

weather report

76°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:51 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:32 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 77 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds northeast 18-25 mph
- Barometer 29.85 inches and rising
- Record High 99° (1935)
- Record Low 32° (1971)

Last 24 Hours*

High 94°
Low 50°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, 40 percent chance of rain, low 45-50, north winds 20-30 mph and decreasing. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, high 60-65, low 35-40, north winds 25-35 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: dry, high 70-75, low 35-40. Friday: chance of rain, high 65-70, low 40-45. Saturday: chance of rain, high 55-60, low mid 30s.
(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.51 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$2.41
 - Loan deficiency payment — 4¢
 - Corn — \$1.52 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$1.59
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 50¢
 - Milo — \$2.27 hundredweight
 - Soybeans — \$4.24 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.05
 - Loan deficiency payment — 85¢
 - Millet — ask
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$5.10 cwt.
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.38
 - Confection current — \$15/\$6 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.

Crashed plane was hijacked

MIAMI — A sea plane taking off from Cuba was hijacked this morning and went down in rough international waters off Key West with 14 to 18 people aboard, authorities said.

The fate of those on board was not known, and it was not clear if the plane, which is able to land on water, had crashed or had landed after running out of fuel.

A Coast Guard jet carrying rafts, a Coast Guard cutter and two Florida Air National Guard fighter jets reached the area this afternoon but reported no immediate sightings.

The Russian-made Antonov AN-2 Colt took off from Herreria Airport in Pinar del Rio, Cuba, and went down about 90 miles southwest of Key West and 75 miles northwest of Havana, U.S. officials said.

Goodland flights hang on new service

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

The best chance for Goodland to get air service may be for someone to open a new service, City Manager Ron Pickman says after traveling to Washington last week.

"Air service from Goodland to a major hub is essential for the city," the manager told the City Commission on Monday.

Pickman said at the regular meeting that the chance that Goodland can be reinstated into the Essential Air Service subsidy program is slim to none, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation officials in Washington.

Essential Air Service helps small rural airports keep flights to major hubs, said Pickman.

Great Lakes Aviation used to run commercial flights from Goodland, and they received \$400 per passenger from the government.

That was already over the \$200 limit

that the subsidy program sets, said Pickman.

Great Lakes officials said that they could not keep business going here without getting \$700 per passenger, a demand the department refused, so Great Lakes pulled out of Goodland.

Pickman said he set out to Washington to ask the department to reinstate Goodland into the subsidy program, but officials said that a town pulled from the program has never been able to be reinstated in the past.

"If we want this, we are going to have to work for it," he said.

Mike Skyler, owner of SkyCo and a highway patrolman stationed in Goodland, is working to start a private air service here, said Pickman.

The best way for Goodland to get air service at this point, he said, is if Skyler can start his own service and then show the department numbers to prove that the service is important and is working.

Skyler's service would use smaller

planes than the Great Lakes, which might give him a better chance at survival, said Pickman, but it might take as long as six months to a year for Skyler to get his certification.

