

weather
report

63°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.
• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 70 degrees
• Humidity 42percent
• Sky cloudy
• Winds southeast 15
• Barometer 30.28 inches
and falling
• Record High 98° (1956)
• Record Low 38° (1937)

Last 24 Hours*

High 78°
Low 46°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear, low 50, winds south
10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny, high
90-95, low 60, winds 20-30 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, high 95, low 60.
Thursday: dry, high 95, low 60s. Fri-
day: chance of thunderstorms, high
85-90, low 60.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.25 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.22
Loan deficiency payment — 23¢
Corn — \$1.86 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.88
Loan deficiency payment — 11¢
Milo — \$2.75 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.51 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.64
Loan deficiency payment — 25¢
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.90 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.08
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.

Clinton urges
a joint effort

MOSCOW — President Bill Clinton told Russian legislators today that partnership is the right course for both their nations, despite differences. America and Russia are not destined to be adversaries again, he said, “but it is not guaranteed that we will be allies.” “On many issues that matter to our people, our interests coincide,” Clinton said, and both nations must focus on common goals. He recounted major differences, U.S. missile defense plans and Russia’s conflict in Chechnya among them, in a 45-minute address to the parliament. “The world we seek to bring into being can come only if America and Russia are on the same side of history,” Clinton said, as he concluded his mission with a final call on Russian President Vladimir Putin and a sentimental visit to his predecessor, Boris Yeltsin.



All relay participants make the first lap around the track at the 24-Hour Relay Challenge on Saturday. They were led by the Denver Broncos cheerleaders, state Sen. Stan Clark and

Rep. Jim Morrison. Everyone was full of energy and enthusiasm then, though by Sunday morning, most would just be trying to survive.

Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

Teams challenge track to raise cash

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

The Topside of Kansas 24-Hour Relay Challenge drew more than twice as many teams as last year and no small measure of devotion as participants ran, jogged, walked and dragged themselves around the high school track.

Money raised during the relay goes to “mini grants” for programs to keep youths drug and alcohol free. The entry fee was \$400, with most teams sponsored by area businesses. There were also four teams from St. Francis, which received special recognition for coming here to help.

Many of the teams were participants from last year because “it was so much fun last year,” according to one participant.

This year’s race brought together 23 teams of 10 and dozens of spectators, as well as state Sen. Stan Clark, Rep. Jim Morrison, five Denver Broncos cheerleaders and the Conman, a Denver radio disc jockey. In a letter, Gov. Bill Graves gave his best wishes for the event’s success.

The Conman, whose program is carried on KWGB-FM here, gave his time as part of a radio tour across America. He broadcast from the track here on Saturday. The Broncos cheerleaders also appeared to root on the runners. Both the cheerleaders and the Conman were flown in on a National Guard he-



A relay participant fresh out of bed made one of her final miles at 7 a.m. Sunday wearing a blanket, while other participants slept in lawn chairs or huddled in blankets.

licopter, as were Sen. Clark and Rep. Morrison

In addition to the 23 teams that par-

ticipated this year, there were 123 sponsors who gave money, supplies and time.

After much joking about the presence of the cheerleaders during the opening ceremony, the race got under-

way at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, with all the runners out for the first lap and showing great enthusiasm.

Except for the first lap, the rules require one member of each team to be on the track at any time. The others can be resting or cheering the active participants.

By 7 a.m. Sunday, the enthusiasm was waning a bit, as many sat wrapped in blankets, half asleep, while others half walked, half stumbled around the track, proving their devotion to keeping drugs and alcohol out of the hands of youths.

Organizers said there were five other 24-hour relays in Kansas this weekend, with 1,200 participants total.

One late entry in the race here was the National Guard, which had donated several tents and their time to help set things up. Guardsmen wanted to then enter a team and were allowed to even though it was after the deadline.

Most of those on the track were younger, it seemed, high school age or below. They could run, walk or stumble around the track, so long as one member of their team was on the field.

This is the second year for the 24-hour relay in Goodland. Last year’s grant recipients were the Peer Counselors, the Goodland Public Library, the Hispanic Advisory Board, North School and Court Appointed Special Advocates, known as CASA.

Auction raises money for Hospice Services

Dinner-goes bid silent and live

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

People mingled around tables set up for a silent auction and visited while waiting in line for dinner or after being seated at Hospice Harvest 2000 held Saturday night at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall.

Later, a young man sang and did magic tricks and an auctioneer called out prices on items for people to bid on. It was the sixth annual version of the fund-raising event for Hospice Services of Sherman County.

The organization provides physical, spiritual, emotional and social support to help people cope with death and terminal illness. The event raises money to offset the costs not paid by patients or insurance.

The evening began with a social hour and silent auction, followed by a buffet dinner and a live auction. Snacks for the social hour were provided by Richardson’s Homestead Realty.

The silent auction went on throughout the evening. There were tables lined with items to be bid on. All the items for either the silent or the live auction were

donated by people or businesses in the Goodland area.

The dinner tables were decorated with sunflowers and stalks of wheat. Packets of sunflower seeds were on the tables as favors.

Darin Richardson sang and performed magic tricks during and after the meal. He walked among the audience at times and involved a few members in his magic.

Rita Erickson of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary was in charge of the dinner, which included barbecued beef sandwiches, potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans, and strawberry shortcake. Women from Goodland churches donated food or helped serve the meal. Several 4-H Junior Leaders also helped serve, carried plates to tables or refilled drinks.

After the meal and entertainment, Maynard Bane of Bane Auction conducted the live auction with help from others.

Terry Richardson of Homestead Realty, who helped with the auction, said the crowd wasn’t what had been expected, but then it was a busy weekend with the 24-Hour Relay Challenge and High Plains Marathon going on. Those who attended were generous, he said.

No total on the proceeds had been determined by Monday.



Real estate broker Terry Richardson (center) held up one of the items auctioned at the Hospice Harvest 2000 on Saturday evening at the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall. Maynard Bane of Bane Auction (far right) called out bids, while others helped keep track of the bids.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Commissioners to sell old clinic

Finishing the sale of the Medical Arts Clinic is on the agenda for Tuesday’s Sherman County commissioners’ meeting.

Before the sale can be completed, legal publication had to be made three times in a newspaper. The waiting period is now up and the sale can be finished. WWB, LLC offered to buy the building for \$140,000.

Lori Hertel, Colby, interim director of the Court Appointed Special Advocates of Northwest Kansas, is scheduled to give an update and make a budgets request. The group works with children who have been abused, neglected or

abandoned and have an open case pending in court.

County Road and Bridge Director Curt Way will have bids for a loader and a grader.

William McKnight, county building manager, is to give the commissioners bids for having the air conditioning and heating systems at the courthouse checked.

A report of the 1999 audit for the Goodland Regional Medical Center will be given by Chief Financial Officer Andy Laue and Administrator Jim Chaddic.

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. in the commissioners room on the first floor of the courthouse.

Board hires football coach

The Goodland School Board met this morning to hire two teachers, including a new high school football coach, and accept the resignation of two non-teaching staff members.

The special meeting was called, Superintendent Marvin Selby said, because the coach, Chris Walters, was starting a weight program for high school athletes today. The board

needed to hire Walters officially before the program started. He also will teach science at the high school.

The board also approved hiring a language arts teacher, Patricia Stindt. It accepted the resignation of Candice Rather, a paraprofessional at the junior high, and Don Crutcher, a bus driver for the district.