

weather report

86°
noon
Thursday



Today

- Sunset, 8:07 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:22 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:07 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 69 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds south 18-27 mph
- Barometer 29.86 inches and steady
- Record High today 96° (1934)
- Record Low today 39° (1946)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 60°
- Low Wednesday 43°
- Precipitation 0.01
- This month 1.20
- Year to date 3.24
- Below normal 3.44 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 85, winds out of the northwest 5 to 10 mph and a low around 51. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 84, winds calm becoming southeast 5 to 10 mph and a low around 55.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 87 and a low around 56. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 87 and a low around 58. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a chance of showers. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$7.27 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.25
- Corn — \$5.34 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.44
- Milo — \$4.92 bushel
- Soybeans — \$11.77 bushel
- Posted county price — \$12.72
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
- Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Girl to play at Wyoming

Goodland native Dani Bedore, as a freshman at the University of South Carolina, blocked a shot from the University of Georgia Bulldogs Oct. 19. She signed to play for the University of Wyoming Cowgirls this fall. See photo, story on Page 12.

Hangar back on demolition block

By Tom Betz

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The old barrel hangar at the Goodland airport — built by the Depression-era Works Progress Administration in 1934 — appeared to be saved from demolition nearly two years ago, but now the city can't get in touch with the man who was going to save it.

City Manager Wayne Hill told City Commissioners at their meeting on May 19 that he has sent three letters to John Topliff, who had suggested leasing the hangar and refurbishing it, but has not received a reply, nor has he been able to contact Topliff by phone. Hill said the most recent letter was sent earlier this month, following ones in February and April.

In August 2006, the commission gave Hill

and Rich Simon, public works manager, permission to demolish the hangar.

An accident involving Simon hitting a power line at the end of August kept the hangar from being taken down, and in September fans mounted an effort to save the hangar. At that time Topliff, who owned Mr. Jim's His and Hers Shop on Main Ave., went to the city and asked to lease the hangar.

Topliff, who is vice president of flight operations for a company in California, said he wanted to purchase or lease the hangar. He told the commission he would refurbish the building and bring it up to the city building requirements.

"The objective is not to lose the 8,000 square feet of airplane storage," he said at the

time. "I am ready, willing and able to proceed, but there are things that have to be done."

He said without the hangar, there is no place to store planes at the airport. He said preliminary estimates indicated replacing the roof and fixing the doors would cost about \$150,000.

Topliff and the city waited months for the building to be inspected to determine what would need to be done to bring it up to specifications. A draft of a lease was drawn up last fall and sent to Topliff for approval.

"I told him in the last letter I would take the issue back to the commission," Hill said, "and let the them decide what we want to do. We were going to take it down before Rich ran into a power line."

"I think nothing is going to happen. I have tried about every way I can to contact Topliff."

Hill said the agreement would have given Topliff three years to bring the hangar up to code.

Vice Mayor Josh Dechant, who chaired the meeting, asked Commissioner John Garcia if he had talked to Topliff, and Garcia said he had not.

"What do you want to do?" Hill asked. "Do we go back and take it down?"

Dechant wondered what it would cost to tear down the hangar.

Simon said he had a deal with a contractor

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City votes to replace windows

By Tom Betz

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The windows in the City Administration Building are leaking air and a few are ready to fall out, so commissioners decided last Monday to spend about \$22,000 to replace them this year.

City Manager Wayne Hill said the windows at the building, 204 W. 11th, needed to be replaced. Some on the second floor are so loose they might fall out, he said.

Hill said the city had planned to replace the windows over two years, but Tom Rohr of Dependable Glass offered a sizable discount if the city does the whole job at once.

The bid from Dependable was to replace the 34 windows was \$22,550, he said.

Vice Mayor Josh Dechant, who chaired the meeting, asked why there was only one bid. City Clerk Mary Volk said they went to the local glass company. Steve Criswell, city building inspector, added that the only other choice was to go out of town.

Hill said the bid is for the same type of windows that have been installed in the electrical department offices.

Volk said by ordering all of the windows now, the city will save \$45 per window.

Hill asked Volk when the building was remodeled and the windows put in. She said it was done in 1991, and they have had trouble with the windows for more than 10 years.

Dechant said the energy efficiency of the new windows should help save some money. Criswell said as much as some of the existing windows are leaking air, it should be a big help.

Volk said the budget had \$15,000 for the windows for this year and the other money could come out of the contingency fund.

Commissioner John Garcia asked why the city did not get another bid and how long it would take to get all the windows replaced.

