

weather report

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noon
Thursday



Today

- Sunset, 5:43 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:13 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:44 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 33 degrees
- Humidity 25 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 10 to 15 mph
- Barometer 29.98 inches and falling
- Record High today 80° (1921)
- Record Low today -15° (1960)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 31°
- Low Wednesday 16°
- Precipitation none
- This month none
- Year to date .81
- Below Normal .12 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of rain before 11 p.m. and then snow, a high near 42, winds out of the north at 10-15 mph and a low around 20. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 48, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 24.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Partly sunny with a high near 54 and a low around 23. Monday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow, a high near 43 and a low around 20.

(National Weather Service)

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Candidates set for April 5 election

By Tom Betz

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City of Goodland citizens cut one candidate off ballot to leave six people including two incumbents vying for the three seats in the Tuesday, April 5 General Election.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said 604 of the 2,680 Goodland voters participated in the Primary Election for a 23 percent turnout on Tuesday.

The top six city commissioner candidates will be on the General Election ballot. In the Primary Election incumbent Annette Fairbanks topped the list with 279 votes, Chris Zimmerman second with 263, Bill Finley third 252, Jeff Deeds fourth 236, Gary Farris

fifth 227, and Dave Daniels sixth 220.

The seventh candidate Randy Toppliff had 136 votes, and is the candidate who will be cut off the ballot. Under city ordinance the city can have two candidates per seat and the three seats up for election are Daniels, Fairbanks and the seat being filled by Kevin Rasure who took Rick Billinger's place when he was appointed as state representative.

The ballot for the General Election on April 5, will include the city commissioners plus voters from Kanorado, the Goodland School District and Brewster School District residents of Sherman County will be eligible to vote for a council and board positions and the Goodland school board proposed bond

issue.

Goodland School District has filed for voter approval of a bond issue for \$14.9 million to renovate North school into a K-6 facility and upgrade the Goodland High school to be a 7-12 facility. The bond issue is for 20 years and would raise property taxes about 12.6 mills in the school district to pay for the capital improvements.

The Goodland School Board has four board positions up for election in April and six people are candidates for the seats with the top three winning four-year terms.

Those running are incumbent board member Chuck Wilkens, and the five others include Mike Brannick, Teresa Sieck, Jessica

Cole, Gennifer House and Diane Stiles.

School board incumbent members Jane Philbrick and John Hendrich did not file for re-election. School Board members Gary Slough, Mike Cochran and Amy Sederstrom are the holdovers with two more years on their terms.

Positions open in Kanorado are for Mayor and City Council. Kanorado City Clerk Deb Fahey said current Mayor Dennis Korbelik filed and Allan Billenwillms filed for city council. She said the city council has two seats up for election. Kanorado will have an open council seat, Fahey said, and unless there is a write-in the council will have to appoint a person to fill the second vacancy.

Playground grant sought for gardens

By Tom Betz

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Sherman County commissioners approved a request to seek a grant of up to \$25,000 to purchase and install playground equipment at Smoky Gardens southwest of town.

Dick Emig, who has been spearheading a revitalization effort at the park, was at the meeting to discuss the grant application and talk about plans for other improvements.

Emig said the Smoky Gardens committee was working on two possible grants with one being a simple grant with no matching for the playground equipment, and the other is a grant requiring a 20 percent match. The grant would be for walking trails would take a 20 percent match, but labor could be an in-kind match Emig said.

He said the committee was looking at ways to improve the park area, and planned to do some more burning of the trees in the bottom of the pond. He said the state has a potential plan to create a pond of water, but was not clear about how that would be done.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad said it was important the efforts to clear out the trees in the bottom did not include pulling them out as that would be a problem with the Bureau of Reclamation or Army Corps of Engineers who oversee the watershed the pond is located on.

Emig said the committee would be bringing a plan for the year to the commissioners, and asked the commissioners to formally appoint five people to the Smoky Gardens Board.

The names he presented were Trevor Linton, Michael Dorn, Stan Purvis, Dennis Stegman and Emig. He said Linton and Dorn would have 2-year terms, Purvis and Stegman would serve 3-year terms and Emig would have a 1-year term.

