

Rain before snow led to ice on the roads

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National Weather Service office, said minutes before snow began to fall early Saturday morning, the storm dropped a quarter inch of freezing rain. He said the moisture quickly froze, forming a layer of ice on roads, vehicles and homes.

With temperatures staying in the mid-20s to low 30s all week, Lynott said, even the sunny days couldn't do much to melt the ice layer or the packed snow.

"If we had warmer temperatures," he said, "the snow would have been eaten up by now."

An inversion — where warm air aloft acts like a lid, trapping cold air close to the ground — is keeping temperatures down, Lynott said, adding that warmer weather is forecast for early next week, with temperatures rising into the 50s by Thanksgiving.

Roads outside the city are usually easier to travel on, Pickman said, because there are no buildings or trees to block wind and sun from blowing away or melting snow. He said there are some streets in the city that never see the sun.

One of the slickest places in town, Pickman said, is at 17th and Center, where the Frontier Equity Exchange grain elevator never lets the low winter sun shine.

"That's one place where they keep putting down salt and sand," Pickman said.

Curtis Way, road and bridge superintendent for the county, said sometimes nature works against crews trying to keep snow off county roads. After clearing paved and gravel roads this weekend, he said, workers have had to go back because wind blew the snow back.

"It can go on for a number of days," Way said, "until the wind stops blowing or the snow melts."

After a snow, he said, the county first clears paved surfaces on old U.S. 24, around Kanorado and near the airport, radio and television stations. School bus and mail routes are next, Way said, and then workers will open roads as

needed.

He said the county ignores low-traffic roads unless a resident needs to get to cattle or there is a medical emergency. All roads in the county are important, Way said, but, like the city, the county doesn't have the time or money to push snow off every road.

"It's a great expense, fuel wise," he said, noting that the county would have to pay workers overtime wages if they tried to conquer every corner of the county.

Helzer said city workers have been out every day since Saturday's snow using a grader to scrape away ice and spreading salt and sand on slippery areas. But, he said, there's not enough time to get to every street.

While streets running through the business district are a priority, Helzer said, crews will pay attention to residential streets only when they find they have spare time. By then, he said, the snow is usually melted.

City crews clear snow routes each time the white stuff starts accumulating, Helzer said, clearing the part of Main Avenue that runs through the business district and side streets that run into downtown.

He said the crew uses a grader to clear the airport's runways and major streets, including Caldwell Avenue, and lays down the salt-sand mixture on high-traffic areas. The snow off Main and other major streets, Helzer said, is usually hauled off to a nearby park.

In some cases, Pickman said, drivers in Goodland are just going to have to live with the slippery roads.

"It's fortunate we don't have hills like other cities," he said. "Once the snow packs down, it just becomes solid ice and there's nothing you can do about it."

Pickman said Saturday's snow was the first of the season and though it was relatively minor, the white stuff could be around for a while.

"Three inches wasn't much of a snow," he said, "a foot would cause some problems. Of course, there have been years when it stays cold and it just doesn't go away."

City to consider leasing easement for giant painting

The Sunflower Committee U.S.A. has a final easement contract drawn up for locating the giant Van Gogh painting, and will be at the City Commission meeting on Monday to have it approved.

The committee is asking the commission to lease an easement at the junction of Cherry and Business U.S. 24 to place the Van Gogh painting done by Canadian artist Cameron Cross.

The 80-foot high painting, which is almost completed, would be erected at the old wye where the city also plans to build a park with a pond, walking area, trees and benches.

The committee appeared at the last city meeting with a draft to get the commission's opinion on it. Darin Nuefeld, a member of the committee and consulting engineer on the Cherry Street project, said he would make the corrections the city suggested and return to get final approved.

The commission will also hold a hearing for proposed vacation of a public right-of-way. City Clerk Mary Volk said a petition had been filed to vacate part of an alley east of town in the McFaden addition.

