

weather  
report

52°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:62 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:43 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 33 degrees

• Humidity 22 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds southwest 24 mph

• Barometer 30.09 inches

and steady

• Record High 63° (1923)

• Record Low -9° (1937)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 50°

Low 13°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low mid 20s, southwest winds 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy, high 50-55, low mid 20s, southwest winds 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: dry, high 45-50, low 25-30. Friday: dry, mid 40s, low 25-30. Saturday: chance of rain or snow, high 40-45, low 20-25.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.92 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.77

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$2.02 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.97

Loan deficiency pmt. — 2¢

Milo — \$3.36 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.48 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.31

Loan deficiency payment — 59¢

Millet — \$8.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.00 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.94

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier

Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean.

These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon  
wire

Late news  
from the  
Associated  
Press



1 p.m.

Cabinet pick  
takes the heat

WASHINGTON — Several Republican officials suggested Tuesday that Linda Chavez' nomination as labor secretary was increasingly in jeopardy as she scheduled a news conference to address questions about an illegal immigrant who stayed in her house.

The officials, intimately involved in Bush's deliberations, said they did not know what Chavez planned to do at her conference, but said it was possible she was making a last-ditch effort to save her nomination. They would not say whether Bush had sought her withdrawal, but said an internal review raised questions about her credibility in explaining her relationship with Marta Mercado, who lived in her home in 1991-92.

President-elect Bush said she would be a good labor secretary.

Officials  
work for  
solution

County proposes an  
end to road dispute

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County commissioners decided Monday to have the county attorney draw up an agreement with city commissioners to fix a portion of highway east of the city that has been the center of a dispute between the city and county.

The county commissioners proposed that the highway be repaired with county sales tax money.

The city commissioners attended a regular county commission meeting to discuss the portion of Old Hwy. 24 at the east edge of Goodland that is so rough drivers have started complaining about it.

The dispute has to do with the highway being designated by the state as a "connecting link," between Business U.S. 24, maintained by the state, and Old Hwy. 24, maintained by the county.

Though the road is technically in the city limits, city officials say because of that law they don't have to maintain it. County officials say they shouldn't have to pay for repairs because the road is in the city limits.

Near the end of the meeting, the county commissioners told County Attorney Bonnie Selby to draw up an agreement.

She and City Manager Ron Pickman agreed to work on it together and present the agreement for approval to the city and county this month.

Curt Way, county road and bridge supervisor, said he will work with Selby, too.

"Let's get this done as a joint effort," County Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said.

"Whatever we decide, I want it down in the minutes, said City Commissioner Curtis Hurd, "so whoever comes after me is clear on what's going on."

Pickman said it would be better to have a written agreement.

"We have some major work coming up on streets in Goodland," Hurd joked, "if we could talk you into it, you could take care of fixing them."

"Why don't we take all of the city and you take all of the county?" county commissioner Frankenfeld replied.

Frankenfeld suggested putting something in the newspaper about the road matter to let people know that it is a joint effort.

Pickman said all paved links need to be maintained or they will deteriorate.

"What provisions, if any, is the county making to maintain this road without this sales tax?" county commissioner Hurd asked. "To me, the sales tax is the way to go. We either stay with the sales tax or raise the mill levy."

"We need to fix this road with sales tax, but then find another way of funding," City Commissioner Rick Billinger said.

"You have to be careful with the sales tax," Frankenfeld said.

Road supervisor Way said the sales tax was implemented in October 1998. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the sales tax brings in about \$20,000 every month.

County commissioners Kevin Rasure said he would like to see a situation where the city and county could get together when annexing land in the future, so that they wouldn't have similar problems.

He said he would like the city and county commissioners to have regular meetings to discuss problems.

Pickman agreed and said there are several issues the city and county need to discuss.

"I think we need to work together as much as possible," Billinger said.

The two boards decided to have a workshop once a quarter.

City Commissioner Tom Rohr was also in attendance, but neither Chuck Lutters or Jim Mull was able to be present.

In other business, Frankenfeld was elected as chairman of the county commission for this year and Rasure was elected vice chairman.



Carl Boyd, a former teacher from Arizona, spoke to parents and teachers on Monday night at Goodland High School about prejudice, religion, teaching and loving children. The 59-year-old who has worked

with "hard-to-reach" youths, said he's not a "motivational speaker" but a "motivated speaker."

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Speaker uses life to teach lessons

"The Advice Teacher" tells stories and sings songs to drive home a point

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Looking out over an audience of parents and teachers on Monday night at Goodland High School, Carl Boyd said he's always nervous before speaking to a crowd, but it turns to fear when he's facing an audience of teenagers.

