Good Sam plans addition

By Janet Craft

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Expansion at the Good Samaritan Center and a discussion of what should be done about a wall at the courthouse were other items on the agenda at Tuesday's Sherman County commissioners' meeting.

Paul Rainbolt, administrator of the Good Samaritan Center in Goodland, met with the commissioners to discuss plans for expansion at the center.

Rainbolt said when he took the job a year ago there was a need for additional skilled nursing facility beds. The nursing home has been trying to figure out how to expand, but a high voltage line that runs close to the property has presented a problem.

Commissioner Gary Townsend said he spoke with Jerry Nemechek, city building inspector, who told him that as long as you leave a 50-foot easement, so the city can get their truck under it, it would be all right.

Frankenfeld suggested putting the power line underground, but Townsend said that could be costly.

Rainbolt said he thinks the assisted living facility will take up some of the slack for needed beds. He has a long waiting list, but some of the names on it are people who may not need it until the future. Rainbolt said he goes through the list every six months to update it.

The plan at this point is to add a 24-bed Alzheimers' wing, as many of their patients have dementia or Alzheimers. They would then convert the rooms for those patients back to regular skilled nursing rooms.

The plan would also add a new therapy room, laundry room, and receiving area. The present dining room would be expanded towards the north. Rainbolt said they would also like to put a small basement under the laundry room because it is crowded right now. An architect was to visit with Rainbolt on Thursday.

The expansion project would cost

about \$2 million, before adding equipment, Rainbolt said, but that would put the facility up to 80 beds.

"How's the home monitoring going?" asked Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld.

Rainbolt said he had hit a couple of snags. The nursing home needs to have a home health license, so he is visiting with the home health agencies in Goodland to see if he can work something out. Also they would need about 25-30 people using the service to make it cash flow. Right now, they only have eight people who are interested.

Rainbolt informed the commissioners that the Good Samaritan Center organization has hired an administrator for the St. Francis facility, so he will be in Goodland full-time starting June 1.

The commissioners also discussed the wall built over a heat register in the time clock room at the courthouse.

Commissioner Kenny Davis said he didn't think the wall should be there and that it wasn't there in the original plan.

Frankenfeld said he thought that before they discussed this they needed to talk with Blaine Davis, architect with Architecture Plus, and see who's going to pay for the work. He didn't think that the county should stand the cost.

Davis was concerned about the county's insurance rates going up if the insurance company saw the wall. He said when the building inspector looked at the wall recently, he didn't find a law against it. Davis asked if they should try to get Blaine back on Tuesday, but no decision was made.

Sherryl Ketter from the Sherman County Health Department came in to have a contract with Colby Community College signed. The contract stated that the college would supplement the salaries of the department's employees who teach cardiopulmonary resuscitation classes to daycare providers in Goodland. Commissioner Davis signed the contract.

Historic house replica being displayed



Ken Yoke of Goodland built a miniature model of the Goodland home owned by Edith Handy, at the corner of 13th and Center. Mike Elliott helped Yoke (above) put the replica on display in a window of Elliott's Furniture on Main. The house will be displayed at the High Plains Museum in May. Yoke built the house from scratch, using scrap wood and materials. The only thing he purchased were sheets of brick for the chimney and foundation, which cost \$40. Yoke said he has built miniature houses before this one, but wanted to build an historical one this time. It took him about two months to build the house and two weeks just to put the shingles in place, which he cut and glued on individually. The home was built in 1907, and was estimated to cost \$5,000 when finished for Mrs. Ennis. Yoke used photographs to figure out the design for his free-hand model as he wanted it to be as close to the original as possible.

Photo by Janet Craft / The Goodland Daily News



Teachers, school board agree on first issue

By Tom Betz

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Teachers from the National Education Association of Goodland and the Goodland School Board found quick agreement on one item during the first negotiation session Thursday afternoon at the district offices.

The agreement came on the teachers' request to add the Scholars Bowl to the list of extra-duty pay activities at both the high school and junior high level. Mary Porterfield, leader of the NEA-Goodland team, who teaches Spanish, explained that the scholars bowl had not been listed, and that it was suggested that since several teachers help with these as extra-duty they should be paid the same as those who helped with other events such as football, basketball, wrestling, volleyball and track.

