

weather report

70°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:26 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:04 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 61 degrees
- Humidity 20 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds east 8 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.90 inches and falling
- Record High 91° (1987)
- Record Low 14° (1944)

Last 24 Hours*

High 83°
Low 30°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low mid 30s, winds northeast 15-35 m.p.h. Tomorrow: cloudy, high lower 50s, low upper 20s, 30 percent chance of snow, winds north 20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: partly sunny with chance of snow in morning, high upper 40s, low mid 20s, 40 percent chance of snow. Sunday: partly cloudy, high upper 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

- Wheat — \$2.68 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.57
- New Crop — \$2.62
- Corn — \$1.82 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.79
- Loan deficiency payment — 20¢
- Milo — \$1.51 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.08 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.10
- Loan deficiency payment — 82¢
- Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$8.90 cwt.
- NuSun — \$9.10 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 91¢
- Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$28

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, 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.

Plane crashes into building

MILAN, Italy — A small plane with only the pilot on board crashed today into a 30-story landmark skyscraper, killing at least two people and injuring at least 30. The interior minister said the crash appeared to be an accident.

It was the second time since the Sept. 11 terror attacks that a plane has struck a high-rise building, and today's crash raised fears of another attack.

"It sounded like a bomb. The pavement shook like an earthquake," said a woman identifying herself only as Lucia.

The Piper aircraft, en route from Switzerland on a 20-minute flight to Milan, punched a hole in the 25th floor of building in downtown Milan. Smoke poured out of the building, but firefighters quickly put out the flames. Rescuers helped bloodied men in business suits.

Law may allow college tuition hike

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Northwest Kansas Technical College students could pay about \$350 more for their education next year, as President Ken Clouse said a new state law has lifted limits on tuition.

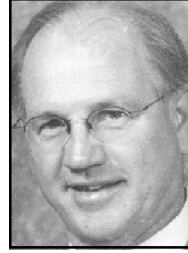
He thinks they'll still be getting a bargain, though.

Earlier this year, Clouse sent Kansas lawmakers a letter supporting the bill, which Gov. Bill Graves signed last week. He said the law erases a limit on how much technical colleges can charge students, but keeps the state's contribu-

tion at the same level.

Clouse said he will ask the college board to increase tuition 25 cents per instructional hour, from 70 to 95 cents. Students currently pay an average of \$1,000 in tuition each year, he said, and the increase would amount to a hike of about \$350, or about 35 percent.

The change would have to be approved by the board and the Kansas Board of Regents, which oversees all technical colleges in the state. Clouse said he will make the recommendation during the next board



Ken Clouse

meeting, at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 27, at the technical college administration building.

Even with the increase, Clouse said, the Goodland campus would still have the cheapest tuition of all Kansas technical colleges. Students will pay more than twice that at institutions in larger cities, he said, noting that the others will likely raise tuition, too.

Clouse, who was president of the Northeast Kansas Technical College in Atchison before coming here, said students there paid about

\$1.24 per instructional hour.

"For the programs we offer," he said, "you can't go anywhere else and get it for less."

Lawmakers are allowing technical colleges to pass more of the cost of education on to students, Clouse said, because they know the state's share will likely be much less this year due to a \$700 million budget gap.

"It's kind of a relief," he said of the change.

In the past, Clouse said, the Board of Regents approved an hourly tuition rate, of which students

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The Eagle has landed



Pilot John Borra (above) landed an EagleMed air ambulance (top) at the Goodland airport on Monday morning. The airplane had been stationed in Hays, but EagleMed has moved it here. Hospital officials say

the switch will improve health care by getting patients the help they need faster. Borra is one of three pilots who will fly the plane.

Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Ambulance pilot keeps focus on the sky

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

John Borra, one of three pilots who will fly Goodland's EagleMed air ambulance, said his job is to get a patient to help safely and in the shortest time possible.

He said he can't afford to think about what's going on behind him; he just has to focus on the sky ahead.

"They're taking care of the patient," Borra said, "and I'm taking care of everyone."

But sometimes, he added, it's tough to ignore.

Borra, who has worked for EagleMed for a year, said the hardest transport he's made was when a car holding a young mother and her 4-

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- John Borra

Air ambulance pilot

month-old baby ran head-on into a semi-trailer rig near Osborne.

