

weather report

68°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 7:54 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 5:32 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:54 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 63 degrees
- Humidity 72 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds southeast 10 mph
- Barometer 29.74 inches and falling
- Record High 91° (1964)
- Record Low 27° (1945)

Last 24 Hours*

High	83°
Low	40°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 50, winds south 10-20 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high mid 80s, low mid 40s, winds southwest 20-30 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: chance for showers, high 60-65, low 45-50. Friday: Dry, high 75-80, low 45. Saturday: Dry, high 80, low 45-50.

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

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.33 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.24
- Loan deficiency payment — 21¢
- Corn — \$1.85 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.96
- Loan deficiency payment — 3¢
- Milo — \$2.77 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.65 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.71
- Loan deficiency payment — 18¢
- Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$5.85 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.57
- 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

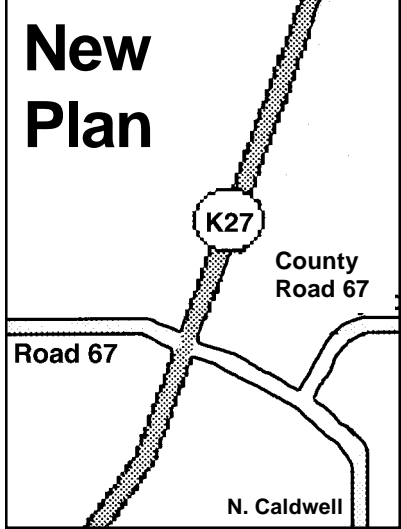
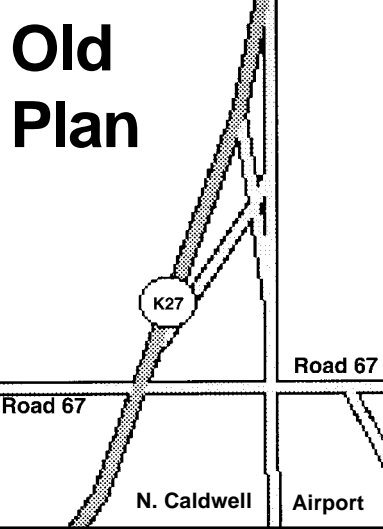
Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m. Fed hikes rate; prime to 9.5%

WASHINGTON — The Federal Reserve raised a key interest rate by a half point today, the biggest increase in five years, in an effort to slow the supercharged economy and keep inflation from becoming a problem.

The announcement came after a closed-door meeting of the Federal Reserve's Open Market Committee, which sets rate policies. The Fed said it was increasing its target for the federal funds rate — the interest that banks charge each other on overnight loans — from 6 percent to 6.50 percent, the highest level in nine years.

The Fed's half-point increase in the funds rate was expected to be quickly followed by announcements from commercial banks that they were boosting their prime lending rate by a similar half-point, from the current 9 percent to 9.50 percent.



The state Department of Transportation wants to eliminate the "pretzel" on K-27 north of Goodland next year (left). The city will give land to help bend County Road 67 to the south, where it will meet with Caldwell, and Caldwell will bend to the west to intersect with K-27 and the west section of County Road 67. Maps show the old and new designs.

City donates land to state for new road

By Tom Betz

The *Goodland Daily News* A project to eliminate the "pretzel" intersection north of Goodland on K-27 won't begin for at least a year, but the City Commission agreed Monday to give the state land on the south side of County Road 67 and east of Caldwell.

From a design presented to the commission Monday, the Kansas Department of Transportation's plan will totally eliminate the pretzel by curving North Caldwell over to K-27 about where County Road 67 now meets the highway. The east portion of County Road 67 will come off Caldwell and curve northeast. There will be stop signs on the east and west of the intersection with K-27.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the state plans to begin the North K-27 project next year, and will do it in two phases. He said the state plans the first phase to be the intersection of K-27 and Business U.S. 24, and that the second phase will include the elimination of the pretzel and resurfacing the highway north to the county line.

The piece of property the city agreed to turn over would be part of the new curve to bring the eastern end of County Road 67 down to meet Caldwell. Pickman said there would not be any cost to the city unless there are city utilities which will have to be moved.

Commissioner Rick Billinger asked if the state was planning to close the section of K-27 during the construction. He suggested the city should continue to object to this, and request that the state provide a detour or barricades and pilot cars rather than totally closing the highway.

"I believe this is an undue hardship on our business community, and that we should continue to press our objections," Billinger said.