Strnad said she had ben remiss in getting everyone called and made a motion to approve the appointments of the board members. Commissioners Larry Enfield and Max Linin agreed

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Dani's kids growing fast

Dani Mangus, 13, who was the Sherman County Conservation District state essay winner in February was expecting new kids, and by the time the Conservation Banquet was held she had 11 new kids to take care of. Mangus expects to show the new goats at the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair in August. The kids are growing fast she said, and is proud of the nannies who delivered the youngsters.

Photos by Charlene Mangus



local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$7.83 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.94
- Corn — \$6.54 bushel
- Posted county price — \$6.79
- Milo — \$6.41 bushel
- Soybeans — \$12.34 bushel
- Posted county price — \$12.88
- Millet — \$5 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$30.80 cwt.
- Confection — no bid
- Pinto beans — \$18

(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys get big win

Cowboy Garth Helton tried to shoot between two Monarch players in the first round sub state game on Tuesday. The Cowboys play at 5 p.m. tonight. See story, photos on Page 12.

Citizens ask tough questions about bond issue

By Pat Schiefen

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At the community meeting on Monday night at the Goodland High School auditorium a crowd of more than 200 asked some of the hard questions about the upcoming school bond for \$14.9 million for the renovation of North Elementary School with improvements for the high school, the administration move to Central, improvements in information technology, asbestos abatement and building demolition.

After the presentations the mike was opened up for questions. Presentations were given by Superintendent Shelly Angelos on the history of the project; Project Manager Cristy Joy of Architecture Etcetera of Lincoln, Neb., on the designs of the project; Construction Manager Michael Ayars of Ayars and Ayars of Lincoln, Neb., on costs, the schedule and construction and Dustin Avey of Piper Jaffray of Leawood on the financing of the project.

The first question was asked by Karen Stone. She asked when the last bond issue was passed in Sherman County? Superintendent Shelly Angelos said a school bond was passed in 1966 and in 1973 a bond was passed for the new library.

A question was asked about what



Teresa Sieck (above) and Karen Stone (right) were two of the people who asked questions at the community meeting on Monday night about the Goodland School District's bond election on school facilities coming up on Tuesday, April 5,

the class size is expected to be after the renovations? Superintendent Angelos said class size would be from 16 to 19 students.

It was asked how the school would adapt to increased student numbers? Superintendent Angelos said the class rooms would hold 24 to 30 students. She said that Central Elementary could also still be used for students if need be even after the



to raise money to renovate and remodel North Elementary School and Goodland High School. The district has been working on moving from a five school district to a two school district.

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administration had moved there.

The next question was why there would still be five administrators after the renovations was asked by Teresa Sieck. Superintendent Angelos said the district would want and need four principals because of its status on meeting national educational goals under No Child Left Behind. She said the job for high school principal is being advertised

and the contracts of Verna Milnes, Harvey Swager, Steve Raymer and Greg Ferguson were renewed by the board of education.

Superintendent Angelos offered to talk in more detail if Sieck wanted to come and see her.

A question was asked if the \$1.4 million Quality Zone Assurance Bond was included in the \$14.9 renovation project. Avey said it was

not and even if the bond fails the district will spend the \$1.4 million on the high school to get it ready for the junior high students.

Eric Yonkey asked if the bond fails where does that leave the district on closing Grant Junior High. "It needs to be closed."

Superintendent Angelos said the board would make the decision about closing Grant.

Yonkey would have liked to vote on two questions which would be the closing of Grant Junior High and the renovation of North Elementary School.

Lynn Hoelting asked how the board arrived at deciding to renovate versus new.

Superintendent Angelos said the board had looked at different options and had decided that a two building concept would be the most cost effective and efficient. The North School site was the best site for an elementary because of its location and the amount of land surrounding it.

John Toppliff asked why the elementary building would not be LEED certified. Joy responded saying that all the professionals in the design were LEED certified. LEED certification refers to build-

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