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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° 62° Low 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) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m



Loan deficiency pmt. - 51¢ Nilo — \$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)



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

A construction crew laid concrete Tuesday for a new sidewalk along 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 in the city but outside the county's plans were never in the budget. to rebuild the road.

where the base has failed and repairs a session they had with city represen-

\$500,000. City officials claimed that Manager Ron Pickman, Mayor Chuck City and county representatives are they thought the work would be done Lutters and City Attorney Perry Warrying to work out a way to pay for fix- under a special county sales tax, but ren, was "positive and productive." ing two stretches of old U.S. 24 that are commissioners said the city stretches

Commissioner Kenny Davis and They may look for state or federal County Attorney Bonnie Selby remoney to fix the east stretch of road, ported at a county meeting Monday on repairing the road.

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

One option, Emig and Geer said,

may cost anywhere from \$50,000 to tatives. Both said the meeting with City 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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Moran coming to town

Congressman due here on Friday By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News Congressman Jerry Moran will be in Goodland on Friday to hear what is on the minds of the citizens he represents in Washington.

Moran will be at the Northwest Kansas Technical School cafeteria from noon to 1 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Goodland Rotary Club.

His appearance is part of a 66-county tour of the 1st District in western and central Kansas which Moran represents. This is the fourth year for the tour, said Travis Murphy, Moran's press secretary. Moran has been doing the tour since he was elected in 1996.

There are several main concerns facing the district, said Murphy.

"There hasn't really been one central theme of discussion," said Murphy, "but most of the district is in a rural area, and they are concerned with maintaining their way of life.

"A lot of the concerns so far are concerns that are common to rural America:

"Maintaining quality health care in rural areas, concerns over the agriculture industry, veterans and small business issues have dominated the tour discussion up to now."

Veteran benefits is one problem that Moran is dealing with on his tour, Murphy said. Moran has already deale with part of the problem by working to bring a veterans' health center to Salina.

"For many of the veterans that I represent in central and western Kansas," Moran said, "the biggest challenge they face is the distance they must travel to receive the care they deserve."

Moran said the tour is the best way for him to make sure his mission in Washington is on the right track.

"This tour gives me the opportunity

Policeman hits brick buildings to avoid accident Street.

By Rachel Miscall

his way to break up a bar fight with his emergency lights on, the chief accident. Skyler had not turned in a re- Terry Ross, who runs Gar's, s

Smee said Mike Skyler, a Kansas the patrol car yet, but the department's The Goodland Daily News Riebel was eastbound on 10th Street Highway Patrol trooper, handled the insurance will pay for repairs.

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.

port by this morning, a dispatcher at the city has not contacted him about the to meet with the people I represent," he

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.) early Sunday, a Goodland police officer said, and Cullens was crossing 10th 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 ting a handrail and flower pots in front way to check reports of a fight at Kickers Restaurant and Lounge, 1523 Arcade, when he swerved to avoid hitting and another to the north, which houses a woman and her daughter, Connie and Gar's Upholstery Service, then ran into Jamie Cullens, driving north on Main a light pole.

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, hitof the Coat and Tails Grooming Parlor. The officer's car nicked that building

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.

know the exact amount of damage to and no one was arrested.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the meeting when I am in your county," 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 con-Smee said the department doesn't trol by the time officers got to Kickers,

said, "and make sure I'm focusing on the issues that are important to them."

Moran will travel over 5,000 miles during the 15 days spent on the tour.

"I encourage everyone to attend the said Moran. "I can think of no better way to represent the people of the 1st District than to meet with them firsthand."

The tour will continue to run until Sept. 4.

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 Tomasic.

Attempts to reach Groneman on Wednesday were unsuccessful.

Gov. Graves gives critic endorsement

PHILADELPHIA(AP)—Gov. Bill Graves dropped a lot of political baggage and endorsed Phill Kline in hopes of uniting Republicans behind the 3rd Congressional District nominee.

"The war is over," state GOP chairman Mark Parkinson said at the Republican National Convention after speaking with the governor.

Kline went to Philadelphia - arriving Wednesday night without his luggage after flight delays — to bask in GOP brotherly love as the party's candidate against Democratic U.S Rep. Dennis Moore.

Kline made the rounds at a wine-andcheese reception for the 35 Kansas delegates after the convention session ended. Some delegates wore Kline stickers

The prospect of a united Republican Party spells trouble for Moore in the state's hottest political race. The Moore-Kline contest also could have national implications, as Democrats try to win back control of the U.S. House.

Moore has counted on siphoning off the votes of moderate Republicans, allies of Graves who wouldn't endorse a Democrat publicly but would remain idle in a fall campaign to let a conservative like Kline founder.

Sharing pays for people in the SHARE program



Christine Williams said she feels it's her civic duty to participate in Goodland's SHARE program, where people do volunteer work in exchange for cheaper food. Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

By Rachel Miscall

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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