

weather report

53°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:29 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:36 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:29 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 44 degrees
• Humidity 26 percent
• Sky clear
• Winds north 17 m.p.h.
• Barometer 30.21 inches and rising
• Record High 80° (1996)
• Record Low 4° (1937)

Last 24 Hours*

High 54°
Low 32°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low lower 30s, winds northwest 10-15 m.p.h.
Tomorrow: mostly cloudy and breezy, high lower 60s, low near 30, winds northwest 15-35 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly sunny, high mid 50s, low lower 30s. Friday: mostly clear with slight chance of snow or rain, high near 60. Saturday: partly cloudy with chance of rain, high upper 40s, low upper 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.97 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.98
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.60 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.27
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Milo — \$2.27 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.28 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.09
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Millett — \$14.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$12.35 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$16

(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.

Security bill moves ahead

WASHINGTON — The Senate defeated an attempt by Democrats to kill what they called special interests measures in a homeland security bill, bringing a lame-duck Congress close to granting President Bush's demand for a new Cabinet agency to protect Americans from terrorists.

The Senate voted 52-47 to reject an amendment that would have removed from the bill seven provisions that Democrats said were favors to friends of Republicans. The president and his key advisers actively lobbied wavering senators to defeat the amendment, saying its approval could doom passage of the bill this year.

The Senate was set to finish work on the bill today, ending five months of debate on how to carry out the most monumental reorganization of the federal government in over half a century.

Man has idea for mini mall

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

A new mall of sorts could be opening in downtown Goodland soon if enough home-based business owners want to move their operations.

Schlyer Goodwin, community development officer for Bankwest, said many people who run businesses out of their homes would like to fill an empty building downtown, but don't have the money.

His idea is to rent a building and then sublease space to 15 or so businesses, which could set up shop in separate booths, creating a mini mall. Goodwin said each business would pay a flat monthly fee of about \$250 to cover the rent, utilities and salary of one employee, a cashier and bookkeeper.

Goodwin said there's really nothing in it for him, as all profits would be returned to the businesses. He said the goal is to fill an empty building and help small businesses develop and expand.

"Now businesses can have a downtown presence with a low cost," he said, noting that the stores could split advertising and other expenses.

Goodwin said the company's name would be "Tarschgo Enterprises," a combination of his and his sister's names. It would be a "business incubator," he said, with the goal of helping businesses get to the point where they could go out on their own.

There will be several benefits to moving into the mall, Goodwin said.

Business owners could increase their profits, he said, because their products will be exposed to more customers.

"Someone looking for airplane parts is also going to be exposed to your business," he said.

Having a business in the mall



S. Goodwin

wouldn't require owners to put in much more time, effort or money, Goodwin said, because the employee will look after the booths and keep track of sales. If business owners want to be open more than 40 hours a week or on weekends, he said, then they can split up the work. He estimated each owner would have to work just six hours a month.

"Literally all they would have to do," he said, "is put up a display, price their goods, maintain their inventory and space and we'll give them a check every week."

Goodwin said he wants to open the mall before Thanksgiving in time for the holiday shopping season, but he has yet to find 15 businesses to fill booths. He said three have committed and he's hoping to find at least 12 more by calling home-based businesses in town.

Goodwin said he's planning to move his paintball equipment and sports memorabilia frames businesses, which he now runs out of his home, into the mall.

Other booths will be selling airplane supplies, digital phones, personal electronic equipment and music equipment.

"It would be nice to have a few of everything," he said. "The bigger the variety of things, the more traffic there will be."

Other economic development leaders in Goodland think it's a good idea.

Goodwin told members of the Sherman County Economic Development Council — which Goodwin helped form — about his plan on Monday night and they said they thought it would be a good opportunity for a small business.

For information, call Goodwin at home at 785-899-6200 or at work at 899-2342.

Director visited 86 stores so far

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

In her first two weeks, Sherman County's new economic development director says she has visited 86 businesses and developed several projects.

Carolyn Applegate told council board members at their monthly meeting Monday evening at Wheat Ridge Estates, that she hopes to call on every business in the county.

Applegate was hired in October and her first day was Nov. 1. She said it has been amazing the number of people who have come to the office on Main since it opened, and she has been pleased with the ideas that people have given her.

She said she usually spends the first part of the morning out visiting businesses.

"I am trying to visit at least three businesses a morning," she said, "and that gives them some time to talk to me about their business and any ideas they may have. Sometimes it takes longer, and I only get two in a morning, but I am usually in the office by 9:30 a.m."

She said Don Ballek of the state Office of Commerce and Development was in town, and went with her to three businesses to see if there was anything

the state could do for them.

Visiting officials have come to the office from S & T Telephone and gas supplier Aquila to talk about economic development and ways the companies might help.

Applegate said she has interviewed one person for the secretary's position, and has four more to talk with. She said the application deadline is Wednesday, and she hopes to have a selection by the end of November.