"It was very bad," he said. "The worst I've ever seen. The medical crew was really hustling, really working."

The mother and child survived the trip to Wichita, he said, but the baby soon died and the last he had heard, the mother was still in a coma.

Borra said his job isn't always easy.

It's hard to see people in pain, he said, and the worst are trauma cases, especially children.

"You see some unfortunate stuff," he said. "You really do. It's taken some getting used to. You kind of have to distance yourself."

With help from his father and brother, both doctors, Borra said he's been able to do that. And though it can be trying, he said he always loves do-

ing his job, mainly because he gets to fly.

"It's a fun mission," he said. "I'm fortunate that I get to do things I like to do and get paid for it."

Borra, who lives in Hays, landed one of EagleMed's four Beech King Air C-90 air ambulances at Goodland's airport at 8 a.m. Monday morning. The plane had been stationed at Hays since 1994, but EagleMed had been working to move it here for five years.

The Goodland Regional Medical Center has been preparing for the plane's arrival for months and a crew of 12 has been hired and trained to

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Canadian troops die in U.S. bombing mistake

By Ken Guggenheim

Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — The pilot of an American F-16 bombed Canadian soldiers in Afghanistan believing they were enemy forces firing on him, defense officials said today. Four Canadians were killed and eight wounded.

The soldiers were the first Canadians killed in a combat zone since serving alongside Americans in the Vietnam War. Their unit, the 3rd Battalion of the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry, based near Edmonton, Alberta, was the first all-Canadian unit to suffer fatalities in a half-century.

Without getting permission, the U.S. Air National Guard fighter dropped a 500-pound laser-guided bomb on troops participating in a nighttime live-fire training exercise near the southern Afghan city of Kandahar.

The jet, flying in tandem with another American F-16, had been sent out

on patrol. It was unclear whether they had been given any other mission.

It appeared the pilots did not know they were flying over an area restricted for training — and so fire from the training exercise made them believe they

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Race spotlight switches

With Sherrer out, is Glasscock in?

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — After one possible contender closed and locked the door on running for governor, attention turned today to another — and a potential source of money for a campaign.

Aides had described House Speaker Kent Glasscock as likely to re-enter the Republican race for governor, then backed away Wednesday. Glasscock started running last year but abandoned his fledgling campaign to become Attorney General Carla Stovall's lieutenant-governor running mate.

Stovall's departure from the race Monday immediately raised the question of what happens to the money in her campaign account. Aides said Glasscock could claim any leftover funds, but the state Governmental Ethics Commission planned to meet today to rule.

That meeting was scheduled shortly before Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer announced he wouldn't run for governor — or remain in state office after his current term expires in January.

Glasscock had planned to make his plans known by Friday, and all previous indications were that he planned to re-enter the race.

But now, Glasscock "feels he needs to make a decision that is right for himself and his family, as well as his party and his state," spokesman Scott Holeman said Wednesday.

"I don't expect an announcement any time soon," Holeman said.

Republican moderates like Sherrer, Glasscock and Gov. Bill Graves, who is barred from seeking a third term, had hoped their wing of the GOP could unite behind a single candidate. For more than five months, starting in November, Stovall was their candidate.

Moderates said uniting would allow them to defeat State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger, the conservatives' favorite.

Besides Shallenburger, the declared GOP candidates for governor are Wichita Mayor Bob Knight, who has avoided ideological labels, and former Eudora schools superintendent Dan Bloom, a maverick who filed papers Friday. The only declared Democratic candidate is Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius.

On Monday, Stovall endorsed Glasscock, and her campaign account loomed as a potential source of cash for him.

Her most recent report, at the start of this year, listed \$302,000.

Staff of the Governmental Ethics Commission said last week it was their informal opinion that Glasscock could claim the funds, partly because he had brought money to the campaign as her running mate. Shallenburger disagreed.

Under Kansas law, when a candidate closes or "terminates" a campaign account, the money must be returned to donors, contributed to charity, sent to a political party or donated to the state. In claiming the money, Glasscock would keep Stovall's campaign account open.

But when aides said Glasscock was weighing the effects of a campaign on his family, they echoed concerns Sherrer cited in deciding again not to run.