Pickman said the city had taken the objection all the way to the secretary of transportation in Topeka and had been told no. The state plans to close the road during construction with detours either through Colby on K-25 or on county roads.

Karl Hildreth, owner of Buffalo Inn, asked the commission for details about how the \$30,000 being given to the Chamber of Commerce Economic Development Committee is being spent.

"Is this for an existing economic development program or for a new program?" he asked.

Pickman said the city was contributing to an existing program, and that the money is coming from the city general fund, not from the tax on hotel rooms.

Hildreth said it was his understanding that state law sets up a property tax levy for economic development.

"It is my understanding that the transient tax cannot be used for economic development," Hildreth said. "I feel as a citizen it is important to know how the money has been used, and what return there has been."

Billinger said he also wanted to see

where the money would be spent, and that he thought the budget the Chamber had presented had several projects worth pursuing. (The plan was presented at the last commission meeting and reported in the May 1 *Goodland Daily News*.)

Commissioner Curtis Hurd said he thought one of the economic development efforts that had produced a return was working with Northern Sun to develop its processing plant.

Pickman said the state law authorizes a county levy for economic development but does not require one, and it has never been in force here.

In other business, the commission: • Approved a request for reimbursement from the state for \$17,936 for the first portion of the demolition project. The money is to pay for the administration and demolition of 902 Main, 422 Sherman, 515 E. 8th, 1301 Syracuse, 418 Center, 622 W. 10th and 910 W. 9th.

• Took under advisement a request from the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter for \$850 for next year. The request was presented by Charlotte Linsner, who said in the past three years the number of cases in Sherman County has risen from 8 to 47. The commission will consider the request as part of the budget process for next year.

• Approved appointment of Alleyn Heble and Ed Carlton to three-year terms on the Shade Tree Commission, and reappointment of Larry Dickey and Kevin Ross to the Airport Board for three-year terms.

• Tabled an inspection and maintenance contract on the elevator at the City Administration Building to allow the city staff to see if there is a way to combine inspections with either the county or schools.

• Heard Pickman say progress continues on the ballpark, and that tentative plans are for a dedication ceremony on Sunday, June 11.

• Heard the city had been approached about purchasing a baler, and that there is possibly someone who will pick up baled cardboard. The commission told the manager to continue to investigate this.

The next commission meeting will be 5 p.m. Tuesday, May 30, in the city commission room upstairs in the administration building, 204 W. 11th St.

Secretary says China trade good for farmers

By Roxana Hegeman

Associated Press Writer

WICHITA — Granting permanent normal trade relations to China is a "one-way street" that benefits the United States without costing any trade concessions, U.S. Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said. "We give up nothing. I mean it. Nothing," Glickman said Monday. "To think we would turn this agreement down is incomprehensible."

Glickman was in his hometown to press his case for legislation normalizing trade relations. He spoke to two groups of business and community leaders.

The China trade issue that sparked his impassioned support before the Wichita Rotary Club and the Kan-

sas Alliance/goTRADE, a network of business leaders who support opening international markets to local companies.

The bill would end a system of annual reviews of trade rules with China and its passage is expected to ease China's entry into the World Trade Organization. Glickman said the congressional vote would be close, but predicted the bill would pass.

The measure is backed by business and agriculture, which see a potential new market of 1.2 billion people.

Opponents worry about the loss of jobs overseas and cite human rights abuses by the Communists.

"It is the largest market in the world," Glickman

said. "They have nuclear weapons. They have immense power in the Western Pacific. Their relationship with Taiwan is very, very tenuous and could involve the United States in conflicting activities if it is not handled the right way.

"Our vote on this is far more important than how much wheat we sell, or citrus we sell, or meat we sell or airplanes we sell — this is a classic case that our country is better off engaging than disengaging."

Glickman told business leaders that China wants trade organization membership so badly it has agreed to lift long-standing restrictions on wheat imports from the United States, end its export subsidies and lower its tariffs.



Crews work on ballfield for summer

City utility crews (above) are working to get the new Memorial Field in shape for baseball season. Today, under the direction of division manager Dustin Bedore, they pulled the first set of eight wires about 450 feet. Bedore said this was the second try, as the lines broke on Monday. Helping with the job are Manuel Hernandez, Brian Medina, Abel Ontiveroz, Mike Fenner, Dennis Fyfe and Tim Webster. The new announcer's booth and concession stand (left) is going up quickly, as a crew from Ginn Brothers laid the concrete block walls and measured to make sure the concession window is square. The city hopes to have the field ready by May 25, and plans a dedication ceremony June 11.

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