

weather  
report

47°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:45 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:08 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:46 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 50 degrees

• Humidity 58 percent

• Sky partly sunny

• Winds north 47-61 mph

• Barometer 29.71 inches  
and rising

• Record High 75° (1974)

• Record Low 0° (1948)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 68°

Low 34°

Precipitation .68

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy; low 25-30;  
winds northwest 15-25 mph. Tomorrow:  
Partly cloudy; high mid 40s;  
winds north 5-15 mph; low 25-30.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Sunday. Friday:  
chance of snow; high 40-45; low 30s.  
Saturday and Sunday: chance of  
showers; high 50s; low 20s.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.20 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.05

Loan deficiency payment — 40¢

Corn — \$1.76 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.87

Loan deficiency payment — 12¢

Milo — \$2.67 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.42 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.31

Loan deficiency payment — 58¢

Millet — \$3.70 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.04

Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$12 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco

Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea

and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon  
wire

Late news  
from the  
Associated  
Press



1 p.m.

Senate agrees  
to pay doctor

TOPEKA — Dr. L. Stan Naramore, whose convictions for murdering one patient and trying to kill another were overturned, should receive \$200,000 from the state, a Senate committee decided.

The Ways and Means Committee also agreed to pay \$50,000 to the family of murder victim Stephanie Schmidt.

On a voice vote, the committee approved the House-passed bill. The bill now goes to the Senate for debate.

In 1996, a Cheyenne County jury convicted Naramore of second-degree murder and attempted murder. The state Court of Appeals overturned the convictions in 1998.

“We find no rational jury could find criminal intent and guilt beyond a reasonable doubt based on the record here,” the court said. “The quality and quantity of evidence necessary to establish criminal guilt was not presented in this case.”

# Officials request air service extension

By Tom Betz

*The Goodland Daily News*

Air service into Goodland could continue for at least six months beyond the April cutoff date while a decision is being made about Goodland's status under a letter sent to the secretary of transportation by three Kansas lawmakers.

Sens. Pat Roberts and Sam Brownback and Congressman Jerry Moran asked Secretary Rodney Slater for a six-month extension for Great Bend and Goodland flights under the Essential Air Service program.

“We request that an extension of service be allowed in order to provide for accurate passenger enplanement information under the new route structure,” the letter said. “New routes offer a clear opportunity for these two commu-

nities (Goodland and Great Bend) to develop markets and establish increased passenger activity.

“Under the old route structure, deficiencies existed that limited passenger boarding opportunities, and an inconsistent delivery of service served turned customers away from utilizing air service. It is our hope that, under the route structure announced on Feb. 4, those limitations will be resolved, enabling passenger traffic to increase.

“Again we request that you extend the service for these communities. In addition, we encourage you to announce this in an expeditious manner so that the traveling public can make longer term travel plans that include the use of air service from Great Bend and Goodland. Thank you for your attention to this matter.”

The letter was sent Monday, and Ron Harding, executive director of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce awaited a response from Washington.

“It is apparent that cancellations, delays, and overflights in the air service provided by Great Lakes has had direct and indirect negative effects on passenger enplanements in both Goodland and Great Bend,” Sen. Brownback said. “Air service provides a vital link to families, business and medical care.

“Our communities need and deserve every fair consideration by the Department of Transportation for the continuation of this vital link. That is why I join my colleagues in requesting that Secretary Slater issue an extension of air service for Great Bend and Goodland.”

Tony Dickey, Great Lakes station manager at

Renner Field, said today that Great Lakes is flying 12 round trips a week to Goodland from Denver. Despite what Harding said Monday, Dickey said there is a Saturday morning flight to Denver and a flight into Goodland and back to Denver on Sunday evening. These are in addition to the daily morning and evening flights to Denver. For flight information, call Dickey at 899-6200.

“This was a change made on March 1 and it was announced earlier that there would not be any flights to Salina in order to try to see if there is an increase in boardings,” he said. “The new routes are to demonstrate that by itself Goodland can increase the use of the airline service.”

