


weather report

86°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:11 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:20 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 78 degrees
• Humidity 38 percent
• Sky mostly sunny
• Winds southwest 13
• Barometer 29.74 inches and falling
• Record High 102° (1939)
• Record Low 37° (1956)

Last 24 Hours*

High 87°
Low 65°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast


Tonight: cloudy, 60 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 55, wind north 20-40. Tomorrow: cloudy, 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 65-70, low 45-50.

Extended Forecast

Saturday and Sunday: partly cloudy, high 65-70, low 45-55.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.59 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.58
Corn — \$2.02 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.92
Loan deficiency payment — 7¢
Milo — \$3.16 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$4.21 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.24
Loan deficiency payment — 68¢
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.50 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$7.58
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$1.45
Confection current — no bid
Pinto beans — \$20 (new crop)
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, 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.

Bush to end antitrust case

WASHINGTON — Reversing a Clinton-era legal strategy, the Bush administration announced today it will no longer seek the breakup of Microsoft and wants to end the historic antitrust case against the software maker as quickly as possible.
The Justice Department indicated it will seek penalties first suggested by a judge earlier in the case that could affect or delay the company's soon-to-be-released Windows XP operating system.
That news sent Microsoft's stock dropping on Wall Street, where investors have been eagerly awaiting the release of the company's new operating system in hopes it would reinvigorate the stagnant technology sector. At midday Microsoft's stock was down 75 cents to \$56.99 a share.
Microsoft reacted cautiously to the announcement.

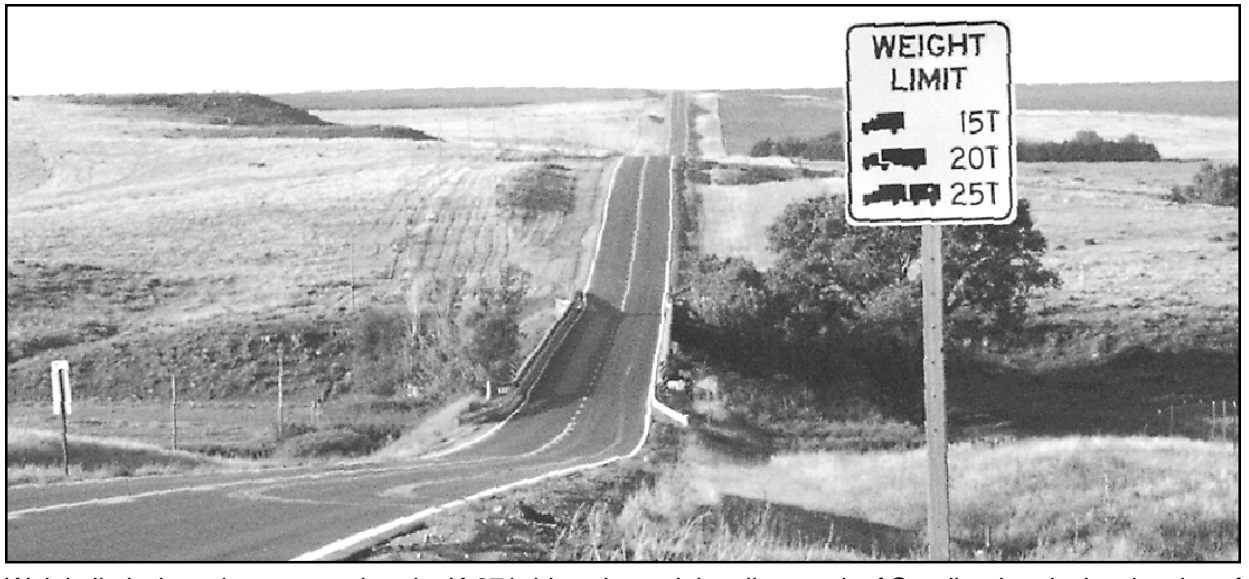
State restricts truck traffic on bridge

Lower weights will impact fall harvest

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

With fall harvest near and the new landfill about to open, Sherman County commissioners are asking the Kansas Department of Transportation to find a way to relive new weight restriction placed on the K-27 bridge south of Goodland.

Following the resurfacing of K-27 south to the county line this summer, the state discovered that the bridge over the North Fork of the Smoky Hill River was no longer able to handle the loaded semi-trailers. The department posted restrictions on the bridge, about eight miles south of Goodland, reducing the loads to a maximum of 25 tons for a



Weight limits have been posted on the K-27 bridge about eight miles south of Goodland, reducing the size of truck that can use the bridge. Officials are asking for alternatives. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

tandem-axel semi-trailer rig.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he had talked to Chriss McDiffett, district engineer in Norton for the the Department of Transportation, and asked what could be done.

“We are getting close to the corn and sunflower harvest,” Rasure said at a meeting Friday, “and many of the trucks that travel on K-27 weigh 40 tons. This really impacts our farmers and the businesses which ship corn out

of the area.”

When State Rep. Jim Morrison and State Sen. Stan Clark were talking to the commissioners Friday, Rasure asked for their support. Donna Binning, district engineer out of Atwood, said the

bridge is scheduled to be replaced for years out, and the plans are to move to the east with a totally new structure. The current bridge was built in 1937 when the highway was originally moved east.

