

weather
report

86°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:58 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:49 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:57 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 76 degrees

• Humidity 41 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds northeast 10 mph

• Barometer 30.07 inches

and falling

• Record High 105° (1954)

• Record Low 44° (1974)

Last 24 Hours*

High 95°

Low 62°

Precipitation 0.03 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 60-65, winds south 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high 100, low 60s, winds south 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: dry, high 100-105, low 60s. Sunday and Monday: chance for thunderstorms, high 85-90, low 55-65.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.32 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.10
Loan deficiency payment — 35¢
Corn — \$1.50 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.48
Loan deficiency pmt. — 51¢
Milo — \$1.96 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.62 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.86
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.04
Millet — \$5.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$5.60 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.04
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.

County judge
faces jail time

KANSAS CITY, Kansas — A Wyandotte County judge has been charged with signing allegedly false pay slips for his one-time administrative assistant while she work a second job but was supposed to be at the courthouse.

Wyandotte County District Court Judge George A. Groneman was charged Wednesday with one count each of presenting a false claim and conspiring to present a false claim. Both are felonies.

The charges, filed in district court, allege that Groneman signed pay slips for Debra Jean Massey even though she had not worked some of those hours at the courthouse.

“It’s a crime; we intend to go through with this,” said Wyandotte County District Attorney Nick Tomic.

Attempts to reach Groneman on Wednesday were unsuccessful.

The making of a sidewalk...



A construction crew laid concrete Tuesday for a new sidewalk along the south side of the Goodland High School football field and Max Jones Fieldhouse. Chuck Lutters, (center), director of buildings and grounds for the Goodland School District, moved the concrete chute, while Marlin

Roeder (left), Joey Smith (second from left), Chris Cooper (third from left), Darrell Mastin (second from right) and Eric Stefan (right) spread the concrete.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

City and county work together on road

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

City and county representatives are trying to work out a way to pay for fixing two stretches of old U.S. 24 that are in the city but outside the county’s plans to rebuild the road.

They may look for state or federal money to fix the east stretch of road, where the base has failed and repairs

may cost anywhere from \$50,000 to \$500,000. City officials claimed that they thought the work would be done under a special county sales tax, but commissioners said the city stretches were never in the budget.

Commissioner Kenny Davis and County Attorney Bonnie Selby reported at a county meeting Monday on a session they had with city represen-

tatives. Both said the meeting with City Manager Ron Pickman, Mayor Chuck Lutters and City Attorney Perry Warren, was “positive and productive.”

During the meeting, they had a conference call with Larry Emig and Bill Geer of the Kansas Department of Transportation about the options for repairing the road.

One option, Emig and Geer said,

would be to change the county priority for the Kanorado bridge replacement, which is scheduled for 2003. However, they said if the bridge is delayed, it could be years before there is another opportunity to replace it.

The commissioners said they did not believe that would be a good idea be-

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Policeman hits brick buildings to avoid accident

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

On his way to break up a bar fight early Sunday, a Goodland police officer lost control of his patrol car when he swerved to avoid hitting another car, and hit a handrail, a few flower pots, two brick buildings and a light pole on Main Street.

Police Chief Ray Smee said at 12:30 a.m., Officer Chad Riebel was on the way to check reports of a fight at Kickers Restaurant and Lounge, 1523 Arcade, when he swerved to avoid hitting a woman and her daughter, Connie and Jamie Cullens, driving north on Main

Street.

Riebel was eastbound on 10th Street with his emergency lights on, the chief said, and Cullens was crossing 10th when she stopped in the intersection to let the officer go by.

The chief said Riebel lost control of his patrol car after swerving to the left and drove onto the sidewalk at the northeast corner of 10th and Main, hitting a handrail and flower pots in front of the Coat and Tails Grooming Parlor. The officer’s car nicked that building and another to the north, which houses Gar’s Upholstery Service, then ran into a light pole.

Smee said Mike Skyler, a Kansas Highway Patrol trooper, handled the accident. Skyler had not turned in a report by this morning, a dispatcher at the Highway Patrol office in Salina said, but he added that troopers have 10 days to turn in the reports.

Skyler did fill out a courtesy report, the dispatcher said, which is mainly used to give the insurance company information. The courtesy report said Riebel was responding to a call when he swerved to avoid an accident and hit a wall.

Smee said the department doesn’t know the exact amount of damage to

the patrol car yet, but the department’s insurance will pay for repairs.

Terry Ross, who runs Gar’s, said the city has not contacted him about the accident and an insurance adjuster has not come to his shop to survey damage to the building. Larry Minner, who owns the Coat and Tails building, was out of town Thursday.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the city’s insurance agency, Eklund’s First Insurance, is still investigating, but will most likely pay for the damage.

Smee said the fight was under control by the time officers got to Kickers, and no one was arrested.

Sharing pays for people in the SHARE program

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Who ever said sharing doesn’t pay?

For the 100 or so people involved in the Heartland SHARE Program in Sherman County, it pays every month.

In exchange for sharing a couple of hours of their time and energy — and a few bucks — SHARE participants get a cardboard box filled with meat, fish, fruits, vegetables and other packaged foods.

They pick-up their “shares” between 9 and 10 a.m. on one Saturday each month at the Veterans of Foreign Wars hall on Main Street. On the July “distribution day” a couple of Saturdays ago, the 30 volunteers who run the program in Goodland packaged and handed-out 67 share boxes.

The boxes had about seven pounds of meat, including barbecue beef, chicken tenders, polish sausage, chicken drums and fish portions, plus carrots, lettuce, eight potatoes, two cucumbers, four oranges, five nectarines, grapes, four boxes of Kraft macaroni and cheese and one bag of chocolate chip cookie dough.

“We average 65 to 70 boxes,” said Lee Gotchall, who has been program coordinator for six years. Along with other volunteers who help run the program here, he donates his time.

“Some take two boxes,” he said. “One guy takes four boxes. He buys for his parents and such.”



A “share” box is filled with meat, fruit, vegetables and other staples.

To get a “share,” Gotchall said, participants must volunteer two hours each month to some cause — their church, their neighbors, an elderly person, a child or anyone else outside their own family.

“Maybe you take meals to someone,” said Floriene Whisnant, treasurer for the program. “You know, anything.”

Of course, the food isn’t free.

Participants pay \$15.50 for the box, which contains about \$35 worth of groceries. One dollar goes towards transportation costs, since the food is shipped in from Kansas SHARE headquarters in Topeka. If you want more boxes, you have to do more volunteer work and pay more.

A group of business people started

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