

weather report

49°
 noon
 Monday



Today

• Sunset, 4:51 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 7:04 a.m.
 • Sunset, 4:52 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 31 degrees
 • Humidity 83 percent
 • Sky cloudy
 • Winds west 21 mph
 • Barometer 29.67 inches and falling

• Record High today 70° (1920)
 • Record Low today -20° (1984)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 53°
 Low Sunday 25°
 Precipitation 0.12
 This month 0.31
 Year to date 0.31
 Above normal 0.08 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny in the morning then becoming mostly sunny, highs in the upper 40s, northwest winds 10 to 15 mph and lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of the light snow in the morning and then a chance of light snow of light rain in the afternoon, high in the mid 30s, southeast winds 10 to 15 shifting to the northeast in the afternoon and lows around 13.

Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: Partly cloudy with high in the 30s and 40s and lows around 14 to 19.
 (National Weather Service)
 Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
 *Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$7.25 bushel
 Posted county price — \$6.97
 Corn — \$5.76 bushel
 Posted county price — \$5.79
 Milo — \$5.61 bushel
 Soybeans — \$12.91 bushel
 Posted county price — \$12.99
 Millet — \$5 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$25.55 cwt.
 Confection — no bid
 Pinto beans — \$18 (new crop)
 (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Jack Rabbits win title

Weskan Coyote Garrett Reiss put up a shot over the arm of Tribune Jack Rabbits Anthony Wilson Saturday in the Liberty League championship at Max Jones. The Jack Rabbits won 60-37. See photos on Page 10.



Proposed architect rendering of the new North K-6 building with the mainentrance to the west and a special entrance to the south for the Pre-school and Kindergarten. Buses would drop students off on the east side. The school board decided to go with a full brick outside to reduce maintenance cost and damage from hail.

District settles on \$14.9 million bond

By Pat Schiefen

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 Members of the Goodland School Board met at 7 a.m. on Monday morning at the Administration Building to settle on the final wording for the school bond question on the April 5 ballot. The board decided to go for a \$14.9 million bond.

This would include the renovation of North Elementary School, renovation of Goodland High School, remodel of Central Elementary for the administration offices, demolition of Grant Junior High, asbestos abatement, upgrades, furniture and information technology infrastructure for North and the high school. The school board decided to take out a new practice field for the junior high.

Board President Chuck Wilkens said most of the comments from people he heard were they wanted the “full meal deal.”

After discussion about the exterior of the building the board decided to see what the difference would be to full brick the exterior.

Board member John Hendrich had concerns the remaining metal building exterior would take a lot of maintenance with painting, screws coming out and dents from hail damage. Mike Ayars of Ayars and Ayars, the construction manager, said it would cost an additional \$195,605 to fully brick the exterior.

Hendrich said he did not like spending \$8 million on remodeling North when a new building could be built for \$10 million.

Ayars had said at the Thursday community meeting at the high school cafeteria that North when finished would be as good as new and would cost 25 to 30 percent less.

Hendrich expressed concerns the water lines and sewer system at North were questionable. Ayars said the sewer and water lines would be fully checked and if there were problems it would be handled without becoming a major cost item. Ayars said the plumbing fixtures would be all new.

Board Member Gary Slough said if there were sewer problems the City of Goodland would have been notified and the city never had been.

The cost for the renovation for North Elementary School would be \$8,877,553 with exterior improvements and playground equipment, metal building addition, building remodel, new mechanical equipment, electrical, heating, cooling,



A near standing room only crowd of more than 120 gathered Thursday evening at the Goodland High School cafeteria to hear the renovation plans and cost estimates to reduce the number of school

ventilation, carpeting and gym floor upgrades, interior wall upgrades and a gym shell upgrade to a FEMA shelter with bath rooms and a generator.

The cost for the remodeling of the high school for \$4,439,034 would include all new mechanical equipment, electrical and windows, heating, cooling, ventilation upgrade, flooring upgrades, demolition of the single wide modular, and fire sprinklers.

To make the changes at Central for the administration offices would cost \$99,180. The reasoning behind the administration moving to Central, said Superintendent Shelly Angelos, is the building the administration occupies is salable. That would not leave an empty school building on Main Avenue. That was a concern expressed by the task force. It would give the district some extra room for class rooms if the district would need them.

The demolition of Grant Junior High would be \$310,260. Superintendent Angelos said the district just did not want to leave an empty building setting there. The district will try to sell or donate the property first.

