

Weather grounds Army Apaches



A squad of five U.S. Army Apache helicopters landed at Goodland's Renner Field last Thursday, and because of weather, stayed through Friday on their way across country. The AH-64 Apache,

which can operate in all weather, day or night, is the Army's principal attack helicopter. Photo by Doug Whitson/The Goodland Star-News

County commissioners split building security alarm bids

County commissioners split bids for fire and security alarms last Tuesday, opting for a local firm for the security alarms and one from WaKeeney for the fire alarms. William McKnight, building and grounds supervisor, brought up the need to upgrade the alarms in January and suggested getting a bid from S&T Communications.

The commissioners reviewed bids for both systems from S&T, Fire Alarm Specialists of WaKeeney and SNC Alarm Specialists of Hutchinson. S&T submitted a bid on the "panic" buttons for the courthouse at \$1,575 with a \$25 monthly monitoring fee. McKnight said Fritz Doke of S&T told him the company couldn't handle commercial fire alarm monitoring yet. The commissioners

agreed to accept S&T's bid for the panic alarms. The other two firms bid the fire alarms for the courthouse, county health building and the Southwestern Bell storage building. SNC bid \$2,660 for the courthouse plus \$25 per month for moni-

toring, \$4,937 for the Bell building plus \$40 for monitoring and \$4,330 for the health department plus \$40 for monitoring, a total of \$12,032. Fire Alarm Specialists bid \$2,875 for the courthouse, \$3,490 for the Bell building and \$2,995 for the health building, a total of \$9,360.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure called Galen Waggoner, owner of Fire Alarm Specialist, about the monitoring fees. Waggoner said it would be \$350 per year for each location. Commissioner Mitch Tiede said it was quite a bit of money for the alarms, but felt it was worth the

investment. Rasure agreed. The commissioners unanimously approved the bid, with a year monitoring the total was \$10,410. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the money would come out of the capital improvement fund.

Replacement lift approved for center

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He said the lift could be replaced because it was there when the building was added to the historic register in 1971.

Commissioner Josh Dechant asked if the lift would be enclosed. Criswell said the manufacturer has a cabinet to go around it, but the new one will be out in the open like the old one. He said an enclosed lift was not acceptable to the state. "The lift complies with the access requirements, but it is not 100 percent compliant," Criswell said. "The problem is the landing, which is not large enough for a wheelchair to turn.... The city will have to do the electrical and provide a larger pad and ramp."

Center director Kay Younger said Criswell had told her about a couple of minor changes that had to be made to make the building accessible. Criswell said those included taking the screen door off the east door and changing the height of the threshold. Mayor Rick Billinger suggested a small angle piece might solve the

threshold problem.

Younger, saying she had one more item related to the front of the building, asked if the city could do something about the two big pillars, where the paint is cracking.

Criswell, noting that the pillars had been repainted in 2003, said the paint is coming off in big chunks. Billinger said he remembers it was an expensive project, adding that he is disappointed it only lasted five years.

City Manager Wayne Hill asked if there were any grants available. Criswell said the work five years ago was done through a grant from the state. The mayor asked Younger to see if there are any grants that might help.

Dean Ohara, a wood worker and contractor, said he might be able to create new pillars if that would help. Younger said she would look for a grant. Criswell said he would help. Earlier in the meeting, Younger had asked the commissioners to consider keeping the budget for the center at the same level as this year when they begin budget discussions next month.

Derby owners ask city to OK cars in driveway

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hood would give away the fact it was a derby car, and that after the first derby the winds could rip a cover up.

Howard said owners put a lot of money goes into a derby car. Young people who might be interested in the sport do not have anyplace to work except out in front of their houses.

"We want to support you," Commissioner John Garcia said, "but at the same time we cannot allow the (old-car) problem to grow."

Howard said that was why he suggested allowing the cars out only from May 1 to Aug. 31.

"I can see both sides of it," Commissioner Josh Dechant said, "and that being a Kiwanis fund raiser (at the fair), it is important. I know our derby car numbers were down last year, and I know we need to clean

up the city." Thornburg said he gets his car early in the year and works on it, and when the season is over, he takes everything off and sells it for scrap iron.

"I am not sure there is an easy fix to handle this," he said. "I know you are trying to get the town cleaned up. I know some cars have been sitting around for years, and I can see getting them cleaned up. These cars have a purpose and are not junk."

"I appreciate you coming in and being proactive," Billinger said. "I think we ought to come up with some kind of solution and work with Wayne and Steve to see what we can come up with. We did it with the stock-car people."

Another suggestion was to have the derby owners register with the police like people with trailers and recreation vehicles do.

Criswell said he felt the date thing might be a good way to handle the whole issue, with all the cars being cleaned up at the end of the summer.

Cowboys tennis team ends season at regionals

The Goodland High tennis team was unable to qualify anyone for the substate tournament, with the Cowboys losing all their matches at regionals Thursday in Colby.

Coach Jerry McKee said the team was short in numbers this year, but he felt the boys had improved during the season.

Junior Bryan Gray lost to a player from Pratt in singles 6-1, 6-0, McKee said. Gray finished with a season record of 8-8.

Junior T.J. Freeman lost 6-0, 6-0. He finished with a record of 2-11.

The doubles team of sophomore Ryan Irvin and freshman Hazen

Deeds lost to Russell 6-4, 6-3.

