


weather report

72°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:41 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:45 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:42 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 52 degrees

• Humidity 39 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds southwest 14-22 mph

• Barometer 29.95 inches and falling

• Record High 93° (1949)

• Record Low 26° (1954)

Last 24 Hours*

High 69°

Low 32°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 50, winds south 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, dry, high near 85, low 50s, winds south 15-25 mph.

Extended Forecast


Friday: dry, high 80s, low mid 50s. Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, high 80s, low 50. Sunday: chance of rain, high 70s, low 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.25 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.09

Loan deficiency payment — 36¢

Corn — \$2.01 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.06

Loan deficiency payment — 5¢

Milo — \$3.05 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.92 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.87

Loan deficiency payment — 2¢

Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.25 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.35

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.

Libyan agents plead innocent

CAMPZEIST, Netherlands — Two suspected Libyan intelligence agents pleaded innocent at the opening of their trial today for blowing up Pan Am Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, in 1988, claiming Palestinian terrorists were responsible.

In a statement read by the clerk of the Scottish court, the defense alleged that other terrorist organizations, including a Syrian-based Palestinian group, set the bomb that killed 270 people.

The plea came minutes after Scottish High Court judge, Lord Ranauld Sutherland, opened the proceedings against defendants Abdel Basset Ali al-Megrahi and Lamen Khalifa Fhimah, who surrendered for trial last year following nearly a decade of sanctions against Libya. If convicted they face a life sentence in a Scottish prison.

Arbor Day Friday; Music, Youth week May 7-14

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

Friday will be Arbor Day in Goodland, and the week of May 7-14 has been named National Music Week and Elks Youth Week in proclamations signed by Mayor Chuck Lutters at Monday's city commission meeting.

Goodland has been participating in the Tree City USA program for 21 years, and at 10 a.m. Friday the city will celebrate Arbor Day by planting a tree at 17th and Cherry. The Tree City program is sponsored by the National Arbor Day Foundation, the Kansas Forest Service and US Forest Service.

"Music ... a lifeline for the century," is the theme for National Music Week which is to be May 7-14 from the proclamation signed by Mayor Lutters with Martha Gunderson of the Goodland Federated Music Club present.

A third proclamation signed by Lutters proclaims May 7-14 as Elks Youth Week. The proclamation was a request from the Goodland Elks Lodge.

Wednesday, May 10, will be celebrated as County Seat Day to celebrate the date when Goodland became the official seat of Sherman County in 1888. Ron Harding, executive director of the Chamber of Commerce, said the celebration will feature placement of plaques on historic buildings. The Chamber asked that 11th Street be closed from Main to the alley both east

and west from 9 a.m. to noon for entertainment, and to allow antique vehicles to be parked on the sidewalks along Main that day.

The commission members did not have any objection.

Commissioner Curtis Hurd said he did not like approving home occupation permits for businesses which ought to be located in the main business district. He suggested that the city ought to be supporting a way to help new businesses get started on Main Street rather than allowing them to be established in homes.

The discussion was the request for a special use permit for Brenda Coon, 223 Clark, for a home beauty salon. The city planning commission had unanimously approved the request at their April 18 meeting, and the city had not received any negative comments on the request.

The commission voted 4-1 to approve the permit with Hurd being the no.

Bids on seven locations for demolition were approved by the commission, with Townsend Construction Co. being selected for five of the jobs and Goody's winning the bids for two locations.

Townsend won the bid for demolition at 118 W. 14th (\$4,990), 1537 Main

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Workers tore out the southern median on K-27 (above) south of the I-70 interchange as the first step in the construction project which is expected to continue through the summer as the contractor Smith Sand and Gravel of Garden City rebuilds approximately one mile of K-27 from Commerce Road to the Business U.S. 24 intersection. Work continues at several locations within the city as part of the current demolition project, and one of the more noticeable (below) was the recent demolition of the old Sinclair station at Ninth and Main.

Photos by Janet Craft / The Goodland Daily News

Bill's failure puts millions in highway funds at risk

By Kelly Wiese
Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Legislators' failure to pass a bill could cut back Kansas highway projects — because the measure would have allowed the state to spend \$55 million in federal funds on construction.