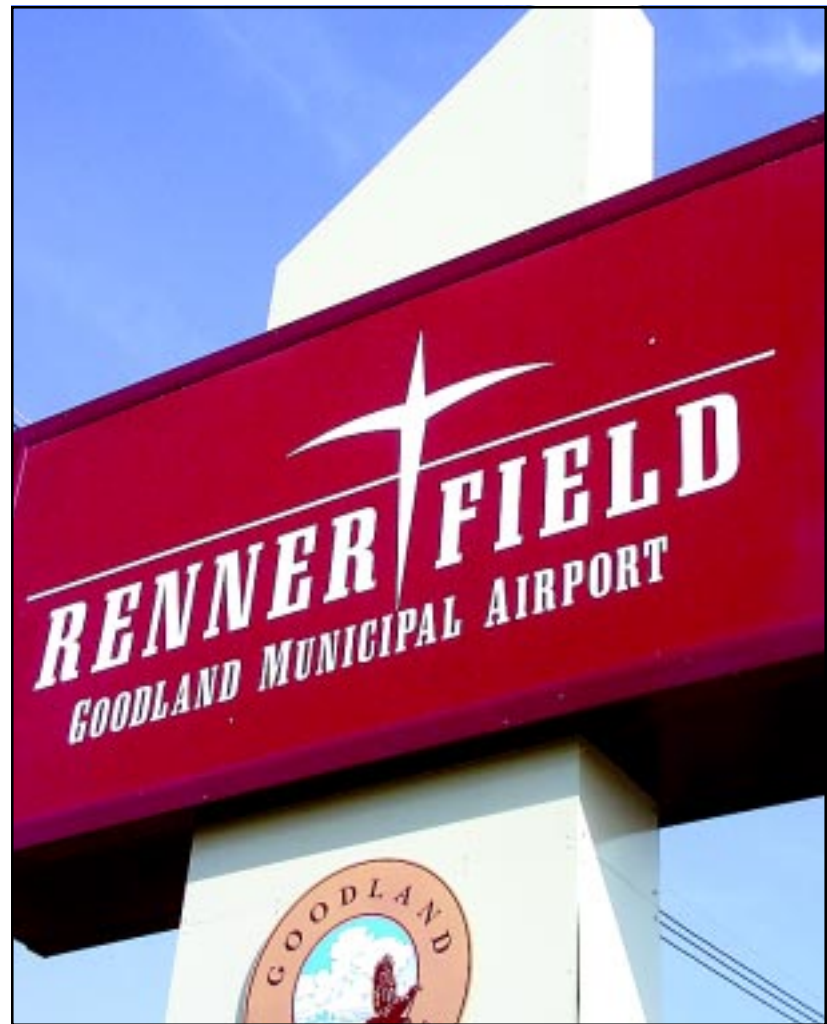
In the meantime, the House and Senate are looking at a new service called Air 21, which would give assistance to rural airports.

They have already approved the program but haven't approved any money yet.

Pickman said that the program would be limited in both the amount of money available, and the number of cities that the money could go to.

Only 40 locations would receive help, and it would be limited to no more than four cities per state, said Pickman. The city would also have to come up with matching funds.

"We could go with one or both of these programs or neither," said Pickman, referring to Air 21 and Essential Air Service.



Goodland lost air service earlier this year when the airline backed out of its federal subsidy contract, saying it was losing money. Mike Skyler, owner SkyCo and a state trooper stationed here, plans to start another service.
Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

City will pay recycling service

Commission discusses moving well that is not pumping enough water

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

After a long discussion Monday, the Goodland City Commission agreed to pay Kansas Recycled Resources \$3 per box for recycling newspapers and magazines.

With the return of City Manager Ron Pickman, who was out of town during the last meeting, the commission brought the topic back up.

The commission decided to go with the existing program, though it's possible another firm will pay the city for the trash. Commissioners complained that the request came after they had canceled the city's recycling fee and after they had been assured that they would not be charged for the service.

Recycled Resources, run by Jeremiah Wickham, recently started a curbside recycling program in Goodland. Wickham gave a letter to the commission on Aug. 28 saying that as of Sept. 15, he would start charging for picking up the newspapers and magazines. For the past three years, he had done that for free, hoping to make money by selling the scrap paper.

"We have never paid for this before," said Commissioner Curtis Hurd. "If we start paying, maybe we need to bid out."

Pickman said that he had been looking into another company which would pay the city for the newspapers and magazines if they would box them, but the city has no place to store the boxes.

"With one you make money and with the other you spend money," said Pickman. "If there were no problems, I would recommend we go with the other company."

Wickham calculated that he would collect \$1,300 in a year from the city for recycling the materials.

The fee request came soon after the commission voted to repeal the 50-cent-per-month recycling fee on residents' utility bills. The fee brought in \$9,000 a year, City Clerk Mary Volk estimated. The commission repealed it because members felt that they weren't doing anything to earn the money, as nothing was being recycled at the time.

Pickman said that he talked to Wickham before they repealed the tax to make sure that they weren't going to be charged, then they received the letter from him after the tax was repealed.

