



Workers for Düstrol, a construction company from Towanda, milled three inches off a section of Old U.S. 24 east of Goodland Wednesday, while county trucks hauled the material to a site in Edson. The company did the same to a portion of the highway in Goodland on Tuesday. Another crew, from Burlington, will lay new asphalt on both sections.  
Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

## Roads will be smooth for motorists

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cold weather cause the road surface to expand and contract, widening cracks.

While the county paid to put a "chip seal" on the highway in Sherman County two years ago, the section in Goodland hasn't been repaired at all.

City and county officials argued over who should fix the road, with the county saying the road is within city limits and the city saying the stretch is legally the county's responsibility.

After people who use the road regularly complained, officials decided to work something out and the county agreed to pay for repairs with revenues from a quarter-cent sales tax. The county also agreed to maintain the road.

County officials talked about replacing the base under both sections, but changed their minds after engineers reported that the base is in decent shape.

Replacing the base would have cost the county a bunch of money, Way said, noting that the repaving

job will be expensive enough. The road and bridge department will pay to repair the east section with budgeted money, he said.

Crews will make sure the sections are smooth, he said, by first laying a two-inch leveler layer and then doing the final overlay.

He said he has suggested that county commissioners start a road program, resurfacing a third, more or less, of the old highway each year.

The officials have made no decisions yet.

## New water park opens doors today

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back and forth, and still save money instead of staying in Goodland."

She said her information shows Oakley has season passes for \$20 for those under 12 and \$50 for anyone else. In Colby, a season pass is \$20 for one person, \$35 for two, \$50 for three and \$65 for four or more. Hays has a season pass which allows entrance to any of the city's four pool for \$30 per person. St. Francis, she said, sells a season pass for a family for \$100, and \$50 for individuals.

Pickman said the citizens committee was invited to a meeting to discuss rates.

"Not all of them attended," he said. "At the meeting, it was discussed that

in the past the season pass system had been abused, and it was a majority feeling that we find an alternative system.

"The tickets are much like a season pass in that you use them to enter the park, and there is no restriction on who can use them. This is our first year of operation, and nothing is set in stone, but this seemed like a better system. With the tickets, it is also possible to keep any (that are) left over and use them next year."

The tickets are for sale in blocks of 5, 25, 75 and 100. The small book, with five tickets, is to accommodate those who might be paying for a grandchild or visiting friend and do not want to purchase a larger book, Pickman said.

The savings is in purchasing the larger books, with the 25 costing \$20.50; 75 for \$50 and 100 for \$65. Each ticket has a face value of \$1, so depending on the age of the person using the tickets, it could take up to three.

"I cannot afford to have my kids go to the water park every day with these prices," Reasoner said. "Even with the largest ticket package, three could only go about 10 times."

"We have to have a higher price to help cover the costs of the new facility and the larger staff it takes to operate," Pickman said. "We don't believe we can cover the operation costs at this rate, but believe it is necessary to reduce the drain on other city funds."

## Hoisington rebuilding after tornado tore town apart

HOSINGTON (AP) — More than a month after a deadly tornado struck this central Kansas town, residents are fixing and rebuilding their homes and deciding what to do about the damaged high school.

"A lot of people are making plans to

rebuild," said City Manager Allen Dinkel. "I think there's a lot of manufactured housing moving into town."

Crews began work this week to replace Dinkel's damaged roof, garage and some walls.

Meanwhile, Duane and Patty Polzin's house is the first being rebuilt in Hoisington since the April 21 tornado killed one man and caused about \$43 million in damage. The frame for their home is already finished, after work began May 15.

But as the town of about 3,200 rebuilds, Dinkel said, some residents are learning that their plans don't agree with current zoning regulations.

"You can't get a ranch-style home on a 50-foot lot," Dinkel said.

Plans are already in the works for a new grocery store after tornado destroyed Hoisington's only supermarket.

The school board, however, has not decided what to do about the damaged high school.

## Four go to hospital after accident

Four Goodland youths were taken to the hospital Saturday after their car rolled on a gravel road southwest of Goodland.

The Sherman County Sheriff's Department reported that Lacy J. Potterf, 18, was driving an '86 Oldsmobile south on County Road 17. The site is two miles west of Goodland between Road 60 and 59, about 5 miles south of town.

Passengers were Marshall Carson,

18; Lisa Carson, 12; and Jason Brutsche, 18.

The sheriff got the call at 7:36 p.m. Saturday and said the accident occurred around 7:30 p.m. Potterf apparently lost control of the car and it slid into the west ditch, rolled and hit an electrical pole, coming to rest on its top.

The driver told a deputy she believed that she was going too fast and swerved off to the opposite side of the road, and

when she came back to the other side, she slid and lost control of the vehicle.

Lisa Carson was wearing a seatbelt, deputies said, but the others were not.

The victims were all taken by ambulance to the Goodland Regional Medical Center. Brenda Cunningham, the hospital's director of nursing, said they were all admitted for observation. Marshall and Lisa Carson and Brutsche went home Sunday morning and Potterf left Sunday afternoon.