The state's comprehensive transportation plan, enacted last year, counted on getting that money over 10 years. However, the funds depended on passage of legislation to require repeat drunken drivers to use ignition interlock devices.

Because the bill failed, the state still gets the money but must use it instead for safety programs, such as promoting seat belt use.

"It's going to mean a hit to us," said Marty Matthews, spokesman for the Department of Transportation.

KDOT was counting on the money in administering the 10-year, \$13.4 billion transportation plan.

"We committed to doing a certain number of projects around the state," Matthews said. "We had a specific pool of money we were counting on. When you take 55 million out of that pool, it leaves you a little short in some places."

He said the department has not determined which projects would be affected. Under the bill that failed, repeat

drunken drivers would have had to use ignition interlock devices, which typically require people to blow into a tube to have their blood-alcohol levels checked. If someone's level is above the legal limit of .08 percent, the device prevents the car from starting.

Requiring ignition interlock use is one of many proposals the federal government has endorsed to curb drunken driving. Federal highway construction money is tied to complying with those measures.

The House approved a compromise version of the ignition interlock bill, 97-26 on Saturday, the last day of the Legislature's session.

However, shortly before legislators adjourned for the year, the Senate rejected the bill, 20-15. The Senate has 40 members, and a bill needs 21 votes to pass.

Rep. Mike O'Neal, chairman of the House Judiciary Committee, called the bill's failure "a bitter disappointment."

Opponents argue the devices will not solve the problem.

"It is very easy to circumvent an ignition interlock," Sen. John Vratil, who voted against the bill, said Tuesday. "All you have to do is have another person blow into the device. I felt like it was an ineffective method."



Reaching out for a win?



Spencer Windell (right) reached out with the baton to try to win the 4x100 relay at the 10th annual Kiwanis Relays Saturday. However, T.J. Hawkins had just enough of a lead to edge out the win over Windell. For relay results and more photos see page 8.

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County looks at composting, need for special equipment

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

Road and Bridge Director Curt Way discussed purchasing composting equipment for the landfill with the Sherman County commissioners at Tuesday morning's meeting.

He said the county is allowed half an acre of land for yard waste by the Kansas Department of Health and Environment. If the amount of yard waste exceeds half an acre, then the county can make a compost pile. However, there are guidelines they have to follow on compost piles.

Way said he had thought long and hard about the composting situation. It was either hire someone to do the work of wetting and turning the trash or buy equipment so that county employees could do it.

A proposal from a man to do the work would cost the county \$300 a day, Way said.

Way said if the county purchased equipment, it would need to buy a tractor with a hydrostat, a compost

turner, and a water tank with a hydraulic pump.

"It's something we are forced to do, if we want to comply," Way said.

Commissioner Kenny Davis was concerned about depleting the special fund in case something came up that the money was needed for.

"Let's find out what a water cart will cost," Davis said.

Davis asked Way to come back with final figures. Way will do that and check on availability of the equipment needed.

Amy Griffey of the Northwest Kansas Planning and Development Commission in Hill City talked with the commissioners about grants available and made suggestions about some they might be interested in. She told the commissioners that the county is eligible for a grant every year as long as they don't have one that's outstanding for too long.

She also talked with them about the handicapped restroom project at the courthouse and was told that it hasn't been completed.

"It shouldn't have been this difficult," Griffey said.

She asked about payments to Architecture Plus. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said they haven't made any for sometime.

Griffey said if you don't have a grant closed out by June 1, it could jeopardize future grants.

Commissioner Gary Townsend suggested having County Attorney Bonnie Selby send a letter to Blaine Davis, architect with Architecture Plus.

"I can't see where these phone calls and meetings with Blaine are doing any good," Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said.

The commissioners decided to wait until the May 9 meeting to make a decision on Road 51, formerly known as the Cranston Road.

In other business, the commissioners approved Resolution 00-6 for a Generally Accepted Accounting Practices waiver. Janet Rumpel will send the waiver to the state and then see what the response is.