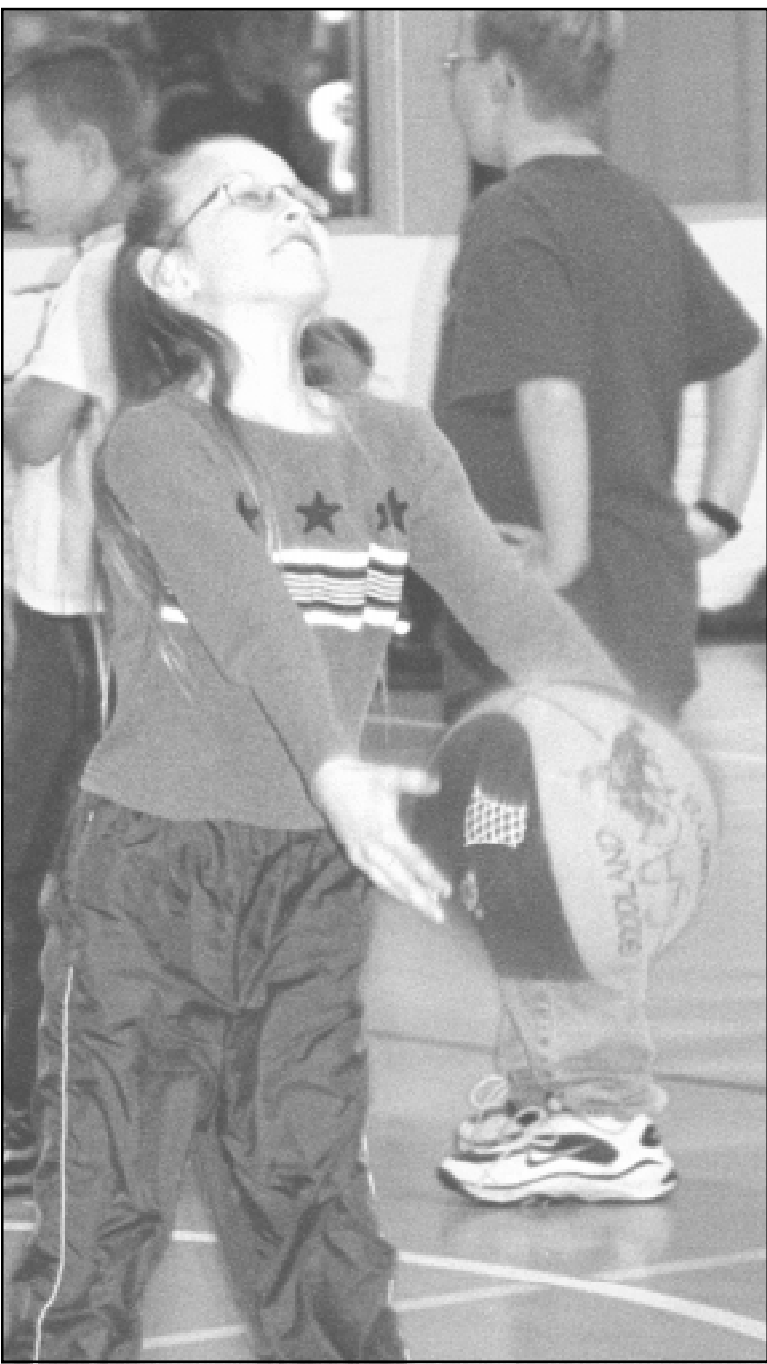
The commission will also look at a noise ordinance that the commission has been asking for the past few meetings, said Volk.

Commission members wanted City Manager Ron Pickman to look into a stricter ordinance involving music and louder cars.

The commission will also:

- Consider an ordinance prohibiting the use of "jake" brakes on large trucks.
- Consider the renewal of the Sherman County's contract with the city to use the city library.
- Look at bids on a two-ton truck for the electric department and a sand spreader for the street department.
- Consider Christmas bonuses.

Concentrating on the goal



A girl in the fourth grade division at the Kiwanis Turkey Shoot aimed for an underhand shot, with a look of great concentration, Thursday night. Photo by Dana Sulsberger/The Goodland Daily News

Fair offers many exhibits

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handmade knives and sheathes. The knives are etched or painted on the blade. Also, a St. Francis woman who designs and makes jewelry from silver will be at the fair.

A Nebraska woman who paints on jars and buckets will have a booth.

The sorority will offer a lunch counter during the fair. In the morning, they will have cinnamon rolls, cookies, coffee and orange juice. For lunch, they will have sloppy joes, potato chips and cookies along with drinks.

Baby-sitting will be offered for a charge by a youth group from the First

Christian Church.

"I hope the cold weather doesn't stop people from coming out," McCombs said, noting that the event is the only fund-raiser the sorority has each year.

All the money we raise is given back to organizations in Goodland, McCombs said.

Some of the organizations which the sorority donated to last year were Hospice, the High Plains Museum, the Carnegie Arts Center and the Topside 24-hour Relay Challenge. They also gave money for kids who weren't able to afford them to buy school pictures, McCombs said.

County discovers votes were counted twice

LAWRENCE (AP) — Computer software was blamed for nearly 5,000 ballots being counted twice last week in Douglas County.

County Clerk Patty Jaimes said the error was discovered Tuesday as unofficial results were retabulated. The removal of 4,734 advance ballots did not change the outcome of any contested races.