Volk said Rohr was told he had to do them all this year. Criswell said all the other contractors would have gone to Dependable and then added a portion on for their profit.

Swim team begins season Saturday

The Goodland Swim Team is headed for its first meet of the summer Saturday in Holyoke, Colo.

The group is raising money for its annual home meet Saturday, June 7, at Steever Water Park by collecting donations.

"We practice from 8 to 9 a.m. in the morning at the pool," said team member Taryn Bedore, 12, a seventh-grader at Brewster Junior High.

She said the coaches for the 55 kids on the team are Glenna Jarmin and her sister, Dani Bedore. The team has three more swimmers than last year, she said. Gennifer House and Starla Miller help coach at meets.

"I swim in the 100 yard freestyle, butterfly, individual medley, freestyle medley and the medley relay," Bedore said. "I have been on the team for six years. We got third at most of the meets."

"I did OK, but I'll do better this year."

She said she started practicing at the Howard Johnson's pool the first part of May.

For information if you want to donate call Miller at 890-2263.



One of the members of the Goodland swim team practiced Thursday morning at Steever Water Park.



Goodland Swim Team coach Glenna Jarmin explained to first-year swimmers Luke Hamilton (left), Ryan Volk and Chase Johnson how to start a relay in the water from the side instead of diving start. Swimmers can't start with a dive if the water is less than five feet deep, she told them.

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Most county officials may be unopposed

By Sharon Corcoran

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Most incumbent Sherman County officials say they are running for re-election and have either filed with the county clerk or, in one case, taken out a petition for re-election.

Only Commissioner Kevin Rasure hasn't said whether he is running, and except for the treasurer and one commissioner, most incumbents could run unopposed.

Rasure says he will make his decision next week.

With an opening for district judge, a Goodland lawyer and at least one from a nearby county has expressed interest. The secretary of state reports receiving at least two filings for district judge for Division 2 in the 15th Judicial District.

County Commissioner Mitch Tiede, Clerk Janet Rumpel, Register of Deeds Billie Hoyt, Sheriff Kevin Butts and Treasurer Iris Scheopner have filed for re-election.

Scheopner will have competition in the Re-

publican primary from Wanda Schritter, who also filed for treasurer. Tiede, a Democrat, will have competition in the general election from Cynthia K. Strnad, who filed for commissioner for District 2 as a Republican.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby has been distributing her petition, Rumpel said, but has not filed yet.

Anyone who wants to run needs to file at the clerk's office by Monday, June 9, Rumpel said. Up for election are clerk, treasurer, register of deeds, county attorney, sheriff and two spots on the commission.

There will be an opening for district judge in the 15th District, covering Sherman, Wallace, Cheyenne, Sheridan, Thomas, Rawlins and Logan counties. With Judge Jack Burr retiring after 30 years, a Goodland lawyer and the county attorney from Thomas and Logan counties have filed for the post. A St. Francis lawyer has shown interest but has not confirmed he is running.

Scott Showalter of Goodland filed in Oc-

tober and Andrea Wyrick of Colby, county attorney for Thomas and Logan counties, on Thursday, May 22, for the position in Division 2. A representative from the secretary of state's office said they have received some filings that don't have everything verified yet, so they can't be confirmed.

The judge for Division 2 must live in Sherman County or move here if they are elected. Wyrick had not registered to vote in Sherman County as of Tuesday, but Kevin Berens, a St. Francis lawyer who is said to be interested in the position, has registered to vote in Sherman County. He is living near Edson, Rumpel said.

Glenn D. Schiffner of Colby is the judge for the same counties from Division 1. He filed for re-election on May 5.

Rumpel has served as clerk since 1983, and Selby has been county attorney since 1998. Rumpel filed Thursday, May 22.

Hoyt, deputy register of deeds for four years under Carol Armstrong, was chosen for

the job by the Republican Party when Armstrong retired at the end of last year.

Scheopner was elected treasurer and Butts sheriff in 2004. Butts has worked for the sheriff's department for 10 years before that and was appointed undersheriff in 2001.

Scheopner worked at the treasurer's office for a little over four years before running for election to replace Shelby Miller, who retired.

Tiede, a Democrat, serves District 2 and Rasure, a Republican, District 3 on the county commission, and their spots are up for election. Tiede filed Tuesday.

District 2 includes all of Ward 1 in Goodland, Ward 4 north of Sixth St. and Llanos, Shermanville and Voltaire townships. District 3 is all of Ward 2, the city of Kanorado and Grant, Lincoln, Logan, McPherson, Smoky and Stateline townships.

Only people living in those districts are

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