



By Rachel Miscall

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temperature drops, the water freezes

and expands, pushing the cracks wider

and forming ice pockets under the

"It creates a bigger crack," said Ed

Wolak, Goodland public works direc-

tor, "or if it gets down far enough it cre-

under the weight of vehicles, causing

the water thaws and freezes, Wolak

It's a big job

said, the worse damage to streets.

Today • Sunset, 5:38 p.m. Tomorrow • Sunrise, 6:18 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:39 p.m.

Midday Conditions

 Soil Temperature 32 degrees Humidity 62 percent

- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds northwest wind 14 mph Barometer 29.80 inches
- and steady Record High 77° (1967)

• Record Low -11° (1922)

Last 24 Hours*	
High	25°
Low	12°
Precipitation	0.11 inch
Snow	1.9 inches

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 15-20, northwest wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly sunny, high 40-45, low 20, light wind.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: dry, high 40-45. Sunday: chance of rain or snow, high 35-40, low 15-20. Monday: dry, high 40s, low 20-25.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Noon Wheat — \$2.85 bushel Posted county price — \$2.75 Loan deficiency payment - 0¢ Corn — \$2.02 bushel



Ron Pickman Ed Wolak

of Goodland's streets are thin, weak and have no real base.

"If it would just snow, melt, dry out He said the ice pockets will break and then snow again," Wolak said, "that would be OK. But the water freezes and the street to crumble in. The more times thaws over and over."

City workers have been trying to patch potholes as they crop up, he said, With this being the snowiest, coldest but the crew can't keep up with the winter Sherman County has seen in at weather and have filled some holes least three years, streets have taken a multiple times. He said a mixture of good beating. Adding to the problem, aggregate, or crushed rock, and a petrocity officials say, is the fact that many leum-based material is used to patch

City may decide to repave thin roads

ficials will take a hard look at the city's weak, aging streets, survey the damage caused by this winter's harsh, cold weather and figure out what to do, City Manager Ron Pickman said.

He said the Goodland City Commission has talked about preparing a plan to repave streets with a moresturdy material, but hasn't made any decisions.

Pickman said many of Goodmade of asphalt, but of oil and ag-

potholes.

Wolak said drivers have complained about potholes and some streets are pulling away from the concrete gutters,

When the weather warms up, of-gregate, or crushed rock, and have a dirt streets. He said for the same price the base. He said because the oil streets are city could repave only three blocks thinner and have no real base, they are of streets in asphalt. more susceptible to damage.

The combination of cracked streets, director, said the chip and seal prolots of snow and cold weather this win- cess includes spraying oil on the ter, Pickman said, has left all of Goodland's streets, especially the weaker of aggregate. The process fills cracks ones, in bad shape. He said the city commissioners have discussed repaving the oil streets, but noted that it much this winter. would be expensive.

land's residential streets are not Pickman said, to do a "chip and seal" on one third of the city's residential

Ed Wolak, Goodland public works streets and then packing on 1/2 inch in the streets that could grow bigger, he said, adding that it hasn't helped

Cold, wet weather, Wolak said, has The city pays \$150,000 every year, caused potholes and the edges of streets to pull away from the concrete gutter.

exposing the roads' dirt base. He said thump.' he doesn't blame them.

"As you come down the street," Wolak said, "you go thump, thump, If city workers don't patch what they

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Hospital to hire administrator

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Dailv News The Goodland Regional Medical Center board plans to interview five candidates for the hospital administrator position in the next two weeks, Board Chairman Doug Irvin said.

Irvin said the special committee had narrowed the original list of 12 applicants down to the top five and was preparing to interview these to fill the vacant position.

Administrator Jim Chaddic was fired by the board in November. In January, the board accepted applications and in early February Irvin appointed a special sub-committee to review applications.

pplications during a closed session at close examination," said Andy Laue. Monday's regular meeting and worked chief financial officer and acting adout a way for the whole board to par- ministrator. ticipate in the interview process. "As we schedule the interviews special meetings will be held with the McCants. "We should wait for the new whole board," Irvin said. "We will go into executive session to do the interviews." He said the five candidates include people from within the region of western Kansas and eastern Colorado as well as from greater distances. "Without getting into specifics I would say they have a very diverse background, and there is a good level of experience," Irvin said. At Monday's meeting, the board decided to wait on the process of investi-

Board plans to interview applicants gating joining the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Hospital Organiza-

tions. By a consensus, the board felt it would be wrong to make such a decision without further research and involving any new administrator in the process.