General conditions will cost

\$140,816. Asbestos Abatement will cost \$122,500 for North, the high school, demolition of modular at the high school and demolition of Grant Junior High. Information technology infrastructure for North and the high school \$99,683. Furniture for North and the high school is \$234,020. A project contingency of 3 percent of \$432,504 would cover cost increases from suppliers. Design fees would cost \$1,288,758.

The first motion by Board Member Amy Sederstrom to make the bond for \$14.9 million died for a lack of a second.

Board Member Mike Cochran moved for the bond to be \$14.5 million cutting out the upgrades in heating, ventilation and air conditioning, cutting out the football practice field but including full-bricking the outside of North. Slough seconded.

Hendrich said he thought the architects put in the upgrades in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning in for a reason.

Amy moved to amend Cochran's motion for the bond to be \$14.9 million and would include the upgrade in the heating, ventilation and air conditioning. Board member Gary Slough seconded. The amendment

buildings with North becoming a K-6 and the high school becoming at 7-12. Central Elementary would become the district offices.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Proposed property tax increase for \$14.9 million school bond

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The bond advisor Dustin Avey of Piper Jaffray hired by the Goodland School Board was at the Community Meeting on Thursday night to put dollar amounts to how much taxes would go up if the school bond passes.

On Monday morning the board voted for the bond to be \$14.9 million.

The property taxes for home owners on a \$50,000 house for 12.8 mills would be \$73.60 more for 20 years. On a \$75,000 house it would be \$110.40

For commercial property the property tax on \$75,000 property would be \$240 a year for 20 years. On a \$100,000 piece of property the increase would be \$320.

On dry crop land (160 acres) the increase would be \$32.56 a year. On irrigated land (160 acres) it would be \$118.58 a year. For grass land (160 acres) it would be \$6.14 a year.

to motion passed four to one with Hendrich voting no.

The amended motion for the bond to be \$14.9 million with a full brick exterior and no football practice field passed five to zero.

Board Member Jane Philbrick was not at the Community Meeting on Thursday night or at the board meeting Monday morning as she

was out of town.

Hendrich said he voted in favor because if the the bond did not go to election it would cost the district \$80,000 for the architects but if the bond went to election and was defeated the district would owe the architects \$40,000.

Chase ends two miles north of Brewster

By Tom Betz

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A car chase on I-70 that started about eight miles from the Colorado state line finally ended about two miles north of Brewster when a state trooper returned fire and injured the male driver.

The vehicle a blue Toyota Scion was stopped by State Trooper Perry Frey about 7:20 p.m. on Sunday about nine miles east of Goodland because it did not have any license plates.

Trooper Frey said when he asked for the vehicle registration the male driver took off. Frey followed with his lights on, and the Toyota stopped again about a mile later. Again as Frey started toward the vehicle the driver took off.

Trooper Frey told the dispatcher he was in pursuit and asked for assistance from Sher-

man County to set up stop sticks at the west Goodland exit.

Frey reported following the Toyota at speeds of up to 90 mph as they approached the Goodland exit, and said there was a male driving the car and a female passenger that he could see.

A Sherman County Deputy Asa Stiles had stop sticks ready, but the Toyota driver swerved to avoid them and the chase continued east with the state trooper and two Sherman County sheriff's vehicle behind.

State Trooper Charlie Brattin had stop sticks set up at the Edson exit and another set were waiting at the Brewster exit with Trooper Terry Kummer.

As the Toyota went past the Goodland exit a sheriff's deputy said he saw something sticking out of the window on the passenger side.

As the car sped east the female passenger

began firing shots at Trooper Frey's car and he reported his car had been hit, but he continued following the Toyota.

As the chase approached the Edson exit Trooper Frey warned Trooper Brattin to take cover.

The Toyota hit the stop sticks at the Edson exit, but continued driving east at a slower speed.

A Goodland ambulance was called by Sherman County Sheriff Kevin Butts to be on standby, and the ambulance was later sent to the scene to pick up the injured driver.

The Toyota lost a tire a couple of miles east of where it hit the stop sticks and the speed was down to about 40 mph Trooper Frey said.

He said the Toyota was all over the place and the female was waving the gun out the door.

A report from the Kansas Highway dis-

patcher was the Colorado State Patrol had not had contact with the Toyota, but the owner had reported the Colorado license plates had been stolen while on a Scenic Byway highway in that state.

Trooper Frey reported the Toyota was slowing down as the chase approached the Thomas County line where Trooper Kummer was stationed.

The Toyota pulled off I-70 at the Brewster exit and drove north towards Brewster.

The state dispatcher told the troopers with the slower speeds the use of intervention tactics had been authorized.

The Toyota continued north past Brewster on Thomas County Road 2 with three state troopers and three Sherman County Sheriff vehicles and at least one Thomas County