

weather report

51°
at noon

Today

• Sunset, 5:13 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:47 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:14 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 36 degrees

• Humidity 54 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds northwest 6 mph

• Barometer 29.64 inches and steady

• Record High 74° (1987)

• Record Low -16° (1933)

Last 24 Hours*

High 35°

Low 30°

Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, low 20, north wind 15-25 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy, 50-60 percent chance of snow, high 20-25, low 20, north wind 15-25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: chance of snow, high 20s.

Saturday: dry, high 35-45, low 0-10.

Sunday: dry, high 35-45, low 10-20.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.75 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.64

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$1.92 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.88

Loan deficiency pmt. — 11¢

Milo — \$3.09 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.10 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.00

Loan deficiency payment — 9¢

Millet — \$8.00 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.25 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.51

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$14

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Park has grown beyond city's means

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

Starting as a pond and a cement walking trail, plans for Pioneer Park have grown to two ponds, a stream, a fountain, a picnic shelter, lights, trees, fences and a bridge. Now city officials are wondering who is going to pay for it all.

The Goodland City Commission decided Monday to let engineers finish designing the park — planned for west of where a new road will connect Cherry Street and Business U.S. 24 creating a new entrance to Goodland — but said the city may not have enough money to build it all.

Park costs have soared from around \$200,000 to nearly \$600,000, way beyond what the city has in its budget. The street work, already under contract, is in a separate budget and won't be affected, officials said.

Commissioner Rick Billinger voted against finishing the design work, saying the city should have sought more bids on the job. Just the design is now going to cost the city \$50,000 under an amended contract with a Goodland engineer.

"I would just feel more comfortable knowing we got the best deal," he said.

The park started to take shape a few years ago

when the city decided to get rid of what's left of the old wye at Cherry Street and Business U.S. 24 — which years ago was the junction of U.S. 24 and K-27, and pretty much the crossroads of the county. The city wants to connect Cherry and the highway with a straight road. The park began as a pond to collect runoff water, but city officials kept adding features because they said the community asked for more.

Along with a grant for the road, the state awarded the city a Transportation Enhancement grant, agreeing to pay 70 percent of the park's proposed \$225,000 price tag. At that time, the park

included the pond surrounded by a cement walking trail.

The cost has now more than doubled and city officials said at a meeting Monday that even with the state's money, the city can only afford to build part of the park. The state has said it will give more, but hasn't said how much and the commissioners decided to talk more when they know what the state will contribute.

"We started fixing the street and now we're building a park," commissioner Billinger said.

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Time flies



Dolores Corke, manager of the Butterfly Cafe in Goodland, poured coffee this morning for Lyle Smith and Maynard Bane. Today is Corke's 10th anniversary as manager of the cafe for John and Marilyn Collett. The restaurant was serving free coffee and long johns. Corke said cooks

Theresa Pentico and Betty Wright have also worked there 10 years. Other employees, including Corke's daughter, Carlotta McDermott, and son, Rod Corke, Amy Mosco and Allan Briney, have worked there five years.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Body has four identities

Officers can't name victim of car crash

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

A woman carrying identification with four different names, who may have been driving a stolen vehicle and could be wanted in Iowa, was killed Sunday night when she was thrown from the vehicle and it apparently rolled on top of her.

Sheriff Doug Whitson said officers are not sure who the middle-aged, caucasian woman found dead on Interstate 70 east of Goodland is. Four forms of identification, each with a different name, were found in the 1991 Suzuki Sidekick she was driving. All apparently belonged to the woman, he said, despite the different names.

The sheriff said the woman's fingerprints have been sent to the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and officers hope to identify her today.

Whitson said the car she was driving belongs to George Laursen, Sioux City, Iowa, but Laursen said he doesn't know the woman. He claimed the car had been stolen. The sheriff said that might be the case, or Laursen might not be telling everything he knows.

One thing officers do know, Whitson said, is that one of the four names the woman apparently used belongs to a person wanted by law officers in Iowa for failure to appear in court.

He said there were no drugs or weapons found in the vehicle, which apparently flipped four and a half times before landing on its top.

The sheriff's report says the woman was eastbound on I-70 about 10:30 p.m. on Sunday when she lost control of her vehicle and drove into the median. She came back onto the highway, the report says, but the car started to skid sideways and flipped off the road, throwing the woman, who was not wearing a seat belt, out.

The report says the vehicle fell on top of the woman, who was driving alone, during the first flip.