The race that could have been seriously affected was the 3rd District contest between incumbent U.S. Rep. Dennis Moore and Republican Phill Kline.

"It changed their numbers a little bit," Jaimes said. "But no outcome of the races was affected. It's important

to remember that election night totals are unofficial."

Eliminating the extra ballots gave Moore an unofficial total of 21,049 votes to 14,459 for Kline.

Kirsten Funk, director of communications for the secretary of state, said the reduced vote total should not affect the outcome of the congressional race. Districtwide counts have Moore unofficially with 154,157 votes to Kline's 143,538.

The 3rd District includes all or parts of Douglas, Johnson, Miami and Wyandotte counties.

Jaimes said the error occurred after officials ran the advance ballots through a scanner.

Board quits cloud seeding

By Maxine Nelson

The Colby Free Press

The Northwest Kansas Groundwater Management District board voted Thursday morning to discontinue the controversial weather modification, or cloud seeding, program in the district.

The board also voted to continue its request for an attorney general's opinion on action taken by the Rawlins and Decatur County Commissioners to prohibit cloud seeding over those two counties. The board had asked for an opinion on whether or not counties had that authority.

During this year's program, the board decided not to include Cheyenne, Rawlins or Decatur counties in the seeding while the opinion was being done.

The decision to end the program came in the wake of a non-binding advisory election in Thomas County where voters came in 2-1 against the program.

Because of the vote, the Kansas Water Office is expected to withhold an additional \$39,000 from the state share of the program.

Keith Lebbin of Western Kansas Groundwater Management District No. 1, which covers the southwest part of the state and operates the northwest program under contract, said his board has decided it does not want to manage the program in northwest Kansas next year. He said the equipment in Thomas County can still be made available by lease, but if northwest Kansas wished to go ahead with its plans, it would have to purchase its own supplies, and operate as a separate unit.

The districts have coordinated their efforts, sharing planes and management in the past. In answer from a question from a board member, Wayne Bossert, manager of the Northwest Kansas district, said if a northwest program was pursued next year, it would probably only have two planes, and without additional seeding support from the Southwest program as in years past, would be a much weaker program.

He said, financially, the program could be done next year, but it is questionable beyond that. He said the district would need someone to manage the project. Dave Beer, who has been

in charge of operations for the northwest portion of weather modification program, would be available.

Asked what the impact of discontinuing the program in northwest Kansas would be, Bossert said southwest district will remove whatever equipment it has in the district, and the district can walk away. Water users' fees would be reduced in the future without the cost of seeding.

Lebbin said the southwest district is funded from a property tax levy in the 13 participating counties, plus \$10,000 per county from the state water plan fund. Money in the northwest comes from an assessment on water users and the state.

In the absence of President Lon Frahm of Thomas County, Bill Nondorf from Sheridan County was acting president. David Mann, Gove County, moved to discontinue the program. Monte Biggs seconded the motion.

In discussion, Doug Irvin, Sherman County said, "I'm for it (weather modification)." Gale Walz from Cheyenne County, said, "The county commissioners (in Cheyenne County) had no idea what they were signing, and I don't want to vote until I find out from the attorney general if the commissioners were in violation."

Several other board members said they did not have enough direction from their counties to make an informed vote, and would like to know the attorney general's opinion. They reported mostly favorable comments from the people they talked to.

Bill Nondorf from Sheridan County, acting president said, "We need to get on with this. We've devoted at least half of each meeting to this (weather modification) since I've been on the board. We have more important things to do."

Those voting in favor of the motion were: Mitch Baalman, Sheridan County; Biggs, Rawlins and Decatur counties; Terry Hockersmith, Logan County; Robin Deeds, Sherman and Wallace counties; Doug David, Graham County; and Mann, Gove County. Voting against the motion were: Jon Friesen, Thomas County, and Doug Irvin, Sherman and Wallace counties. Gale Walz, Cheyenne County, abstained.

Former sheriff faces trial

TOPEKA (AP) — The second perjury trial of former Shawnee County Sheriff Dave Meneley has been moved to the southeast Kansas city of Parsons.

The defense had asked for a change of venue on grounds that publicity and

an overwhelming election defeat would prevent Meneley from getting a fair trial in Topeka.

On Thursday, Labette County District Judge Robert Fleming granted the defense motion. Kansas Supreme Court spokesman Ron Keefovber said Labette County District Court in Parsons, 145 miles southeast of Topeka, would be the trial site. No date has been set.

Meneley is charged with two counts of lying under oath when testifying in 1999 that he didn't know former sheriff's narcotics officer Timothy P. Oblander had stolen cocaine evidence to feed his drug addiction.

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For more information call (785) 332-3079 or fax (785) 332-3290. Deadline is November 21st.

