

weather report

53°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:35 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:28 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:34 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 42 degrees
- Humidity 22 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds west 15 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.37 inches and falling slightly
- Record High 78° (1989)
- Record Low 2° (1940)

Last 24 Hours*

High	51°
Low	28°
Precipitation	.01

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low lower 30s, winds southwest 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny with 20 percent chance of rain late, high near 70, low lower 30s, winds southwest 15-25 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly cloudy with 20 percent of showers, high mid 50s, low upper 20s. Friday: mostly cloudy, high lower 50s. Saturday: partly cloudy, high mid 50s, low lower 30s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

District won't sell old gym after all

Rent negotiation fails with bidders

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland School Board decided to give up trying to sell the Edson gym on Monday after hearing that the superintendent and two men who offered \$20,000 for the facility couldn't negotiate a price for the district to rent it back.

When the board voted in October to accept the bid from Jay Herl, who runs Herl Chevrolet, and Chuck Wilkens, owner of Wilkens Truck and Trailer, members stipulated that they wouldn't sell unless they could rent the facility back at a fair price.

The board decided at its previous meeting, which Herl and Wilkens couldn't attend because they were out

School roundup

At its meeting Monday, the Goodland School Board:

- Decided not to sell the Edson gym to two Goodland businessmen after hearing that the superintendent and buyers couldn't negotiate a fair price for the district to rent back the facility. Story above.
- Heard monthly reports from principals on high test scores, upcoming student programs and sports. Story on Page 3.

of town, that a fair price would be \$50 a day for sports practices and \$150 for a game day — for a total annual payment of about \$1,800 a year.

The district uses the gym, which is about 10 miles east of Goodland, about 32 days a year for junior high sports practices and an occasional game.

The district paid about \$5,500 for heat and light in the gym last year, and Superintendent Marvin Selby said last month that Herl and Wilkens told him they couldn't afford to pay the utilities. He said the men proposed the district pay \$6,000 a year in rent.

Selby said on Monday that he met with Herl and Wilkens again and they said without more money from the district they couldn't afford to buy and maintain the gym. Since board members made it clear in October that they wouldn't be willing to pay more than \$50 a day, the facility will stay with the district.

"There's no deal on the Edson gym," Selby said. "As long as we have a need for it, we might as well keep it."

The board is back where it started almost a year ago, when members decided to sell the gym to bring in money in the face of budget problems.

They took bids, but rejected them all in March, including a \$15,000 offer from TNT Auction, which planned to hold auctions in the facility and rent it back to the district.

Member Ben Duell said during the summer that he thought the board should have sold to TNT because it would operate a viable business in the gym. That prompted members to have the facility appraised and take bids again.

While the district ran advertisements in Denver and Salina newspapers, it only received bids from Goodland businessmen. TNT, co-owned by Tom Harrison, branch broker at Homeland Real Estate, offered \$10,000, while Herl and Wilkens \$20,000.

Now that the board is keeping the gym, it will have to make some repairs.

At the previous meeting, Selby said the well is broken and it could cost about \$2,500 to fix it.

He said Monday that district employees had gotten the pump working on Friday, but it broke down again during the weekend.



When Amanda Hoffman and Amanda Jolly invited the audience to sing "God Bless America" at the Veterans Day ceremony Monday, the crowd stood and sang without hesitation. Front row: Josef Felver and Alyssa

Mason. Second row: Elliott Braun, Mazie Sutton and Melva Stephen. Third row: Harold VanVleet, Bob Daniels, Emma VanVleet and Phyllis Daniels. Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Daily News

Salute to Veterans

Veterans' Day service focus is freedom's obligation

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

Nearly a full house turned out for a Veterans Day ceremony Monday, hearing speakers, music and prayers and singing along on "God Bless America."

The Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars, its auxiliary and the American Legion combined forces for the service at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall Monday morning.

Using the Vietnam War Memorial wall of names as an illustration, Voice of Democracy Contest Winner Alyssa Mason said everyone can figuratively carve their names on a wall with their actions.

Not everyone fights in a war, she said, but all can do something to make their mark. Speaking on the theme "Freedom's Obligation," she said young people have an obligation to go to school and learn what they can and to become better citizens by learning from the older ones in their lives.