McDiffett said there were three alternatives the state would consider:

- First is shoring up the bridge, but he said this might not bring the structure to a point where it could handle the fully loaded trucks.
- Second is to use a bypass by turning trucks off at County Road 57, going west two miles then south and back east on County Road 53. This would put quite a load on the gravel roads, and was not an option favored by the commissioners.
- Third would be to build a detour next to the bridge — known as a shoofly — to allow heavy trucks to bypass the bridge. This is the option preferred by the commissioners. The shoofly would require the trucks to travel slower, but save time over a detour.

Rasure said McDiffett said he would get estimates on alternatives.

City may rename new road

‘Main’ proposed instead of Cherry

By Sharon Corcoran
The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City commission Heard a proposal to rename the new stretch of Cherry Avenue, as well as part of 17th Street, so Main Street would run all the way from Business U.S. 24 to downtown.

While businesses along the way would have to reprint stationary, Chamber of Commerce representatives said, most people seem to like the idea.

The commission also heard a request for money to repair the Carnegie Arts Center, a request for the city to participate in a grant writer program and appointed delegates to the League of Kansas Municipalities Annual Conference at the meeting Tuesday.

Don Newell and Donna Swager from the the Chamber of Commerce Business Promotion Committee proposed changing the name of the new section of Cherry and of 17th Street from Cherry to Main. The committee wants the new Cherry and the portion of 17th to be made a part of Main, making the entrance from U.S. 24 to downtown Main Avenue.

They said the committee thinks it would make it easier for visitors to find downtown Goodland. The committee is working on a project to put decorative banners on light poles on K-27 from I-70 to U.S. 24, on U.S. 24 from K-27 to Cherry, on to 17th, on 17th to Main and on Main Avenue downtown. They committee would like the sections of Cherry and 17th with the banners to be part of Main.

Members have talked to all the business owners and managers from U.S. 24 to Main except one, Newell said, and have had only minimal objections, mostly from the police department.

The name change would require the businesses to change their addresses on their stationary and business cards. Commissioner Curtis Hurd said he had a letter from the High Plains Museum stating how much it would cost the museum to reprint all of the brochures used there.

“How much will it cost the others?” he asked. “This will add fuel to the fire. Some are mad already because of the cost to their businesses of putting in the new street.”

Swager suggested the committee could possibly find a way to help the businesses with the cost.

Commissioner Rick Billinger asked when the Feist telephone directory would be published and pointed out that the change would need to be made before the businesses paid for next year's ads.

The directory will be printed in November.

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Scaring kids off cigs

By Reagan Smith
The Goodland Daily News

Over 600 students from sixth through 12th grade gathered in the Max Jones Fieldhouse Tuesday morning to listen to a presentation by Don Young, a throat cancer survivor, on the dangers of tobacco.

The students listened as Mr. Young, with the help of an electro-larynx (a hand held electronic voice box), told of the battles some of his friends fought and lost with cancer, and of his own battle with throat cancer. Young's message was not “Do Not Smoke;” it was more of a real-life look at what tobacco use can do and will do to some.