Dickey reported that the Great Lakes plane flew into Goodland this morning, but was unable to land because of winds gusting to 60 mph.

## Shriving cakes - excellent way to prepare for Lent



A pancake supper was served for the community Tuesday night at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Goodland. It was in celebration of Shrove Tuesday, which is a day of preparation for Ash Wednesday and Lent. Zach Hilty (above front) and James Schiefen made pancakes. A large crowd of people (right) enjoyed the evening eating and talking.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



# Petition for special district ruled unacceptable

By Janet Craft

*The Goodland Daily News*

County Clerk Janet Rumpel found the petition submitted for a special benefit road district legally unacceptable, county commission Chairman Kenny Davis said at Tuesday's meeting, leaving the future of paving on the Nemechek Road in doubt.

Davis said the petition did not meet requirements of state law. Rumpel said in a letter to the commissioners that the circulator of the petition must witness the signing of it by each person whose name appears and must take an oath which is signed before a notary public. The petition, which was submitted by Larry Ihrig, did not include any oath and that failure to fulfill this requirement rendered the petition invalid, she said.

The petition also did not contain the proper number of signatures of “resident” landowners or the acreage requirements and did not include enough signatures of landowners, Rumpel said.

The signatures on the petition were signed by several individuals who were trustees of their trust or another person's trust. Since the individual did not sign the petition as the trustee of the trust, there is the legal questions as to whether or not the person had the authority to commit the acreage of the trust.

Rumpel said that if all the other requirements had been met, the special benefit district would have been considered.

“They must begin anew, unless they challenge her findings,” said County Attorney Bonnie Selby.

Shortly before the meeting ended, Commissioner Gary Townsend moved to accept the findings of Rumpel, following her notice to the petitioners for the benefit road district as interpreted by law that the petition is invalid and the commissioners have no authority to

act on the proposal in the petition.

In other matters, the commissioners decided to add \$65 for utilities to the amount the Sherman County Racing Association pays for rent at the fairgrounds.

There was quite a bit of discussion about the bids for a county road mowing contract. Two bids were submitted, one from Ron Lucas with Goodland Greenline, and by Darrel Schrader, Goodland.

However, Selby changed the wording in a few places on the contract, so it was decided to allow the bidders to have another week to look over the contract to see if the changes made would affect their bids and they could change them if needed. The decision was delayed until the next meeting.

Road and Bridge Director Curt Way presented the contract for inspections at the cost of \$45 a bridge from Penco Engineering. He said there are 80 bridges in the county, so the total cost would be \$3,600.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld moved to accept the contract and the motion carried. The commissioners signed the contract.

Way also told the commission that the bids for two older motor graders were all in and the highest bid came from Tri-County Equipment in Brighton, Colo., for \$8,136. The commissioners then accepted that bid.

William McKnight, building manager, said he would spray sticker weeds around the fairgrounds, but he would hire someone to spray dandelions. Davis asked McKnight to have these spraying bids ready by next Tuesday. McKnight said he would do that.

An agreement with the city for an exchange of property between them and the county had been finalized by the commissioners. It will be sent to the city to see if they agree.

The commissioners discussed the

replacement of hardware on doors in the courthouse. Mike Miller, general contractor on the project, said he had expected the hardware to be in before now. He said he would show up on Wednesday to fix what he could.

Commissioner Frankenfeld was

concerned about not paying B & B Electric of Goodland, a subcontractors on the job. They had installed a fire alarm system which is now in place and working.

“Can we take B & B Electric's bill out and pay them,” asked Frankenfeld,

“and then hold the remainder until the work is done.”

It was decided to table a decision until the next meeting.

The commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. Tuesday in the first-floor meeting room at the courthouse.

## Wind-whipped tree attacks house



Gusts of up to 71 mph were recorded this morning as the wind shifted to the north, causing havoc all over town. Bud and Janice Wilkinson were reminded what the Kansas wind can do when a tree in their yard at 1407 Harrison was uprooted. Elsewhere in Goodland, there were limbs and power lines down, cable and phone service was interrupted to some homes and shingles were ripped off roofs. No major damage was reported.

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