


weather report

50°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 6:01 p.m.

Tomorrow

- Sunrise, 5:44 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:02 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 38 degrees
- Humidity 86 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds southeast 8 mph
- Barometer 29.83 inches and falling
- Record High 81° (1967)
- Record Low 4° (1965)

Last 24 Hours*

High	50°
Low	32°
Precipitation	.03 inches

Northwest Kansas Forecast


Tonight: Cloudy, 50 percent chance for rain, low 35, winds north-east 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, dry, high 60-65, winds north-west 10-20 mph, low 30s.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: dry, high 60s, low 30s. Sunday: chance of rain, high 50s, low 40. Monday: rain likely, high 45-50, low 35-40.

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

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.15 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.11
Loan deficiency payment — 34¢

Corn — \$1.80 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.93
Loan deficiency payment — 6¢

Milo — \$2.74 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.47 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.51
Loan deficiency payment — 38¢


Millet — \$3.70 hundredweight
Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.10 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.

Pope tells Jews he is saddened

JERUSALEM — Addressing the Jewish people at their Holocaust memorial in highly personal words, Pope John Paul II said today the Roman Catholic church is “deeply saddened” by Christian persecution of Jews throughout history and called for a new relationship between the two faiths based on their common roots.

The pope did not assign any blame to the Catholic Church hierarchy, and he did not mention Pope Pius XII, the wartime pontiff accused by many Jews of staying silent while their brethren were killed.

In a ceremony at the dark, candlelit Hall of Remembrance at the Yad Vashem Holocaust Memorial the pontiff laid a wreath in memory of the 6 million Jews who perished in the Nazi genocide — among them childhood friends from the Polish town of Wadowice.

Great Lakes prepares to evacuate

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

While efforts are underway in Washington to keep air service flying into Goodland, the Great Lakes Aviation officials are making preparations to be out of the airport on Sunday, April 2.

As part of the move to evacuate from Renner Field Great Lakes Aviation terminated the Station Manager Tony Dickey Wednesday. City Manager Ron Pickman said Dickey said he was “out of there,” when he talked to him Wednesday.

“I have been told they plan to have everything moved out by April 2,” Pickman said this morning.

In Washington, efforts are underway by Senator Sam Brownback and Congressman Jerry Moran to have the Department of Transportation rescind the order terminating the Goodland air service, but the timing is getting very close.

Ron Harding, chamber executive director, said he has not heard anything from the Washington people since Wednesday when Brownback’s office said they were trying to arrange a meeting with the Secretary of Transpor-

tation to get his interpretation of the section of the new law which says that orders written after Sept. 30, 1999 which change or cut service are “null and void” after passage of the new law.

Harding said the section of the new law was apparently written by the Democratic minority, and was specifically aimed at a similar situation where service is being threatened from Peoria, Ill. to O’Hare Airport in Chicago.

“We are trying to get the lawyer’s interpretation of the section to bolster our case that this is the proper interpretation,” he said, “and we are hoping that a meeting will happen with the secretary very soon.”

Although the Goodland officials are trying to maintain air service to the city under the federal essential air service program, there is no real expectation that Great Lakes Aviation will be the company to provide the service in the future.

“I think it would be better to let them leave,” Pickman said, “they are doing us more of a dis-service since they are canceling planes because of crew shortages. What we want is to have the ability to look for a new air carrier who will provide the service with the reliability we need.”

Harding agrees that Great Lakes is not doing anything to assist in keeping air service to Goodland, “They have already written us off,” he said.

If air service is terminated by Great Lakes as scheduled both Harding and Pickman are hoping to find a replacement service in the next few months, and there appear to be people who are interested in serving Goodland as well as other cities on the high plains.

Harding said he has had contact with at least one company who is looking at Goodland as a stop for service to Denver, and will be meeting with a representative before the end of the month.

A new airline “Denver Air Connection” is talking to Lamar, Colo. about providing service from Lamar to Denver, and during a recent presentation indicated they would be interested in Goodland as well. Harding said he would make contact with the parent company Key Lime Air, a Denver-based air freight and charter service.

In the presentation made to Lamar representatives of the Denver Air Connection said they are a newly formed passenger airline developed and managed by Key Lime Air.

Key Lime started in May 1997, and has been flying as a contract and on-demand air freight provider. In two and one-half years have grown from one plane to 13 in their fleet.

The long term objective for Denver Air Connection is to be a “premier air service provider in the Rocky Mountain region, and to code share with a national carrier.”

In the short term the company plans to be a feeder to Denver International Airport, and told Lamar officials they have reserved a gate on the C Concourse in Denver.

The plan is to start air service to two to five cities in the area, and focus on reliable on-time performance in order to establish the company as a passenger service.

To begin with the planes would be configured for nine passengers to give the company a chance to get started before jumping up to the 19-passenger level.

The proposal made to Lamar was for one daily round trip Monday through Friday, which would be 35-45 minute flight to Denver, and would have interline bag handling with the DIA carriers for those making flight connections.

Jailed for a hearty cause ...

Dave Branda, (left) owner of the Sherman Theatre, was charged and sentenced today for watching movies every night. He was among many Goodland citizens that were brought up on charges for the Cardiac Arrest fund raiser. To make bail the accused had to come up with \$75. Cris Lovington (top) picks her sentence out and hands it to Judge Heartless (Steve Evert).

