

weather report

66°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 8:08 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:09 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 81 degrees
- Humidity 72 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds north 10 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.85 inches and falling
- Record High 99° (1933)
- Record Low 34° (1954)

Last 24 Hours*

High	106°
Low	68°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy with 60 percent chance of thunderstorms, low lower 50s, winds northeast 10-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly cloudy with 40 percent chance of scattered showers, high mid 60s, low upper 40s, winds north 20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: mostly sunny, high upper 70s, low lower 50s. Thursday: partly cloudy, high mid 80s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.68 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.58
- New Crop — \$2.70
- Corn — \$1.90 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.91
- Loan deficiency payment — 8¢
- Milo — \$1.60 bushel
- Soybeans — \$4.43 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.50
- Loan deficiency payment — 42¢
- Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$10.10 cwt.
- NuSun — \$10.25
- Posted county price — \$9.96
- Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$27

(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.

Secretary of State running

TOPEKA — Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh emphasized his experience as he kicked-off his campaign for a third term today.

At the second stop of a four-city tour, Thornburgh, who was first elected in 1994, said his office was at the forefront of election reform.

"Election reform will continue to be a driving issue," Thornburgh said.

Thornburgh, president of the National Association of Secretaries of State, said he was leading the charge for secure and accurate elections.

Some changes proposed in Congress include the elimination of paper ballots and hand-counting of election results.

Those methods would be replaced with touch-screen computers and other electronic devices capable of directly counting votes, he said.

Goodland native survives throat cut

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

A Goodland college student was celebrating his acceptance into U.S. Coast Guard training last week in Prescott, Ariz., when he was nearly killed by a man who slashed his throat.

Joseph Smith, 20, son of Jackie and Virgil Baumfalk of Goodland, told police he was out at a club with some friends Saturday, May 25, a last hurrah before he headed off to boot camp.

When the club closed at 1 a.m., Smith said he and his friends were walking through a parking

lot and were almost hit by a white car. One of Smith's friends yelled at the driver to watch where he was going, and the car peeled out.

A few minutes later, as Smith was about to get into his car, the driver of the white car crept behind him and slashed his throat from his right ear to the left side of his chin.

"Everybody behind me thought the guy slapped me," Smith told the Prescott Daily Courier. "We had no clue. I didn't feel anything."

He didn't realize anything serious had happened until he turned around and faced his friends.

"My friend turned white and grabbed my throat," he said.

Smith was rushed to the hospital, where he received 46 stitches on his throat. A man from the club, Adam Martinez, took off his own shirt and held it to Smith's neck in the parking lot to stem the bleeding, keeping it there until they got to the hospital. Smith said he had never met him before.

Prescott police arrested Kalei Wright of Glendale, Ariz., about 30 minutes after the attack, and reportedly found a small folding knife in his car's glove box. They found a drug paraphernalia

spoon, a glass pipe, and a vial of suspected methamphetamine. Wright has been charged with aggravated assault and assorted drug charges, and is being held on \$250,000 bond.

"(Prescott) is not a bad neighborhood," Jackie Baumfalk said. "This guy came up from Phoenix, and is a suspected gangbanger."

Baumfalk said she found out about the attack at 2:30 a.m. when Summer Butts, Smith's girlfriend and high school sweetheart, called her.

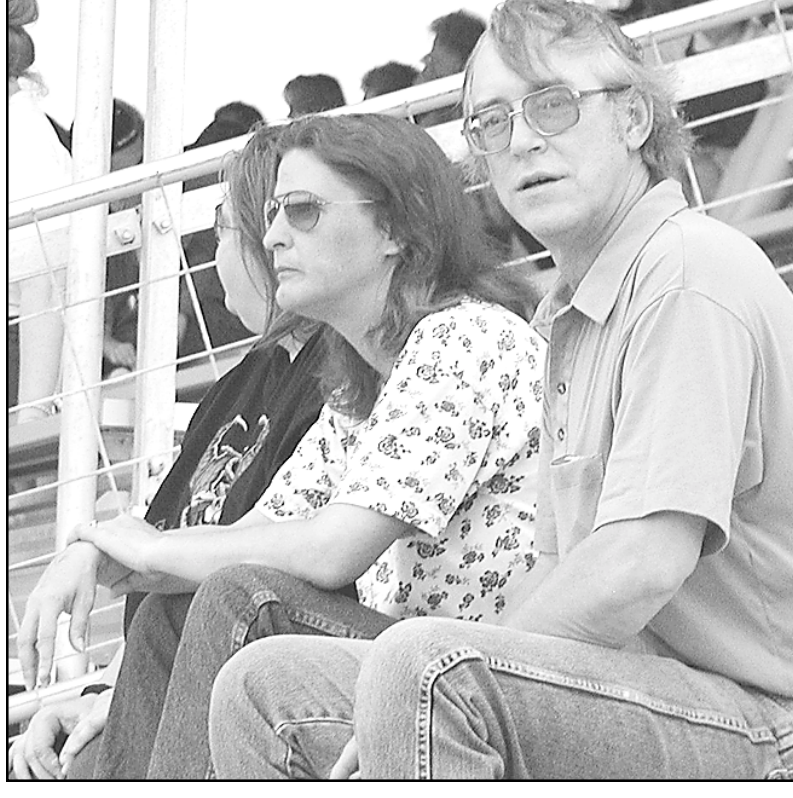
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An evening at the races

Brian Garrett of Westminster, Colo. (above), got into his modified stock car Saturday at the Sherman County Speedway. Lisa Schemm of Sharon Springs (left) scraped mud from under the hood of the bomber her husband David races after a practice run. Spectators (right) watched the races from the grandstands. See story and more photos in Sports, back page.