"They were down 4-5 in the first set and dropped the game, which would have made it 5-5," McKee said. "That is how close they came to the number 3 seed of the tournament. Both of the Russell players were seniors."

McKee said he was pleased with the team's effort during the season.

"We should have all players back next year, as no one was a senior," he said. "I hope we will be able to add a few more players next year. We had several players try out late in the season and we hope to get them out next year."

Track team finishes ninth at Oberlin Invitational

The Goodland High track team ran in the Oberlin Invitational, but with only two Cowboys placing, finished ninth out of 10 teams.

Only two Cowgirls went to the meet, and since they didn't place, Goodland didn't have a girls' score.

Senior T.J. Hawkins took third in shot put with a toss of 47 feet, two inches, and in the discus at 136 feet, 3 inches, and sixth in javelin with 142 feet, 10 inches, at the meet

Tuesday, April 29.

Senior Grant Wilkens placed fourth in pole vault at 11 feet, 6 inches, and fourth in the 110-meter hurdles in 15.76 seconds.

Hawkins and Wilkens earned 23 points for ninth. Phillipsburg won with 105 points, Norton was second with 97, Rawlins County third with 74 and Oberlin fourth with 64. St. Francis had 56, Smith Center 49, Oakley 46, Hoxie 27 and Wheatland-Grinnell 21.

Brewster All-Star Booster Club

Calendar for May 13 to May 20

Friday: Final Semester Exams. 3 p.m., high school track regionals at Hays.

Monday: Final Semester Exams. High school golf at Dodge City. 7 p.m., school board meeting.

Tuesday: Final semester exams. Half day for students. Half work day for teachers in the afternoon. Last Day of School.

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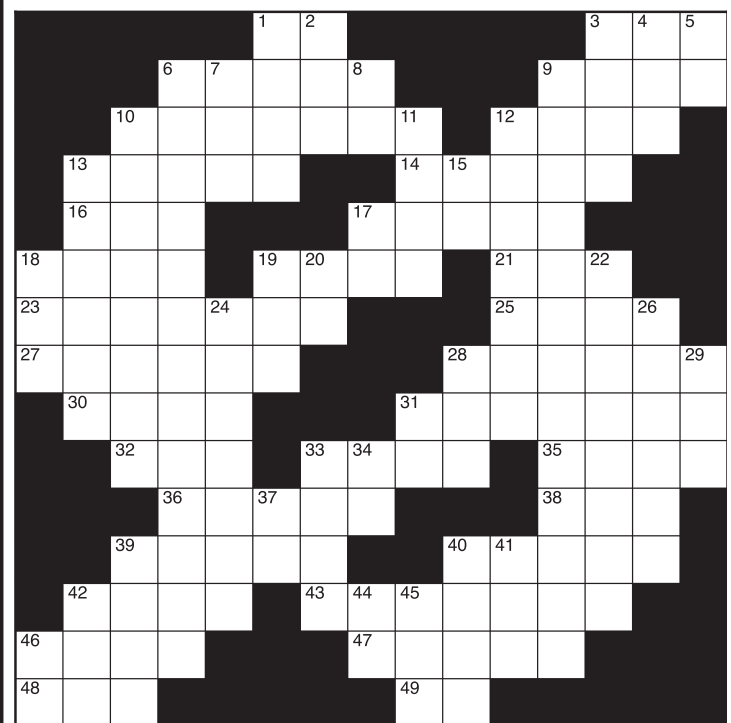
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| 1. Physician | 1. Isinglass |
| 3. Woman (French) | 2. ___kon: Japanese radish |
| 6. Small drug bottle | 3. Makes angry |
| 9. Political action committees | 4. Kansas City airport code |
| 10. Killing yourself | 5. Spanish be |
| 12. German car | 6. What Little Jack does |
| 13. Alabama civil rights city | 7. Of he |
| 14. Liabilities | 8. Libyan dinar |
| 16. Rt. angle building wing | 9. Hoodwinks |
| 17. ___ Arcand: Canadian director | 10. Chooser |
| 18. Brews | 11. Any place of bliss or delight |
| 19. Israeli politician Abba | 12. Relating to ocean depths |
| 21. Solid food for dipping | 13. Choose |
| 23. Deciphered | 15. Spanish for "in" |
| 25. Get by acting quickly | 17. State prosecutor (abbr.) |
| 27. Existing in reality | 18. National DDS group |
| 28. N. Atlantic Danish islands | 19. Snakelike fish |
| 30. Toy drive recipients | 20. Bachelor's degree in religion |
| 31. Avoirdupois unit | 22. Devoted to a cause |
| 32. Exclamation of approval | 24. African shirt |
| 33. Coarse curly-leafed greens | 26. Black-footed albatross |
| 35. A twining plant | 28. Expresses distaste, disapproval |
| 36. Lagomorphs | 29. Point midway between NE and E |
| 38. Point midway between E and SE | 31. ___M: Royal Dutch Airlines |
| 39. Ethyl | 33. Marvin ____, journalist |
| 40. Homeless cat | 34. Equally |
| 42. 2nd largest Hawaiian island | 37. Blue grass state |
| 43. Hot air or birthday | 39. Swiss river |
| 46. Hair treatment for curls | 40. Slithered |
| 47. Condescend | 41. Casual apparel |
| 48. Cease living | 42. Japanese apricot tree |
| 49. ___, denotes past | 44. In the year of Our Lord |
| | 45. Civil War General |

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