Mason said adults have a duty to vote and to participate in their communities.

Vietnam Veteran Dick Liess, athletic director at Goodland High School, combined humor and sincerity in his address.

Liess said when Veterans of Foreign Wars Chaplain Harold Karspeck called him and asked him to speak, Karspeck thought he was a Korean War veteran.

"Either your eyesight is bad," Liess told Karspeck, "or I'm looking really old."

Liess said he was only five years old when the Korean War broke out.

He said after the phone call from Karspeck, his wife wanted to know who called. He told her Karspeck called to tell him he was second place



The color guard retired the flags at the end of the Veterans Day ceremony Monday.

in the Veterans of Foreign Wars "Ugly Man" contest. He said he asked her what she thought of that.

"I think you were robbed," Liess said his wife responded.

Liess congratulated the Voice of Democracy winners and thanked them and JoAnn Wahrman for their efforts in the contest.

He spoke of a "fraternity we call veterans."

It's a fraternity you can't buy your way into, he said; you only get in by serving, and it's a fraternity with a proud heritage.

Many through history have made

sacrifices, he said, and bravery and heroism are still words to describe military service.

Liess said those sacrifices haven't stripped veterans of their sense of humor.

"The G.I. spirit is laced with a strong sense of humor," he said. "How else do we explain M.A.S.H.?"

Although the television show pokes fun at the circumstances of war, he said, it portrays the Korean War as a real war.

"Do not let it become the forgotten war," Liess said.

Amanda Hoffman and Amanda

Jolly sang two songs a cappella, starting with "Amazing Grace." Then, the girls introduced "God Bless America" and invited the audience to sing with them the second time.

But the audience didn't wait; everyone stood and began singing from the beginning.

Auxiliary President Marilyn Colby highlighted the group's projects, Karspeck gave a scripture reading from Psalm 1 and gave the Veterans Day prayer, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Commander Marv Cullens led the "Pledge of Allegiance" and welcomed everyone.

As Kline's lead widens, GOP declares victory

By Carl Manning

Associated Press Writer

OLATHE — Republican Phill Kline isn't quite ready to declare himself winner of the attorney general's race, and he hopes his lead remains large enough to discourage a re-count.

Kline's lead widened to 4,045 votes Monday after the Johnson and Shawnee county commissions certified results from last week's general election. The latest counts include provi-

sional ballots.

As of Friday evening, 79 of 105 counties had reported certified results to the secretary of state's office, covering more than 11,000 of some 15,000 provisional ballots. With only 4,100 provisional ballots not spoken for, it seemed highly unlikely that Kline would lose his lead over Democrat Chris Biggs.

But the margin might remain close enough for Biggs to seek a re-count.

New economic director to be introduced tonight

The Sherman County Economic Development Council will introduce its director at a community meeting at 7 p.m. tonight at the Goodland Elks Lodge, 17th and Arcade.

Anyone who wants to meet Carolyn Applegate, who started work this month in the development job, is invited. Applegate's job is to help the Goodland economy by bringing new businesses to town. She has moved here from Norton,

where she was head of the Chamber of Commerce and economic development. Applegate said she's excited about helping Goodland grow.

"Sherman County is on the edge of greatness," she said. "It just needs an economic development spark."

The council formed this year after dozens of business owners and operators met to lament the state of Sherman County's economy and decided to do something about it.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.87 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.00
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.53 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.19
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.20 bushel
- Soybeans — \$5.17 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.01
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$14.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$12.40 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$18

(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.

Bush scoffs at Iraqi vote

WASHINGTON — President Bush scoffed today at the Iraqi parliament's recommendation that the latest United Nations arms-inspection resolution be rejected, calling it "nothing but a rubber stamp for Saddam Hussein."

"If Saddam Hussein does not comply to the detail of the resolution, we will lead a coalition to disarm him," Bush said as he toured the operations center of the District of Columbia Police Department and pushed anew for passage of legislation creating a new Department of Homeland Security.

The parliament voted hours after Saddam's son urged the resolution's acceptance only if Arabs were included on the inspection team. Lawmakers said the final decision rests with Saddam.

Earlier, White House spokesman Sean McCormack called that vote "pure political theater."