

weather report

67°
at noon

Today

• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 69 degrees

• Humidity 58 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds south 10 m.p.h.

• Barometer 30.20 inches and falling

• Record High 98° (1956)

• Record Low 36° (1998)

Last 24 Hours*

High 66°

Low 55°

Precipitation .92

Northwest Kansas Forecast
Tonight: clear, low lower 50s, winds south 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high lower 90s, lows near 60.

Extended Forecast
Friday: mostly clear, lows near 60, high lower 90s. Saturday: mostly clear, windy, high upper 90s. Sunday: chance of showers during day, low near 50, high upper 70s.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
Wheat — \$2.70 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.66
New crop — \$2.72
Corn — \$1.88 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.88
Loan deficiency payment — 11¢
Milo — \$1.58 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.45 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.53
Loan deficiency payment — 39¢
Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10.30 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.45 cwt.
Posted county price — \$9.96
Confection current — inquire
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

Suicide bomb kills 16 on bus

MEGIDDO, Israel — An Islamic suicide bomber drove a car packed with explosives alongside an Israeli bus today and then ignited a huge fireball that flipped the bus over twice. Sixteen passengers — 13 of them soldiers — were killed and dozens wounded in the attack on the 35th anniversary of the 1967 Mideast War.

In a first response, Israel sent two dozen tanks into the West Bank town of Jenin, the assailant's hometown. The Islamic Jihad group claimed responsibility for the bombing. Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority condemned it.

Because of the bombing, Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon delayed his scheduled departure for the United States, canceling week-end meetings in New York. He now is to leave Saturday night for talks in Washington Monday with President Bush.

Gum drop creation



Tucker Harkins, 2, used gum drops, straws and toothpicks to create his own form of artwork on Tuesday at the Goodland Public Library. As part of its summer reading program, the library will hold craft days every other Tuesday. This week, kids made fans, rain sticks, book marks and "gum drop creations."

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

May revenue better, still bad

By John Hanna
Associated Press Writer
TOPEKA — The latest budget numbers are a little better for state government — but still plenty bad enough. Those numbers are the final revenue collection figures for the current fiscal year, from July 1, 2001, through May 31. The state took in almost \$181 million less than expected.

The figures came from the Kansas Legislative Research Department. The Department of Revenue released its own, preliminary numbers last week, which showed the shortfall at more than

\$194 million. Either figure, if it holds ups when fiscal year 2002 ends on June 30, would blow a big hole in the budget legislators approved and Gov. Bill Graves signed into law for the fiscal 2003.

Graves called a news conference for 1 p.m. Thursday in his Statehouse office. Spokesman Don Brown said the governor expects to discuss the budget and his administration's response to the latest figures.

"He's been kind of crunching numbers for the past few days," Brown said Wednesday.

elected he would be only the second Democrat in state history to hold the office.

Playing off the title of his uncle Alex Haley's Pulitzer Prize winning book, Roots, he asked voters to give him a chance.

"Kansas voters should give our roots

and our desire to ensure fair and equal elections a chance," he said.

Haley, 43, has spent eight years in the Kansas Legislature. He served three terms in the House and was elected to the Senate in 2000.

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Doolittle Raider pilot feature of 20th Stearman Fly-in

By Karen Krien
The Saint Francis Herald
Pilots, balloonists and sky divers will be in St. Francis for the 20th annual Stearman Fly-In on Saturday and Sunday at the airport south of town, featuring airplane rides and skydiving for the public.

One highlight of the weekend will be an appearance at 8:30 p.m. Saturday in the St. Francis grade school gym of Col. William Bower, one of the Doolittle Raider pilots. Now retired from the Air Force, he will talk about the raid of Tokyo and answer questions. There will also be a short film shown.

The raiders flew two-engine B-25s, launched from the deck of the U.S.S. Hornet on April 18, 1942, and dropped the first bombs on Japan. This surprise attack resulted in immediate hero status for all 80 of the crewmen, who were awarded medals for bravery. Only 69 made it back to receive the medals.