Photo by Debra Turner / The Goodland Daily News

County may budget money for economic development

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

Representatives of the Goodland Chamber of Commerce came to talk with the Sherman County commissioners about economic development in Goodland and the county at Tuesday’s commissioner’s meeting.

Stephen West, spokesman for the group, told the commissioners they would like to be the marketing agent for the city and county, and asked for \$50,000 to help them in their efforts.

West was joined by Ron Harding, Jeff Deeds, Eric Yonkey, Dean Blume, Tim Rath, and Terry Richardson.

West said it would cost \$100,000 to hire a marketing agent. But the members would like to put that money toward developing a program. We have an office, personnel, equipment and a building and we have the contacts, said

West.

We are approaching the city and the county on a partnership basis to promote the community, he said.

The group was told by Ray Hammarlund, Co-op development specialist in the ag products development division of the Kansas Department of Commerce and Housing, that if you can’t give prospective businesses the information on your community that they are asking for, there are 20 states that can.

“You have to pay to play,” West said.

He said the group had met with the city commissioners and that they were considering putting money for this expense in the budget for next year.

He was asking for \$50,000 from both the city and the county to finance the project.

We have a need for a pending down-

town improvement project, said West. But we need to go to a training school to learn how to obtain grants to do improvements on Main Street. We want to help businesses downtown do some renovation.

West said there is a grocery chain that has a good history and might be interested in Goodland. But the company told West that if they couldn’t come up with a feasibility study, then they aren’t going to invest one million in the community.

The feasibility study is something we can use for any other grocery store in Goodland, West said.

We aren’t looking to spend a lot of money, but to do a program and do it right, we are looking at \$50,000 on an annual basis, West said.

We need to hire another person to help administer this program, he said.

We think it’s a reasonable amount compared to hiring an economic developer. We can’t do it without some help.

We want to communicate on a regular basis, said West.

“I don’t think that has happened in the past,” Commissioner Kenny Davis said.

“We are trying to put together this partnership,” West said.

“I think it’s a good idea,” said Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld.

“We want to be straight forward and honest,” said West. “We think Goodland and Sherman County are great and we want to see it progress. If we don’t get on top, then we will lose out.”

“What kind of time frame to get this up and going,” asked Davis.

We need to do a labor survey and wage survey, said West.

There are clients there right now, said

Ron Harding, executive director of the Goodland Chamber of Commerce. Some are ready to move in six months.

“I commend the board,” said Commissioner Gary Townsend. “We are more or less on one page, but we budget in July.”

“Will the Convention and Visitors Bureau be involved in this?” asked Frankenfeld.

“No,” said Harding.

“For the county to continue programs in the community, you need more money to do that,” he continued.

We need more valuation, Harding said. The ultimate goal is to increase valuation, so that you have an increase in income to do these things.

“How long will it take to get a grant?” asked Frankenfeld.

Harding said it would take six months. He added that Sherman County and Goodland have been fortunate to put together some good packages.

West told the commissioners that if they would consider the \$50,000, they would appreciate it.

In other business, the commissioners discussed paying B&B Electric for their work of installing a fire alarm system at the courthouse. It was decided that the check would be made out to both B&B Electric and Miller’s.

Register of Deeds Carol Armstrong gave the commissioners a report of the mortgage fees and totals for the last 10 years. She explained that to figure the amount for mortgage fees you need to take the amount of the mortgage times .0026 to come up with the answer.

Road and Bridge Director Curt Way appeared to ask for an executive session to discuss personnel. It was granted.

Indian women are proof democracy works

NAYLA, India (AP) — In this dusty village, President Clinton listened today to heartfelt stories of women’s struggles for a better life and told them they are proof democracy can conquer poverty and inequality, even if that journey is slow.

The president met members of a women’s milk cooperative who have been crusading for child care, higher wages and improved education for girls. He joined them in a traditional folk dance in the village courtyard; the women pulled affectionately at his shirtsleeves and pelted him with so many flowers that he left with yellow petals in his hair.

Asked by a questioner if he thought

Indians were “backward,” Clinton said, “No.”

“But what I hope my trip will do is to help people all over the world see India in a more complete way,” he continued. “There are many people here who are poor, but you are proving that democracy can be used to lift the poor, can be used to end discrimination against women and keep children — girls and boys — in school, and can be used to bring people of different tribes and castes together.”

The visit to the western Indian village finally brought Clinton into the embrace of the public in a trip where crowds, under extraordinary security, have been kept well at bay.

In Nayla, he plunged into a crowd of thousands to shake hands. Sandy Berger, his national security adviser, said Clinton had been frustrated by the lack of personal contact up to then.

The president also visited the city of Jaipur, famous for its pastel-colored forts, and spotted two Bengal tigers at a game reserve.

Clinton and his daughter Chelsea saw a male tiger lying in the grass about 20 feet from their open jitney. Several hundred yards down the road, they spotted a female tiger in repose by a stream.

Clinton goes Saturday to Pakistan, where the military ruler, Gen. Pervez Musharraf, pledged today to hold nationwide local elections starting in De-

cember.

Clinton’s spokesman, Joe Lockhart, welcomed the scheduling of local elections but said it does not go far enough. “It’s a positive step but what we’re looking for is a roadmap to national elections and a restoration of democratic rule,” he said.

The president is seeking a quick return to democracy in Pakistan after October’s coup and has been encouraging Islamabad and New Delhi to tamp down their violent territorial dispute over Kashmir.

Musharraf called two rounds of local elections but said only that federal and provincial elections would come “in due course.”

There are clients there right now, said