Photos by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News



County buys land near shop

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Following a closed-door session Friday, the Sherman County commissioners announced they had reached an agreement to purchase a 100-foot strip of land north of the existing road and bridge department area at 1004 W. Eighth St.

County Public Works Director Curt Way said he had been negotiating with Shad and Penny Sheldon on the purchase for some time, and that they had reached an agreement on the price of \$15,000.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure made the motion to approve the purchase, saying it was a good investment for the county.

While the road and bridge department doesn't have immediate plans for the property, he said, it will give them

flexibility for future expansion.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said it was a good deal for the county and seconded the motion.

The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Mitch Tiede saying he was glad the county was able to get the property.

The commissioners also approved the purchase of 100 special red cans for the collection of medical waste.

Dorendo Harrel, health department head, said the special cans have been given out by the health department and through the Medical Arts Pharmacy for people to collect their medical waste and to keep it out of the trash.

She said when the cans are filled, the patients will take them to the hospital where the waste is handled along with the hospital's medical wastes. Harrel said the hospital may want to charge

\$10 for the disposal.

Commissioner Rasure asked if the health department had a list of where the red cans are being used. She said they would have a confidential list of those using the cans.

The commissioners approved purchasing 100 cans. They said they would discuss the question of the charge from the hospital with Administrator Jay Jolly.

Schlyer Goodwin met with the commissioners to let them know the status of the grant writer program. He said Penny Nemechek of Goodland had been hired as the grant writer, and would begin work July 1.

He suggested the commissioners should develop a list of 10 projects they want her to pursue.

The commissioners approved payments for May totaling \$159,264.

County roundup

At their meeting Friday, Sherman County commissioners:

- Bought a piece of land north of the road department shop. See story at left.
- Got tax sale figures from the county attorney. Story to come.
- Heard the auditor say the county is in good shape. Story to come.
- Agreed to discuss water well protection with the city. Story to come.
- Set a special collection for old computers. See story below.

County to collect computers, monitors for free

Do you have a dead monitor or an old computer you're not using?

If you do, Sherman County would like to collect it for a special recycling project. Old computers will be turned over to a company that will recycle the computers and take the hazardous

material out of the old monitors.

For this special collection, the county will provide a trailer from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. Thursday at the Public Works Department office, 1004 W. Eighth St.

It does not matter what type of com-

puter or monitor, or whether the equipment is working.

There will not be any charge for the special collection.

If you have any of this material lying around, county officials say, this is the best method of dealing with it

because the monitors in particular are considered hazardous material and should not be placed in a regular trash dumpster.

For information, call Curt Way, county public works director, at 899-4865.

Kerr picks his partner

By John Milburn

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Senate President Dave Kerr named Johnson County business leader Mary Birch as his running mate for his Republican gubernatorial campaign.

"Mary was at the top of a very short list—a list of one," Kerr said, introducing Birch in the Old Supreme Court Chamber of the Statehouse.

Birch, 49, has served as president of the Overland Park Chamber of Commerce for 18 years and also as leader of the national Chambers of Commerce. Birch said she resigned from her job last week and was now full-time on the campaign.

"Our focus and our philosophy is the same," Birch said. "Work hard, work every day to serve our communities and the state by making education and the economy our top priorities."

Kerr touted 62,000 jobs, 50,000 in new residents and 4,000 new companies that have been created in Overland Park during Birch's tenure.

He also said she was an advocate for education and a well-trained workforce.

"Clearly she understands the importance of a strong economy," Kerr said.

He said Birch would serve as secretary of commerce if the two were elected in November, an arrangement similar to Gov. Bill Graves and Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer.

Save lives; give away your blood

You can save someone's life by donating a pint during the Red Cross Blood Drive between noon and 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday at the Catholic church on 12th and Sherman.

Actually, you could save three lives. The donated blood is divided into red cells, plasma and platelets, with the components going to help up to three patients.

Red Cross volunteers in Goodland are hoping to collect at least 100 pints of blood during Wednesday's drive. All types are needed, they say, but type O is the most important because it can be used by most patients.

O-positive is the most common blood type, and O-negative is a rare type that can be transfused to almost any patient regardless of their blood type.

The Red Cross also needs type A-negative blood, as the supply has dropped to about 10 percent of what it usually is.

Blood can't be stored forever because it will go bad, volunteers say, so it's important for everyone who can to donate.

The Red Cross Central Plains Region, which covers most of Kansas and 10 counties in northern Oklahoma, must collect more than 2,000 pints of blood each week to meet demand in the area.

Donors must be at least 17, weigh at least 110 pounds, be in good health and have an identification card. To make an appointment call Martha Gunderson at (785) 899-5993. Walk-ins are also welcome.