

weather report

55°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:39 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:47 a.m.
• Sunset 7:40 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 55 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds northeast 20 mph
- Barometer 30.14 inches and rising
- Record High 94° (1959)
- Record Low 21° (1967)

Last 24 Hours*

High	51°
Low	44°
Precipitation	.57 inches

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly clear, low 35-40, winds light. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, dry, high 70-75, low 40s, winds south 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: dry, high 80s, low 40s. Thursday: dry, high upper 80s, low 40s. Friday: chance of thunderstorms, high 90, low 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.17 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.98
Loan deficiency payment — 47¢
Corn — \$1.94 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.94
Loan deficiency payment — 5¢
Milo — \$2.93 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.88 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.64
Loan deficiency payment — 25¢
Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.30 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.35
Confection current — \$13/\$17 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.

Paper defends privacy of notes

WICHITA (AP)—The *Wichita Eagle* is fighting the state's efforts to get notes one of its reporters took during an interview with a man charged with murder.

Sedgwick County District Judge Clark Owens heard arguments on the issue Friday and is scheduled to rule Tuesday.

The case involves Tanner Green, charged with first-degree murder in the March 27 slaying of Goodard teacher Janice Vredenburg at her Wichita home.

A telephone interview with the jailed Green was published by *The Eagle* on April 19. The next day reporter Tim Potter and *The Eagle* received subpoenas for unpublished notes from that interview, in which Green denied the killing.

"Anything Mr. Green said of potential significance is already in the story," the newspaper's lawyer, William Tretbar argued Friday.



Home show draws crowd

Max Jones Fieldhouse was a crowded scene (top) Saturday and Sunday for the KLOE/KKC/KWGB Home and Garden Show. A feature on Saturday was the "Conman" radio personality, who signed autographs (right). With winter over, thoughts in Sharon Springs turn to the annual Rattlesnake Roundup May 13. The first booth (below) many stopped at was to check out and pet "Pattie" the Python.

Photos by Tom Betz / Goodland Daily News



Budget, prison, open records deals close year

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — A budget deal cleared the way for the Legislature's adjournment after members already had approved prison, open records and prescription drug bills.

A conference committee of three senators and three House members reached agreement on the year's last spending bill after three days. The most difficult issue for them was how to spend Kansas' share of the national tobacco settlement.

The House approved the conference committee's report on the budget late Saturday night, 102-23, sending it to Gov. Bill Graves. Its vote came shortly after the Senate approved the report, 39-0.

The Legislature adjourned shortly before midnight, finishing the 89th calendar day of its session.

The spending bill completed work on an \$8.78 billion budget for the state's 2001 fiscal year, which begins July 1. The bill is likely to account for between

Early finish unusual in Kansas

TOPEKA (AP) — The Legislature adjourned Saturday night on the 89th calendar day of its 2000 session.

It was only the second time in the past 25 years that the Legislature did not need the 90 days allotted by the Kansas Constitution. The other was 1995, when legislators met for 88 days.

\$130 million and \$140 million of the total.

The negotiators initially couldn't agree on how to spend \$30 million in tobacco money. They settled on putting some money toward children's health and education programs and some toward programs designed to prevent juvenile crime.

"They have some very strongly held opinions, and perhaps early on, they didn't realize the Senate had some very strongly held views," Sen. Dave Kerr,

Legislators took four days to wrap up their business after returning from their traditional 2 1/2-week spring break.

The House adjourned at 11:34 p.m., and the Senate at 11:46 p.m.

A brief ceremony marking the end of the Legislature's annual session is scheduled for 10 a.m. May 24.

R-Hutchinson, chairman of the Senate Ways and Means Committee, said of the House negotiators.

Another priority for legislators was a bill to strengthen the Kansas Open Records Act. It imposes fines for officials who withhold records and increases the power of the attorney general and prosecutors to investigate alleged violations.

The Senate unanimously approved a compromise version of the bill, drafted by a joint conference committee. The

County delays road decision for inspection

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County commissioners decided to delay a decision on possibly closing a section of Road 51, formerly known as the Cranston Road, until they have a chance to look at it. A little over a mile of the road, which is in the southeast part of the county, was built up a couple of years ago by farmers Ross and John Cranston.

Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said the county spent money to fix that road after Cranstons had worked on it, so that it wouldn't have to be closed. The bill for that work was never paid by Cranstons.

Frankenfeld wondered if the commissioners were going to pursue the issue or close the road.

"Will this have to go through a hearing or can we just close it?" asked Commissioner Kenny Davis.

"That's why I brought it up, because we need to know," said Frankenfeld. "It's one road we spent money on."

Road and Bridge Director Curt Way said the road was remote from any area where the county does maintenance.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel read the statute pertaining to the road to the commissioners, County Attorney Bonnie Selby and Way.

"I think we have to go through the process again," Davis said after she finished.

Selby said the commissioners would need to publish a notice. Davis said if no one petitioned, then they could close the road.

He talked about the vote the commissioners made at a meeting last year to keep the roads the same. Rumpel found and read the minutes of that meeting.

Commissioner Gary Townsend said he thought the commissioners should close the road.

Way told them there are about eight or nine miles in that area that extends on from this road and thought they probably should look at the road.

Davis then suggested that they table the matter until they made a decision.

In another road matter, the commissioners discussed what should be done about someone putting gravel on Road 22 between Roads 67 and 68. Frankenfeld said it's illegal.

Townsend said if the man had called the county first, he probably wouldn't have had a problem with it. Frankenfeld said the gravel is on there now, but suggested sending the man a letter explain-

ing the situation.

Townsend suggested sending a copy of the law along also.

Davis asked Selby to write the man a letter telling him to leave the road as it is and that the county will grade it, but that he's not supposed to do this, and give him a copy of the law. Selby agreed.

Townsend gave a summary of the April 18th noon commissioners' meeting with Randy Allen, executive director of Kansas Association of Counties, and county department heads on hiring a county administrator.

Townsend said the department heads were in favor of hiring an administrator. He said Allen told them to compile a list of their requirements and then fax it to him.

Davis talked about budgeting the money for an administrator for 2001.

He wondered if the commissioners were to interview applicants and if Allen knew of any candidates for the position.

"I think we should have someone from their office in on the interview," said Davis.

Townsend said Allen didn't think there would be a problem finding someone for the job.

Frankenfeld said Allen would screen the applicants, but didn't want to have a say in the final decision.

Townsend wanted all three of the commissioners to write down what they wanted in an administrator.

Davis then asked the other commissioners about having until May 9 to get things together and they both agreed.

The commissioners will meet again at 8 a.m. Tuesday. They are to approve Resolution 00-6, which is a request that the state director of accounts and reports grant a waiver to the county from Generally Accepted Accounting Practices prescribed financial statements and Generally Accepted Fixed Assets Accounting for this year.

Architect Blaine Davis with Architecture Plus is to give a report on a wall in the time clock room at the courthouse which was built over a heat register. He is to recommend a correction and suggest a split on the costs for making the correction.

Pete Whalen is on the agenda to discuss the sale of the old Medical Arts Clinic. Amy Griffey of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission will talk about an annual workshop and hearing on grants.

Legislature tightens rules on sale of fetal tissue for research, medicine

TOPEKA (AP) — Legislation that would impose tighter restrictions on the sale of fetal tissue has been sent to Gov. Bill Graves.

The House sent the compromise bill to Graves Saturday on a 125-0 vote, the day after the Senate approved it 40-0.

"It's a good piece of legislation. It will prohibit

profiteering and give us a database to find out what is really going on out there," said Rep. Tony Powell, R-Wichita, who handled the bill.

The bill puts a \$25 limit on charges for fetal tissue, designed to cover shipping costs. But a person could recover actual and provable costs exceeding \$25.

Anyone selling fetal tissue would be required to report to state health officials such information as the date and location of the transfer and shipping method. The names of the patient and physician would remain confidential. The bill also would make violations a felony.

Congress lifted a ban on federally funded re-

search involving fetal tissue transplants in 1993 but made it a felony to purchase or sell that tissue for a profit.

Federal law allows for reasonable costs. The tissue is used in research of such illnesses as diabetes, Parkinson's disease and Alzheimer's disease.