Kathy Russell, school board member and leader of the board's negotiating team, said they would agree this event

should be added to the extra-duty pay list at both the high school and junior high level.

With the tentative agreement on that point the two sides have one less issue to discuss at the next session to be held at 5 p.m., on Wednesday, April 19.

Both sides presented proposals on the other listed issues with Porterfield explaining the items on the NEA-Goodland list, and Russell explaining the school board proposals.

Another area where there appears to be some common ground is in the Supplemental Contract issue. Porterfield said the teachers wanted to add three positions to the list — Peer Counselor with a rate of three percent of the base pay, and elementary yearbook and elementary student council. She said there would be more information presented on the elementary positions at the next session, and additional explanation about adding the peer

counselor.

Superintendent Marvin Selby did not specifically agree with any of the listed proposals, but said the school board would be adding several positions to the supplemental contract list as well. He said additions need to be made for the girls softball coach and assistant for next year, and the board also wants to add an assistant debate and forensics assistant position.

Selby said there would also be additions made for the 2001 year for the new girls' golf coaches, and those would be paid at the same level as the boys coaches. Currently the golf head coach is paid eight percent of base pay, and five percent for the assistant coach. The separate girls golf program and tennis programs are to begin in the fall of 2001, and the supplemental contract list already has a listing for a girls' tennis head coach and assistant coach.

Both sides are expected to present

these in a more formal manner at the next session.

Porterfield said the teachers did not have a salary proposal at this time, but did ask some questions about the direction the district is looking to go in the future. She also suggested that there may be some ways to change the salary schedule to improve the wages for the beginning teachers and to reward those who have long term service to the district.

She also said the teachers were looking for a way to allow the teacher's to use their professional development points to move up on the salary schedule. This is an issue that was discussed at length last year, but no agreement was reached. Porterfield said the teachers felt the current system was inequitable, and that they were looking for a way to address the issue that would be acceptable to the school board.

On the issue of the teacher duty days,

Porterfield presented a proposal to have the agreement list how the school days would be used during the year. Her example showed 171 student contact days; 8 scheduled in service days; one technology day; two scheduled parent-teacher conferences; 3.5 scheduled workdays; 2 workdays at the teacher's discretion (provided the teacher notifies the principal; and a half-day of vacation at Thanksgiving.

Russell said the listing was not like what currently listed in the contract, which says there will be five days created by the change in the schedule and that of the extra five days three would be in service and two would be teacher work days.

Porterfield said there were already five in service days in the calendar before the change in schedule about three years ago, and that the proposal was not

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Caruso bridge reopens on old Hwy 24



A car whizzed past the newly completed guardrails at the new Caruso bridge which were completed Wednesday evening, and allowed the reopening Thursday of through traffic on old Hwy 24 west of Goodland. The project was completed about a week earlier than expected.

Photo by Debra Turner / The Goodland Daily News

Elian's saga continues as emotions stay high

MIAMI (AP) — The government asked a federal appeals court today to order Elian Gonzalez's Miami relatives to return the boy to his father, who agreed to stay in this country until an appeals court rules on the case. The relatives, turning to another court for help, invoked the U.N. human-rights charter in asking that Elian stay.

A day after daring the government to take him by force, Elian's Miami relatives vowed today to keep waiting until federal agents come to them.

The government filed a brief this morning with that court, the 11th U.S. Circuit of Appeals in Atlanta, which had issued the temporary injunction at the relatives' request. The government said the boy's great-uncle Lazaro Gonzalez, who has temporary custody, came to the court with "unclean hands"

and in violation of an order to surrender the boy. Justice Department spokeswoman Carole Florman said.

The government said Lazaro should not get any help from the court until he obeys the federal order, Florman said. It offered to order Elian kept in the country until all legal issues are resolved — if Lazaro Gonzalez does turn over the boy.

Elian's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, agreed to stay in the United States with the boy for that long if he has custody, according to a letter from his attorney that was attached to the government brief, Florman said.

A remarkable flurry of events Thursday ended with Elian's relatives winning a temporary court reprieve that keeps the 6-year-old boy in the United States for at least a few more days.