"I don't know what to believe with him," said Mayor Chuck Lutters. The commission voted to continue to work with Recycled Resources for now, but members asked Pickman to look into alternatives.

Commissioner Jim Mull said that he

would like to keep people in the mood to recycle, and if they stopped the program until they could find someone else, he was worried that everyone would get out of the habit.

Next, the commission talked about repairs at the airport. The roof on the administration building has been replaced. Pickman asked the commission whether they wanted to buy a limited warranty on the roof, but they decided against it.

"If it doesn't leak this year, it won't for at least 25 years," said Mike Miller with Miller Construction, who put on the roof.

The barrel hanger at the airport is falling apart, said Pickman. The commission has been considering several options since July. One is to renovate the existing building, but Pickman said that it might be too far gone. The commission decided to have the airport board look into it.

Pickman reported that the commission will still have to decide what to do with well No. 4, at 10th and Colorado, which hasn't been pumping as much water as the tests predicted.

Hurd said that he would like to see the well moved to a totally different location.

City employees looked at moving the well to the same location as it was in before, Memorial Park, but that well is contaminated with nitrates, said Pickman, and it would take a lot of money to seal the well from the contaminants.

In other business the commission:

- Approved the mayor's proclamation that September is America Goes Back to School Month.
- Approved a request by Ron Harding, Chamber of Commerce director, that parts of Main Street be closed for the Flatlanders Fall Festival on Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.
- Approved a bid by Dependable Glass Inc. of Goodland to replace windows in the airport administration building for \$2,085, and a bid from Interstate Structures for 3,895 for re-roofing the power plant.
- Approved payment for \$6,200, included in monthly bills, for repairs to the police car that ran into a light pole.
- Approved demolition bids from Townsend Construction Co. for 1815 Caldwell Ave. for \$2,150 and Morton Construction Co. for 17th and Montana Ave. for \$2,300.
- Heard Pickman extend an invitation from the Chamber to attend an economic development program at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Western State Bank.



Freshman students worked in the library at Goodland High School on Tuesday morning. Speedy Aguilar (left) typed on a computer, while Jenny Schlosser, library assistant, helped Lumont Medrano. Both students will benefit from a new recycling program.
Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Students recycle cartridges

Students at Goodland High School are learning a valuable lesson about recycling while earning free computer technology by participating in the Educational Technology and Conservation Exchange Program.

The program encourages schools to collect empty laser and ink-jet printer cartridges. The empty cartridges earn points which can be exchanged for over 5,000 hardware and software technology products.

Jo Ann Wahrman, Goodland High School librarian, said this is the second year the school has participated in the program.

"Right now, we don't have enough points, so I really don't know what we can get," she said, "but I'm thinking probably printers and software programs for educational use."

Businesses interested in helping education and the environment can participate. By adopting Goodland

High School, they pledge their empty cartridges to the school. There is no cost.

Businesses can drop the cartridges off at the high school office, Wahrman said.

"By simply saving empty cartridges and donating them to Goodland High School, we help protect the environment and earn free computer technology," she said. "With over 275 million cartridges thrown away last year alone, it should be easy to meet our first year goal of 500 points for our classrooms."

Wahrman said the cartridges earn one or two points each. With all the points earned last year, she said the school still doesn't have enough to get anything. They are trying to accumulate more points so they can.

The program is part of www.FundingFactory.com, a fund-raising company whose Web page

says its mission is to enhance educational opportunities for students, especially through classroom technology. Through on-line fund-raising programs, the company says it has a yearly goal of supplying \$100 million in computer technology to schools nationwide.

After the cartridges are collected, they are sent to the company in prepaid shipping boxes. The company then sells the cartridges back to the original manufacturers, who handle the recycling, said Beth Gentile, assistant program director for the Funding Factory.

She said there are some manufacturers who won't buy the cartridges back. They have a list posted on their web site that tells which manufacturers will recycle.

To learn more call Wahrman at 899-5656, visit www.ETCEP.com or call (888) 883-8237.