"I'm petrified in front of teens," said Boyd, an award-winning teacher who now runs "The Advice Teacher" Services in Arizona, "because they are blatantly honest."

Eighty percent of adults will give you a pat on the back after the speech, he told the group of about 30, but teenagers will walk by mumbling, "Man, that was dead."

Boyd, an African American from Chicago who recently moved to Arizona from Kansas City, said he thought about that before speaking in 1990 to teen-agers at a high school in Tulsa, Okla.

During the speech, which dealt with African-American issues, Boyd said he noticed one long-haired, blonde boy, dressed in ripped jeans and a heavy metal t-shirt, was staring with a look of utter disgust. The young man made him feel uncomfortable, he said, and he wanted to stop and yell at him.

Later, Boyd said, he walked by the same young man sitting on a bench in the lunchroom. He said the teen-ager put up his hand to stop him and thank him for the speech.

"The fella said, 'Everyone around me was laughing, but I was listening,'" Boyd said. "'I grew up with black people and everything you said was true.'"

The 59-year-old said the experience taught him something about himself.



Carl Boyd

"I had run right smack into prejudice," Boyd said, "but it wasn't his, it was mine."

Boyd, who the school district asked to speak to parents and students here after hearing him talk to teachers at the start of the school year, used stories, songs, poems and quotes to drive home his points. Those were to have

faith in children, to respect other's faith and to be honest with yourself.

After the hour-long talk, parents gathered to shake Boyd's hand. He had told the audience that after visiting Goodland classrooms he found students here are "already great," thanks to parents and the school system.

"America needs to focus on Goodland," he said, "to see how it's really supposed to be done."

But, he said, Goodland doesn't reflect the rest of the world.

There are children in America, Boyd said, that have never developed a conscience because they weren't nurtured and loved as a child. He told parents some young people aren't as bad as adults make them out to be. He said they deserve a chance.

To make his point, Boyd sang a song about a blind orphan boy who says, "Nobody wants me, you see, because I'm nobody's child."

Reciting a poem he wrote titled Budda, he said all people, but especially teachers, must respect other's religion.

Because there are 53.2 million children in American schools today, Boyd said, teachers must be comfortable relating with children of different cultures and backgrounds. Teachers should ask themselves if they can do that, he said.

"If they can't give students their best," he said. "I ask that they please leave now."

He said whatever profession a person finds they are good at — whether it's running a country or sweeping a street — they should do their best job and not compare themselves to others. He quoted Martin Luther King, saying a man should follow his calling and make the best of it.

Boyd said his love for Jesus Christ allows him to remain positive. But, he added, he respects all religions.

"I believe in the separation of church and state," he said, "but no state can separate me from Jesus Christ."

Event gives safety tips

Many times the first person at the scene of a farm accident is a friend or family member, not a rescue worker.

That's why the AgraSafe program wants to teach farm families and farm employees how to handle accidents involving large machinery or toxic chemicals.

AgraSafe — a program in northwest Kansas that's run by Hays Medical Center and paid for by a grant from the state Office of Rural Health Policy — will present "First on the Scene," at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 16, at the Sherman County 4-H building.

Dana Belshe, a Sherman County extension agent helping to organize the three and a half hour program, said AgraSafe instructors will teach farm-

ers who to call for help, how to give first aid and when and how to move a victim.

He said Greg Nemecek and Steve Evert, instructors from Goodland, will talk about what to do in an accident involving anhydrous ammonia, a toxic chemical used for fertilizer.

Using farm equipment and dummies, Belshe said, the instructors will also demonstrate how to help an injured person trapped in farm machinery and what to do when someone has been electrocuted.

The program is free and a soup and sandwich dinner will be served. Belshe said people who want to attend should call his office at (785) 899-2378 by Thursday.

Troopers might get a raise

TOPEKA — Kansas state troopers would receive a bigger salary increase than other state workers and their starting pay would rise under Gov. Bill Graves' spending plan.

"Recruitment and retention — that is what this is for," State Budget Director Duane Goossen said Monday. Kansas currently has about 450 troopers, including 16 added by the 1999 Legislature. Still, the roster is about 77 fewer than what a 1998 state audit recommended.

At least 20 of the state's 105 counties don't have any road troopers assigned to them, which means many troopers cover more than one county. Under Graves' proposal to finance

state government beginning July 1, annual starting pay for Kansas Highway Patrol troopers would rise to about \$28,000 from the current \$26,000.

Additionally, all troopers would get a pay increase of 8 percent, compared to a 3 percent cost-of-living increase proposed for other state employees.

In his State of the State address Monday night, Graves said the increase is needed "to attract talented individuals to the Highway Patrol."

Lt. Col. Terry Maple, the patrol's second in command, said, "He didn't shortchange us. He worked hard to provide us with what he could."