

weather report

76°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:01 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:26 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:01 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 70 degrees
• Humidity 31 percent
• Sky mostly cloudy
• Winds southeast 10 mph
• Barometer 29.94 inches and rising
• Record High 95° (1953)
• Record Low 37° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High 96°
Low 53°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 50-55, winds southeast 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, chance of thunderstorms, high 70-75, low 50, winds southeast 20-30 mph and gusty.

Extended Forecast

Friday: chance of thunderstorms, High 70, low 50. Saturday and Sunday: high 80, low 45-55.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.35 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.28
Loan deficiency payment — 17¢
Corn — \$1.85 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.94
Loan deficiency payment — 5¢
Milo — \$2.77 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.62 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.70
Loan deficiency payment — 19¢
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.80 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.76
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.

State gives up Tripp charges

BALTIMORE — Prosecutors today dismissed the state's wire-tapping case against Linda Tripp, saying a judge's decision severely limiting Monica Lewinsky's testimony had gutted their case.

"There are no other witnesses to the conversation whom the state can call to testify and Tripp cannot be compelled to testify," Prosecutor Stephen Montanarelli said.

Howard County Judge Diane O. Leasure earlier this month decided to suppress most of Lewinsky's testimony, which she considered tainted and not credible.

Tripp recorded the phone calls in her home in Columbia, Md. Maryland's wiretap law, which is infrequently prosecuted, forbids taping phone conversations without the other party's consent.

Montanarelli had asked Leasure to reconsider her ruling, but the judge refused.

Big groups target Clark's Senate seat

By Rachel Miscall

The Oberlin Herald

The struggle between a populist coalition of lawmakers who want to help small farmers by weakening big businesses and officials of a large farm group who say more laws can only hurt, won't end with the legislative session this week.

A powerful statewide combine led by the Kansas Livestock Association apparently has targeted two leaders of the populist movement, including Oakley's Sen. Stan Clark.

Stephen Mangan, a past president of the livestock group, said Thursday that he is running for

Sen. Clark's seat. The senator, a leader of the Kansas Independent Family Farm Coalition, said though he has not filed, he wants to continue representing the 40th District.

Sen. Clark, an Oakley Republican, said he will file after the Legislature calls it a session today. Mangan, a Republican from Tribune, filed in late April, though he will officially announce his plans this week.

The filing deadline is noon on June 12, with the primary election on Aug. 1.

The candidates agree that Kansas farmers have hit hard times with low commodity prices, large

agribusiness firms merging to become more powerful in the marketplace and children deciding they want no part of the family business.

But the men have different philosophies on how to help family farms stay in business and be more successful. And both think the other's ideas will cause more harm than good in northwest Kansas.

With coalition members and livestock association officials at odds over the issues, the race could turn out to be more than two candidates seeking a win — a battle between organizations and ideologies.

The livestock group apparently has gathered an

assortment of powerful interests around the campaign, and the combine has targeted at least two Senate seats — Sen. Clark's and Sen. Tim Huelskamp's in the 38th District.

While he wouldn't comment on it, Sen. Clark supplied the text of an invitation sent out in Topeka to a "meet and greet" event on Tuesday for Mangan and Steve Irsik, a Democrat running in the 38th District against Sen. Huelskamp, a Fowler Republican.

"Please join us and meet and greet two candi-

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Computer class OK'd for school

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland High School will offer a full-year course in networking as an advanced computer class beginning in the fall.

Principal Harvey Swager explained the class to the school board, which approved the plan Monday, and said it would cost about \$10,000 to set it up and purchase books and equipment.

"We have been looking for ways to make our education more directly meaningful to our students," Swager said, "and this advanced computer class will teach them how to plan and set up computer networks for business systems.

"If we do the whole four-semester program, a student can become a certified network technician, and they can leave high school with a very marketable skill."

He said the class would be team taught by Jackie Elliott, who now teaches a computer course, and Karla Murray, district technology coordinator.

Murray said their would be a training session on the 3Com networking program in Denver in June. She said she did not think the training cost was included in the cost of starting the class.

She handed out an outline showing what would be taught in the full two-year program. She said Barton County Community College is looking into the college portion of the program, but did not know of any other high school using the 3Com program. She said there were some high schools using a similar program from Cisco, but that program requires Cisco equipment while the 3Com program is less specific.

Asked where the class would be held, Swager said it depended on the equipment, but that there did not seem to be a need to purchase any computers.

Murray said the hardware which needs to be purchased is network related, and she thought the district might need to purchase a server.

Swager said he would like to have 20 students in the network class, and hopes to start with 15.

Board member Gerry Franklin made the motion to approve the class, provided there is a minimum of 10 students, and to approve sending Elliott and Murray to the training in June. Board member Mike Campbell seconded the motion, which passed 7-0.

Jeanne Irvin, co-chairperson of the Central School site council, presented the annual report with about half of the council members present.

She said they had a good year, and thanked the board and administration for planting the grass on the playground.

As a suggestion for the future, Irvin said the council would like to see a playground improvement to provide a place

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West kids get messy

First and second graders at West School had a field day Friday afternoon. Andy Scheopner, physical education teacher, led the event with help from sixth graders from North School. A group of boys (above) ate frozen pops while girls (left) ate theirs in a separate clump. Teachers Sandy Jamison (below left) and Pat Pickett held a box of pops for students. Sixth graders (bottom) ran with some of the younger students after the field events were over.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



Board, foundation join forces to get scanner, fund drive for hospital

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The hospital board agreed Tuesday that Goodland Regional Medical Center needs to get a spiral computerized tomography scanner, even if it has to lease one rather than waiting on a planned fund-raising campaign.

Dale Schields and Brenda McCants, board members of the Northwest Kansas Area Medical Foundation, came to the hospital board's regular meeting to talk about two projects: buying the

scanner, which doctors see as a draw for patients and a possible money maker, and hiring a firm for a major fund-raising campaign. The foundation is a separate fund-raising group which supports the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Schields and McCants asked the board if it would consider splitting the cost to hire a company to raise money for the diagnostic imaging equipment and for the hospital's endowment.

Schields, the hospital's resource de-

velopment director, told the board the foundation had decided not to hire a Colorado firm, Jackson and Associates, they had talked with, to help with a fund-raising campaign. The firm wanted a lot of additional expenses, he said, but the company had done a feasibility study and determined there was the potential to raise \$1.5 million.

He said McCants knew a man, Richard Bradford, with another firm, Cargill Associates in Texas. He and two associates, Brian Allen and Wayne Vaughn,

came to the hospital Friday.

Schields said they were very professional, but very down-to-earth. Cargill works primarily with hospitals, schools, and churches, he said, and Allen would be the senior project consultant.

It would cost \$108,000 to do business with them, Schields said, which was less than the other company had asked for. This company would be able to use the feasibility study which had already been done.

McCants said the company has done a lot of research on foundations that might give to the fund-raising campaign and has access to other means of funding.

Hospital board members Lynn Hoelting and Larry McCants also met with the men on Friday. Hoelting said they had presented themselves very well and had researched things.

Mr. McCants said the last group they

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