"I think we are in limbo," said member Pete Whalen. "We may want to see if the new administrator thinks it is the way to go. We want to encourage the leadership of the new man and not tie his hands."

"We are not deficient now, but could improve," member Lynn Hoelting said. 'We do need more information."

"I think if it improves patient care Irvin said the board reviewed the five then yes, but if it doesn't then it needs

Posted county price — \$1.94 Loan deficiency payment - 5¢ Milo — \$3.30 hundredweight Soybeans — \$4.06 bushel Posted county price — \$3.94 Loan deficiency payment - 96¢ Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$6.65 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. - \$3.00 Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt. Pinto beans — \$14 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)



SEATTLE - From the doorway of the downtown Sheraton Hotel, valet Mark Stanton watched glass-and-steel skyscrapers swaying and flexing in ways he never thought possible under the power of the region's strongest earthquake in a half-century.

"I watched this whole hotel shimmy," Stanton said. "I didn't know glass could flex like that."

The 6.8-magnitude earthquake, centered about 35 miles southwest of Seattle, was felt Wednesday as far away as southern Oregon and Canada. A mild aftershock with a preliminary magnitude of 3.4 was recorded early Thursday.

Of the 250 injuries directly linked to the quake, all but a few were minor and none was critical.

Because the depth of the quake was 33 miles underground, the Earth's crust absorbed much of the shock, scientists said.



Pat Pickett's second grade class toured The Goodland Daily News office Wednesday morning, following Tom Betz, editorial editor, through the production and printing of a newspaper. Betz showed the West Elementary School students the giant rolls of news print, explaining that workers use a forklift to move the Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News tons of paper.

Commissioners spend time in jail

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News The Sherman County commissioners went to jail Wednesday.

Not because they committed a crime, but because they decided to visit the Sherman County Bastille to look at problems with the building.

At the regular meeting, Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he had talked February. recently with Undersheriff Kevin Butts and looked at the building.

the north wall of the building and the fee, but the other said if he was going concrete recreation area had heaved up to have to pay, then he would let the land

to where an exit door couldn't be go back to the county. Tiede said Road opened. Since then, the concrete has and Bridge Supervisor Curt Way told been removed. He suggested the commissioners visit the jail.

In other business, the commissioners decided to change from a crop share lease to a cash lease on county-owned ground. The renewal date would start March 1 and run through the last day of

Tiede said he talked with the three farmers the county is leasing land to and Tiede said there is air leaking through two of them agreed to the \$20 per acre

him he had a use for the three acres of land near the Ruleton curve.

Communications Director Mary Messamore met with the commissioners about employee evaluations and budget concerns. She said she was pleased with the raises given to the employees in her department.

She said she felt the department heads should also be evaluated and would like the commissioners to evalu-

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Tax cut plan begins journey in Congress

WASHINGTON (AP) - Eager to would provide a "stimulus for the unact, House Republicans on Thursday steady American economy" while began advancing the income tax cuts at helping "working income tax payers the heart of President Bush's economic both today and tomorrow." program, overriding vehement Democratic protests as they went.

mittee into session, said the legislation tive.

Before he spoke, though, senior Democrats in both houses renewed Rep. Bill Thomas, calling the tax- their attack on the measure while unwriting House Ways and Means Com- veiling their own, less costly alterna-

"This is the most irresponsible legislative act that I've ever seen, a rush to judgment," said House Democratic leader Dick Gephardt of Missouri.

Protests aside, there was no doubt about the outcome of the vote in the Republican-controlled committee. Approval was a certainty; a party-line vote scarcely less so.

"I think we should continue to look

at this, but not now," said member Larry administrator."

Reactions from hospital employees to the idea of joining the Joint Commission were gathered by Dale Schields, head of human resources and a member of the management team.

Among comments were: "It would require us to meet yet another set of standards when we are already required to do so for the state and Medicare.

"Many employees feel the money it

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Hot stuff



The weather was cold, but the brakes on Reginald and Wilmon Williams' semi-tractor trailer were red hot this morning, causing one tire to melt and blow about two miles west of Edson. Reginald and his brother, Pensacola, Fla. men who work for United Vanlines, said another truck driver stopped to help them cool down the brakes before law officers arrived. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News