One of dozens of Stearman biplanes that attended the annual fly-in at the St. Francis airport last year.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

The sound of planes, the flapping of the parachutes and the hiss of the hot-air balloons will be heard all weekends as pilots, balloonists and sky divers participate in the fly-in.

The event features all manner of air-

Hospital sets terrorism plan

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Daily News
The Goodland Regional Medical Center board approved a bioterrorism plan at its regular meeting Monday.

Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly said the hospital safety committee has received a lot of information and working on the plan since the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks.

Director of Human Resources Dale Shields, representing the committee, said the purpose of the plan was to make sure that if there is a threat of bioterrorism, workers would know what to do.

Shields said the plan covers such things as who to report to, what to do in a reported attack, how patients will be managed and where they will be moved to and the laboratory's role.

"The plan is fairly comprehensive," he said, "but not to the point of overwhelming people."

The plan establishes a decontamination area in the ambulance garage, Shields said, but the hospital should eventually have a shower for that purpose.

The hospital had an anthrax scare in October that appears to have been a hoax. An employee in the business office was opening mail and found white powder that appeared to have come from one of the envelopes.

The office was cleared, and employees had nasal cultures. All tested nega-

tive for anthrax.

Shields said the hospital is working with Dr. Robert McCullough, the county health officer, to coordinate the plan with the police, sheriff's and fire departments for county-wide protection.

In other business, the board:

- Approved nursing scholarships for Amy Flax, Eric Gray and Debbie George.
- Approved staff privileges for Dr. Gerald Poticha, a visiting endocrinologist, and Dr. Carl Fieser, a radiologist from Dodge City.
- Thanked Administrative Assistant Penny Nemechek for her service to the hospital. She is leaving to take a grant-writing position for the city, county and school board's joint program.
- Heard from Jolly about a meeting of Dr. McCullough and County Attorney Bonnie Selby about coroner's cases. The two met and discussed what the criteria are for a death to be a coroner's case.
- Heard from Jolly that the hospital is a training site for Colby Community College year-one nursing students. Jolly said he is looking forward to working with the college again.
- Approved new and revised respiratory care policies.
- Tabled the discussion of the aircraft liability insurance as the hospital has no new information from the insurance company.

Retiree named teacher of year

By Doug Stephens
The Goodland Daily News
A Goodland woman ended her teaching career on a high note Tuesday when she was named Goodland Wal-Mart's Teacher of the Year.

Jan Berringer, who retired this year after 35 years of teaching, 27 of them in Goodland, was taken by surprise by the award.

"We kept it a secret until (Tuesday) morning," said Dolly Irvin, support manager at Wal-Mart who helps coordinate the store's community activities. "We didn't want to let it out of the bag too soon."

Roma Troutt from Iowa, Berringer's sister, happened to be in town from a family reunion when the news came in. "It was a shock," Troutt said. "She was totally dumbfounded."

The store gives the award every year, Irvin said. A box is set up in the store and customers can vote for their favorite teacher.

Irvin said more votes were cast this year than ever before.

Berringer won by one vote, Irvin said, edging out Mazie Sutton, a substitute teacher.

"First and second place was really

close," Irvin said, "and they were both way out in the lead. Nobody else was even close."

The award comes with a \$500 check for Central Elementary, where Berringer taught, for a special project.

Joann Wahrman, president of the High Plains chapter of Phi Delta Kappa International, an educational society, and two other members, Mary Porterfield and Susan Jensen, were on hand for the presentation.

"Wal-Mart has been doing this for years," Wahrman said, "but this year, Phi Delta Kappa has joined up with them. This is a good project."

The group will choose a state teacher of the year from among the local winners, Wahrman said, and later a national winner. The state winner will win \$5,000, and the national winner an extra \$10,000.

Other than Goodland, Berringersaid, she has taught in Omaha, Hays, Bellevue, Neb., and even in the Phillipines for a year and a half. She taught American students at a military base when her husband was stationed there, and she said it was the most

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