

weather report

41°
at noon

Today
 • Sunset, 6 p.m.
Tomorrow
 • Sunrise, 5:46 a.m.
 • Sunset, 6:01 p.m.

Midday Conditions
 • Soil Temperature 37 degrees
 • Humidity 76 percent
 • Sky mostly cloudy
 • Winds NE 8 mph
 • Barometer 30.25 inches and rising

• Record High 80° (1945)
 • Record Low 7° (1952)

Last 24 Hours*
 High 35°
 Low 32°
 Precipitation .38 inches
 Snow 1.3 inches

Northwest Kansas Forecast
 Tonight: Cloudy; 50% chance of rain; Low 35; Winds SE 5-15. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy; 40% chance of rain; High 45-50; Winds SE 5-15.

Extended Forecast
 Friday through Sunday. Dry Friday and Saturday; Highs 55-60; Lows 30s. Sunday chance of thunderstorms; High in the 60s; Low in the 30s.

(National Weather Service)
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 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
 Wheat — \$2.23 bushel
 Posted county price — \$2.12
 Loan deficiency payment — 33¢
 Corn — \$1.85 bushel
 Posted county price — \$1.90
 Loan deficiency payment — 9¢
 Milo — \$2.81 hundredweight
 Soybeans — \$4.57 bushel
 Posted county price — \$4.46
 Loan deficiency payment — 43¢
 Millet — \$3.70 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$6.30 cwt.
 Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.73
 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.

Deer control bill advances

TOPEKA — A compromise bill that represents the latest attempt to help the state control its growing deer population won House approval today.
 The 113-11 vote returned the bill to the Senate, so its members can review the House version.
 The bill would allow the Department of Wildlife and Parks to issue more deer hunting permits to hunters from other states and allow Kansas landowners to purchase and resell at a profit permits for non-Kansans.
 It also would require the department to set up a telephone hot line so that farmers could report crop damage from deer and require the agency and the Department of Transportation to draft a plan for reducing motor vehicle accidents involving deer.
 On Tuesday, the House gave the bill tentative approval on a voice vote after almost no debate.

County will tear out Nemechek pavement

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News
 The Sherman County commissioners decided Tuesday morning to go ahead with tearing up the pavement on the Nemechek Road north of Goodland. Citizens interested in keeping the pavement along with Attorney Ron Vignery talked with the commissioners for awhile about the decision. The group had attempted to set up a special benefit road district earlier this year, but the petition turned out to be invalid. The citizens were recently wanting to set up a not for profit corporation in a further attempt to save the road.
 The commissioners felt the road should be torn up because they had

made a decision to tear out all the oil roads in the county and they felt they needed to be consistent.
 Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said he was concerned that the latest proposal by the citizens would affect the county's standing with the Kansas Department of Transportation. He questioned whether the county would be able to get money for bridges and roads in the future.
 Commissioner Gary Townsend felt that the commissioners had been put in a precarious situation.
 Commissioner Kenny Davis said he was bothered by the fact that the whole situation had taken the authority for the commissioners to do roads out of their

hands. Liability was also a major concern of his.
 "We appreciate the position you are put in," said Vignery.
 The petition failed because of legal problems, he said. But that there was strong support to patch the road for another year. Vignery said the road contractor would also be responsible. He said the county and the contractor would be sued if there was a problem.
 "The people want a chance to improve that road for one more year," Vignery said. "It may be foolish, but we're willing to put up our money."
 Vignery said that's why they hired Bob Perry, a bond councilman, to find out what could be done to keep the road.

Liability exists in everything we do, he said.
 "We have dealt with the commission in good faith and the group is disappointed..." said Vignery.
 "We can't see that it will cost you anything," said John Sanders, petitioner for the special benefit road district.
 "If we wait three years, I'm sure it will cost more to take the road out then," said Davis. "I don't see a long term progression."
 "You're right, Kenny, we don't have a long term plan," said Vignery. "We're just asking for a one time shot."
 Vignery said he felt it was a sign of going backwards when an oiled road is

taken out.
 "Our contractors tell us that they are not convinced that the subgrade is bad," said Sanders.
 Sanders wanted the commissioners to let the group go ahead with the one time fix and let the subgrade prove itself.
 Kristina Nylander, a citizen who lives along the road, said the condition of the road was deteriorating and asked what kind of maintenance would be done.
 Townsend said he didn't foresee anything being done as far as maintenance.
 "We need to be consistent in what we do," he said. "I just don't see anything, except proceeding."

That springtime feeling



About two inches of wet snow fell in Goodland on Tuesday. Dick Hayden (above) shoveled snow from a sidewalk by his house on the corner of 15th and Caldwell on Tuesday afternoon. Harvey Fuentes (top) removed snow from the hood of his mother's car while it was parked by the gas pumps at Vista on 8th and Caldwell. Jennifer and Dustin Pennington (right) scooped snow from a sidewalk by a friend's house at 8th and Grand.



Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

City supports long term economic development plan

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News
 Funding an ongoing economic development effort for Goodland and Sherman County got a consensus of support from the city commissioners at Monday's regular meeting.
 Steve West of Western State Bank, presented the chamber a request for money to fund the marketing and recruitment effort for this year. In the request, West said the money needed totaled \$100,000, with a request for \$50,000 from the city and an additional \$50,000 from Sherman County.
 "We think the chamber should be the marketing agency for the city and county, rather than an outside firm or group," West said. "We know you are busy, and believe we can offer our assistance in this area with a lesser cost."
 "We believe in Goodland and Sherman County, and know we can present the community and county in the best light to companies who are looking to relocate," he said.
 In the request there was \$37,000 for programs for this year which include beginning work on a downtown development project in cooperation with the city, updating the community video, a wage and labor survey and a feasibility study on a new grocery store. In addition the remaining money would be for administration and maintenance West said.
 "We have seen that if you do not have up-to-date information to hand pro-

spective businesses at the trade shows they will go on to the next booth," West said. "We have a wage and labor study, but it is out of date and almost useless."
 The grocery store feasibility study will cost \$14,000 and is being requested by both a local group of potential investors and a company who is considering opening a store in Goodland. West said the Docking Institute, located at Fort Hays State, would be doing the study, and that a similar feasibility study was done for a grocery store in WaKeeney.
 "Is this typical of other businesses?" Commissioner Curtis Hurd asked. "Could such a study be used for other businesses?"
 "It is designed to be specific to one business," Ron Harding, chamber executive director said, "but it would provide some reusable information."
 "I don't see why we should furnish a feasibility study," Hurd said.
 "Even the local investors who are looking at the grocery store possibility need such a study to have something to take to a bank," Harding said. "This study also gives us a shopping tool to show to other potential investors, and is the type of information that any business looking at relocating to our area needs."
 "I can see that you need to have an update of the wages and labor information on about a yearly basis," Commissioner Jim Mull said. "I can see that this is an item which should have ongoing

funding, and I believe it is something we need to put in the budget on an annual basis. How much do you think we are looking at on a yearly basis?"
 "We feel we need \$50,000 a year from the city and the same from the county," West said.
 "I don't think we want to update the community video until the new water park is done and all the street and highway work is completed," Mull said. "I do think we need to have an ongoing effort and the chamber is the right group to help with this. We did not budget \$50,000 to help you, and I doubt the county will have the money this year."
 "I will push to have it in the budget each year," he said. "We are not going to get people here without doing something. I don't know what we could find to help you this year, but we will try."
 "I agree with Mull," Hurd said. "What do other communities do?"
 Colby and Thomas County put in \$100,000, Harding said, and they split that between the two. Cheyenne County and Wallace County each put in \$40,000 annually.
 "I agree you buy your way into the market," Hurd said. "How we can help you this year I don't know, but we are willing to help out."
 "I have a problem with the study going to one business," Mayor Chuck Lutters said.
 "We use it as a recruiting tool," Harding said. "It might not be right for the one company, and then we would use

the study to recruit another. The study will also tell us what has changed in our market in the past year."
 "The wage survey will work for more than one type business?" asked Commissioner Rick Billinger. "I don't want to bring in a store that would also have a floral shop and a video rental."
 West said the wage survey would be more general, and that it needs to be done at least on a two-year basis. He

said the grocery store issue is because "we have heard from people that this is important."
 "I agree that we need a long range plan," Lutters said.
 The commissioners agreed to ask City Manager Ron Pickman to look at the current budget to see if there are any funds available, and asked that the chamber have a representative at the April 10 meeting to discuss this.

Committee approves plan to repair 56 state armories

TOPEKA (AP) — Up to \$22 million in bonds could be issued to finance armory repairs around the state under a bill approved by a Senate committee.
 The Senate Ways and Means Committee on Tuesday unanimously approved legislation allowing the adjutant general to issue bonds over five years to spruce up armories.
 Joy Moser, spokeswoman for the adjutant general, said there are 58 state armories in 51 Kansas counties. Of those, 56 need some kind of repair.
 The bill now goes to the Senate.
 It also encourages the adjutant general to seek funds for the projects from federal, state, local or private venues.
 The State Finance Council, made up of Gov. Bill Graves and eight legislative leaders, would have the final say before any bonds are issued.
 "It really is a real problem," Moser said. "It's really important to us because otherwise it's going to get worse."
 Needed repairs range from leaking roofs to fixing violations of fire codes and making buildings accessible to the disabled.