## President Bush tours Sequoia forest

SEQUOIA NATIONAL PARK, Calif. (AP) — President Bush, eager to answer critics of his environmental record, toured the towering, ancient sequoia trees here today and promised to protect "these works of God" for the ages.

Standing in front of an ancient tree, the president said, "Only man is capable of cutting down a sequoia. Only man is fully capable of appreciating its beauty."

Bush announced a new directive calling for rangers to conduct annual reviews of each national park, and he renewed his call for a five-year, \$5 billion effort to address a heavy maintenance backlog. He also cited a string of administration initiatives he said would protect the nation's air, water and land.

The president has been criticized regarding the environmental impacts of some of his policies, most recently when he issued a national energy strategy that placed emphasis on developing new oil sources and more coal and nuclear power.

With polls showing voters skeptical of his commitment to the environment, advisers say Bush plans a series of trips and events that reflect his deep concern for natural resources. He is scheduled to announce new protections for

Florida's Everglades during a trip there next Monday and Tuesday.

"Our duty is to use the land well and sometimes not to use it at all," said Bush, dressed in cowboy boots and casual clothes.

Before his speech to about 130 park service employees and their families, the president hiked for about 20 minutes to the summit of Moro Rock, a 6,500-foot barren granite dome. He marveled at the 13,000-foot peaks to the east and California's sprawling central valley to the west.

Walking gingerly toward the edge of a cliff, the president told reporters, "It's something else up here, isn't it? I'm impressed you guys made it."

Accompanied by Interior Secretary Gale Norton, the president also stopped at the General Sherman Tree, a sequoia thought to be one of the largest living things on earth, estimated at more than 2,100 years old.

"We cannot see into the centuries ahead, but we can be sure in a place like this that we're in the presence of enduring things. It will be to our lasting credit if these works of God are still standing a thousand years from now," Bush said.

On Tuesday, the administration announced it will let stand a proposal approved in the last days of the Clinton presidency to clean up hazy skies over national parks and wilderness areas. It would require older coal-fired utilities, among others, to be retrofitted with new pollution-control technology by 2013.

Bush made an arduous trip Tuesday from Los Angeles to Sequoia National Park, about 100 miles south of Yosemite National Park. He flew from Los Angeles to Fresno, helicoptered to the Sierra

Nevada foothills, then was driven nearly two hours up switchbacking roads to a lodge at 7,200 feet.

He became the first sitting president to visit the park, which is home to the largest living tree on earth, said Sequoia park spokeswoman Kris Fister. His entourage practically took over the remote complex of cabins, with Secret Service agents posted outside Bush's lodge, staring into the forest.

While Sequoia National Park does not have a desperate maintenance backlog, there are trails and roads here in disrepair, she said. The park is completing a \$74 million renovation that built a new lodge and removed some 300 structures that threatened the giant sequoias.

The project "shows what can be accomplished" with an infusion of federal money, Fister said.

A wide array of maintenance issues plague the 57 national parks and 327 other natural and historic sites that make up the national park system.

They include deficient guardrails on the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina and Virginia, a failing water line at Petrified Forest National Park in Arizona and an overburdened sewage system in Yellowstone National Park.

The White House provided for no new park acquisitions in its budget request to Congress this year. Instead, the Interior Department was told to focus on Bush's campaign promise to clear up a \$4.9 billion backlog of park maintenance and repairs.

Bush sent Congress a proposal last month to pay for a portion of his pledge — \$439.6 million for the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1.

## Juveniles are behaving

By Associated Press

Kansas has enjoyed a 25 percent drop in the number of youths sent to correctional facilities, at the same time it has adopted a new focus on crime prevention and early intervention.

Since it began in 1997, the Juvenile Justice Authority has established programs aimed at identifying at-risk children and keeping them out of trouble.

Abby Coleman of Olathe is a 21-year-old beneficiary of an expanded prevention program.

For 18 months, Coleman, who is single, has participated in Healthy Families America, an Olathe program that focuses on babies, sometimes even before birth.

Coleman hopes to improve her own situation and that of her 18-month-old son, Jonathan James Coleman. She learned about the program for first-time mothers while in the hospital to deliver Jonathan.

One of the main objectives of the program is to prevent child abuse by teaching coping strategies to first-time mothers.

Authorities inside and outside the juvenile justice system say the Juvenile Justice Authority has been modestly successful since it assumed control of juvenile offenders from the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services four years ago.

**Athletes of the Week are:**

Wendy's Athletes of the Week are Goodland High School Cowgirls Rachael Hagerman and Jayci Stone. Rachael placed in three events at state track, including a gold in 100-meter hurdles. She got the bronze in the 300-meter hurdles and sixth in the 200-meter dash. Stone took second in the pole vault, at 10'6", her best vault of the season. The Cowgirls placed third as a team. Way to go!

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