Announcements about the opening of the office are being sent to all state and local officials and economic development organizations. She asked to be allowed to develop a petty cash fund of \$50 to have some money to cover incidental expenses. Treasurer Kim Bohme said she'd talk to the county clerk about how to set that up.

She asked the board to approve dues to several economic development organizations including Pioneer Country Development, the Sunflower Samplers, the Western Kansas Rural Economic Development Association, Tri-State Initiative for Economic Development, Kansas Micro Enterprise Opportunity Network and the Northwest Kan-

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Colby hospital appeals judge's ban on doctor's suspension

By Patty Decker

Colby Free Press

A District Court decision prohibiting the Colby hospital from suspending a popular physician has been appealed, while an "administrative" hearing on a complaint against the doctor is set for Wednesday.

A notice of appeal was filed late last week in the Thomas County District Court by Carol Bonebrake of Topeka, who represents Citizens Medical Center.

In the appeal notice, Bonebrake asks the Kan-

sas Court of Appeals to allow the hospital to enforce the suspension against Dr. Victor H. Hildyard. The move comes some five weeks after District Judge Jack Burr ruled for the doctor.

In Burr's early October decision, he overruled the hospital's attempt to bar Hildyard from seeing patients at Citizens Medical Center, noting that administrative remedies under medical staff and hospital by-laws had not been exhausted. He issued a restraining order that would dissolve after that is done.

In that same decision, Burr denied the hospital's

request that Dr. Hildyard be required to post a bond. Within the next few days, Bonebrake is expected to file an appeal on this issue.

The administrative hearing is planned this week on allegations of misconduct based, in part, on testimony from Margaret Ann Staats, a hospital employee, against Dr. Hildyard.

Michael O'Neal of Hutchinson, Hildyard's attorney, said today that the hearing will not be open to the public. It is scheduled for 10 a.m. Wednesday in the conference room of the Prairie Senior Living Complex in Colby.

"There is also a pre-hearing conference tonight beginning at 7 p.m.," O'Neal said.

The purpose of the pre-hearing conference, he said, is to get all the parties together and allow the chairman of the proceedings, who O'Neal said is from Salina, along with those involved, an opportunity to review the case and establish the amount of time that might be needed for the hearing.

A group of patients has organized a rally in support of Dr. Hildyard in the parking lot area of Lantern Park Manor between 3 and 6 p.m. Wednesday.



Old paint makes new

Crystal Linsner (above), head of the county household hazardous waste program, poured usable latex paint into a bucket. The mixture, sorted by primary colors, can be given out to people. On Saturday, a crew was at the facility at 1860 Cherry to mix the paint, taken in during a September collection. The center was open for drop-off for about two hours. A pile of material (right), most of what was collected Saturday, was sorted and stored for later shipment to Ellis County. The next collection is scheduled for April.

Photos by Tom Betz
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Iraq leaders promise to tell all

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Iraqi officials promised to meet next month's deadline for disclosing information about banned weapons, a senior U.N. official said today.

Also, differences emerged between the United Nations and Washington over what might constitute an Iraqi violation of the U.N. resolution that authorized the inspection mission.

Mohamed ElBaradei, head of the International Atomic Energy Agency, said Iraqi officials made the commitment during talks with chief U.N. inspector Hans Blix and other team members after they arrived Monday to resume the weapons inspection program after a four-year hiatus.

"Iraq is committed to declare all it possesses regarding weapons of mass destruction, if it still has any of them ... and will also declare all of its activities in the chemical, biological and nuclear fields, even those of civilian use," ElBaradei told Associated Press Television News and Egypt's Nile television. "Iraq is committed to delivering

this report before Dec. 8."

Meeting the Dec. 8 deadline is one of the key demands laid down in the new Security Council resolution, which authorized U.N. inspectors to return to Iraq. President Bush has threatened military action if the Iraqis fail to cooperate fully with the resolution.

Speaking in Arabic, ElBaradei said the Iraqis were cooperating so far with the inspectors and had pledged to continue "implementing Security Council resolutions."

"We hope that this oral commitment will be translated into fact when we begin inspections next week," he added.

Blix and his team arrived in Baghdad as allied warplanes bombed Iraqi air defense systems in the northern no-fly zone. The U.S. military said the attack was launched after Iraqi gunners fired on the jets during routine patrols.

In Washington, White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Monday the Iraqi anti-aircraft fire "appears to be a violation" of the latest U.N. Security

Council resolution.

However, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan took issue with that interpretation, telling reporters in Kosovo that "I don't think the Council will say that this is in contravention of the resolution that was recently passed."

Bush has warned of "zero tolerance" of Iraqi infractions, warning they could lead to war. Iraq considers flights over the northern and southern zones as a violation of its sovereignty, and the Security Council never explicitly approved the operation.

Annan's interpretation, which is widely held within the 15-member Security Council, is another example of the differences between U.N. and U.S. officials over the inspection program, which is considered President Saddam Hussein's last chance to avoid war with the United States.

Americans are pushing for early, intrusive inspections of presidential palaces and other sites, while U.N. authorities are speaking of building trust between the inspectors and the Iraqis.