Officials approve project for airport businesses

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

With one commissioner saying the project is too expensive to be worth it, the Goodland City Commission decided Monday to spend over \$100,000 at the city's airport to accommodate three groups that want to build hangers there.

City Manager Ron Pickman told commissioners at the regular meeting that three groups want to build two hangers each at Renner Field and are asking the city to install a sewer line, taxiway and dirt road.

Pickman said the city will lease the land to the groups for \$100 a year plus 1 cent per square foot, but no leases have been signed. The city will prob-

ably make around \$300 a year total off the leases, he said, estimating that the airport improvements will cost \$112,627, including \$50,000 for a sewer line. A contractor will have to install the sewer because the city doesn't have the equipment.

It's the city's policy, Pickman said, to charge businesses a minimal amount to lease land at the airport. He said it wouldn't be fair or legal to hike the rental price now.

"The city was trying to encourage development at the airport," he said, "when they decided that."

Commissioners Rick Billinger and Jim Mull, who cast the dissenting vote, said it was ridiculous to spend thousands of dollars on a project that won't

be beneficial to anyone but the owners.

"We're going to spend \$50,000 for a sewer line," Billinger said, "when they only pay \$300?"

Other commissioners said the project is worth it if it brings business to Goodland. Commissioner Curtis Hurd said the city often subsidizes businesses and projects.

"We have several things that don't pay their way," he said, "so why are we questioning this now?"

Pickman said the city wants to see the airport grow and the sewer line can be used by businesses that move onto the property in the future.

He said Mike Skyler, owner of Skyco and a former state trooper in Goodland, plans to put up an office building at the

airport. If more businesses move in, Pickman said, the city has plans to build another taxiway.

The lease says the groups will pay for any building, Pickman told commissioners, and, if the business leaves, must return the land to its original state or give the buildings to the city. He said the city sought a state grant last year to pay for a new taxiway, but was turned down.

He said after the meeting that the city has \$100,000 budgeted for work at the airport and could start the project by spring.

The commissioners will talk about it again, Pickman said, because they will have to choose a company to install the sewer line.

Trade show



Christina Bertelli talked to Rachel Miscall, managing editor of The Goodland Daily News, Tuesday. She was shadowing Miscall in a Goodland High School program to give seniors a chance to talk to professionals in the community.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Daily News

Wife testifies against spouse about murder

OLATHE (AP) — The wife of John E. Robinson testified that her husband suddenly brought home a baby girl 16 years ago, who was adopted a day later by his brother and sister-in-law.

Prosecutors allege the baby was Tiffany Stasi, the daughter of Lisa Stasi, 19, who disappeared in 1985.

Nancy Robinson testified Tuesday in the second day of her husband's preliminary hearing. He is charged in Kansas with killing Lisa Stasi — whose body has never been found — and two other women. He also faces three murder charges in Missouri.

Johnson County District Attorney Paul Morrison asked her who brought the baby to the house near Stanley in 1985.

"John did," she said. "He was alone when he came in with the baby."

Morrison showed her a picture of Tiffany Stasi and Mrs. Robinson identified it as the child. Tiffany has grown

up in the Chicago area and saw John and Nancy Robinson about once a year.

Robinson, 57, of Olathe, is charged with capital murder in the deaths of two women whose bodies were found June 3 in barrels on the Robinsons' property near La Cygne. He also is charged with first-degree murder in Stasi's death.

He also is charged in Kansas with aggravated interference with parental custody for allegedly taking Stasi's baby girl across state lines without consent, then having her adopted illegally.

Mrs. Robinson also testified that her husband rented space from a storage locker in Raymore, Mo., which she believed was being used to store carpet, carpet pads and other accessories from mobile homes.

Authorities last June found the bodies of Beverly Bonner, 49; Deborah Lynn Faith, 16; and Sheila Dale Faith, 45, stuffed inside barrels at the Raymore, Mo., storage facility.

Man shot at White House

WASHINGTON — A man brandishing a gun outside the White House fence was shot by a Secret Service officer today after a 10-minute standoff, officials said. The episode triggered a tight security clampdown.

President Bush was safe in his residence, exercising, at the time. Vice President Dick Cheney was working in his office. Laura Bush was at the family ranch in Crawford, Texas.

The wounded man was Robert W. Pickett, 47, of Evansville, Ind., according to law enforcement officials. He was taken to nearby George Washington University Hospital where he was to undergo surgery.

Secret Service officers on patrol heard shots fired about 11:30 a.m., White House press secretary Ari Fleischer said.