

# Inhofe discusses global warming, military and Guantanamo Bay

**Michael McChesney**  
City Editor

Senator Jim Inhofe made an informal visit to Weatherford yesterday to talk about some issues currently being discussed at the federal level.

Inhofe said the three main issues he is currently involved with are a national campaign against global warming, working to keep the detention center at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba and trying to rebuild the military.

"I don't understand President Obama's obsession with bringing terrorists into the United States," Inhofe said. "Americans deserve to feel safe and we will not feel safe with some of the most dangerous terrorists in the world on our soil or prosecuted in U.S. civilian courts."

Inhofe said information acquired from detainees have been used to fight terrorists around the world.

"One of the proposed places to house the detainees was Fort Sill but we quickly put a stop to that," Inhofe said.

• Please see **Inhofe**, Page 8A



Michael McChesney/WDN

**Sen. Jim Inhofe visited Weatherford Wednesday.**

## Inhofe

• Continued from Page One

"I am committed to preventing terrorists from coming to our state or any other state."

Inhofe also expressed concerns with the halting of military production on the F-22 (fighter jet), C-17 (large transport plane), future combat system (researched new technology for a complete battle field network and man and unmanned vehicles) and a third site for a ground based interceptor in Poland, which would be used to defend against long range missile attacks.

"We have interceptors to protect against attacks from the west in California and Alaska," Inhofe said. "We don't have anything protecting the East Coast."

Iran will likely have long range weapon capabilities soon according to Inhofe and providing protection for the East Coast should be a top priority.

"We have got to start putting money back into military development," Inhofe said. "Our citizens deserve the best possible protection we can provide them."

The issue of global warming has been a main focus for Senator Inhofe over the last several years but could soon be coming to a close after a proposed cap and trade tax, which would be a tax based on carbon emissions, recently failed.

"The cap and trade tax would have cost between \$300-\$400 billion a year," Inhofe said. "That would mean an annual tax increase of about \$3,000 per family in Oklahoma."

Inhofe said the logistics of the tax simply didn't make sense because there was no way to measure where increased emissions are coming from.

"There is no way to know whether the increase is coming from China, Thailand or the U.S.," Inhofe said.