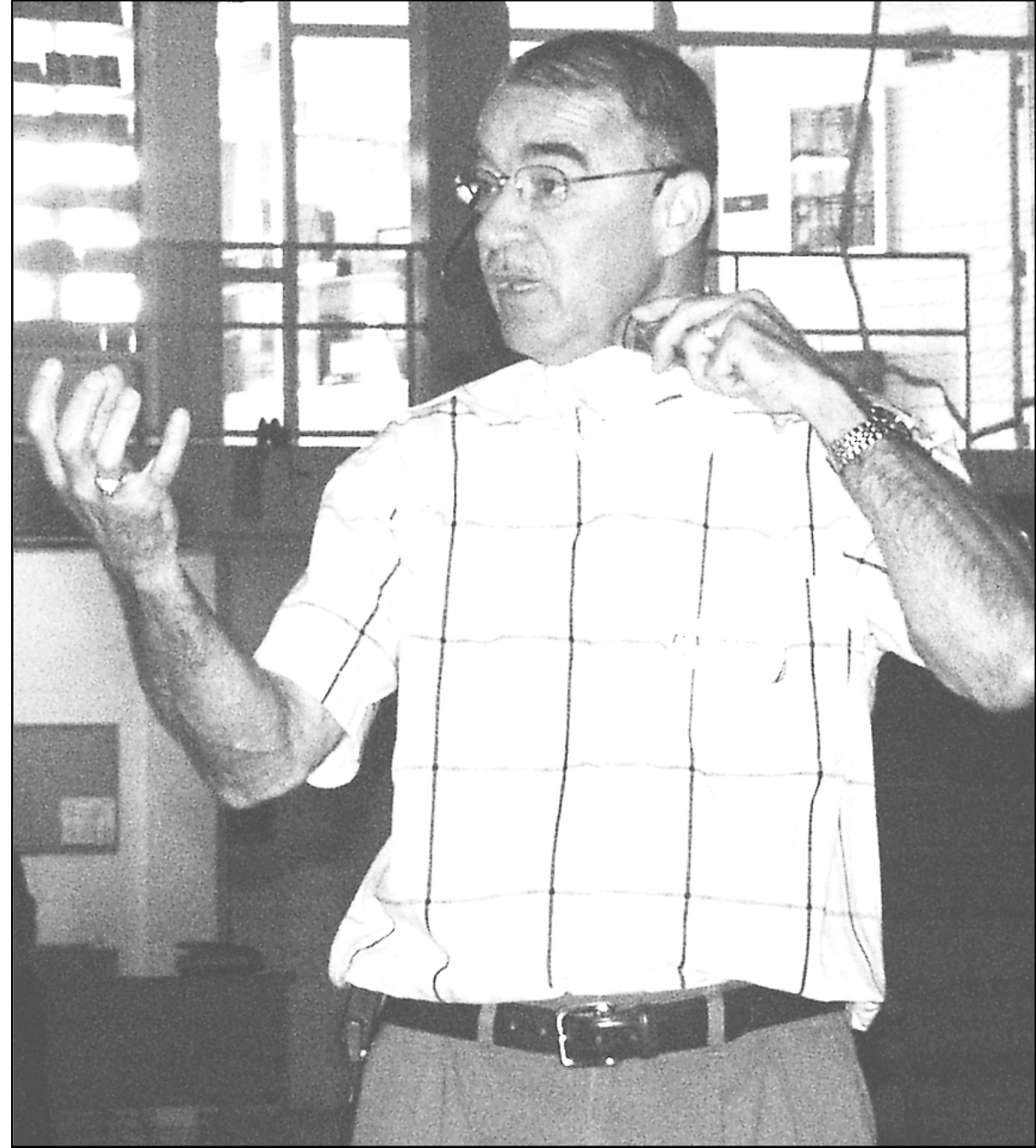
“I'm not here to tell you right from wrong,” was Young's opening line. “You are old enough to know right from wrong, and you will make up your own minds.”

Young said he began smoking at age 14 and developed a two-pack-a-day habit that lasted for 34 years. He was the child of parents who smoked and didn't know that smoking was dangerous.

In 1992, at the age of 48, he found out how dangerous the habit was when he found out he had throat cancer. In February of that year, he said, he noticed a sore throat and his voice began to get hoarse. At first he thought it was due to singing at Christmas time the year before, but his wife Kay, who worked at a doctor's office, convinced him to get it checked out.

After a series of tests, a cancerous node was removed from the right side of his larynx (voice box). Two months later, that whole side of his larynx was removed, and he underwent six weeks of radiation, but his cancer recurred. At this point, he said, he had to have his entire voice box removed and the doctors gave him less than a year to live.

In 1993, he had to go back in for another surgery. This one lasted 19 hours and the result was the front, right and part of the left side of his neck were removed. A portion of his small intestine was removed and transplanted in his neck to make a new esophagus. Muscles were taken from



Don Young talked to over 600 students about the dangers of smoking Tuesday at the Max Jones Fieldhouse. A throat cancer survivor who lost his voice box to cancer, he now uses a hand-held voice box to communicate. Photo by Reagan Smith / The Goodland Daily News

the left and right side of his chest to wrap around the front of his neck and skin was grafted from his upper leg on to his neck to cover this re-creation. The transplant didn't take, though, and during a coughing spell, the side of his neck burst open.

“My wife was in the hospital room with me and when my neck exploded and blood hit the wall, she went screaming from the room,” Young remembered. “The doctors and nurses came in. There was so much blood, I thought I was going to die.”

Young went back in to surgery. This time a tube was placed in his neck so he could swallow saliva, another tube was inserted in his stomach. This tube he had for 11 months and was the only

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State revenue millions ahead of early estimate

TOPEKA (AP)—State revenue collections exceeded estimates for the first two months of fiscal 2002 by \$8.6 million.

The Kansas Legislative Research Department released figures Wednesday showing the state collected \$573.4 million, or about 1.5 percent more than estimated. The figures were for July 1 through Aug. 31. Officials said the state collected more than estimated in agency earnings, compensating use and estate taxes. However, individual income taxes, severance taxes and inter-

est earnings fell short.

Total collections for the first two months of fiscal 2002 have surpassed the same period of the previous year by \$21.2 million, or about 3.7 percent.

Officials said the collections do not take in to account any of the \$49 million anticipated through increased collections in back taxes by the Department of Revenue.

Those figures will be reflected by estimates later in the fiscal year. Legislators authorized the department to hire more than 50 employees.

Green, furry monster to lead ‘Junk Parade’

By Rachel Miscall
The Goodland Daily News

Oscar the Grouch will be in Goodland later this month to lead a parade of garbage-filled trailers, junked-out shopping carts and trash-clad children down Main Avenue and across town to the county transfer station.

The green, furry Sesame Street character, who wears a trash can and hangs out with a worm, will be the Grand Marshall of the “Junk Pa-

rade,” an event the Goodland Development Corp. is reviving to clean up the city.

“It's fun and it's to get the kids out,” said Schyler Goodwin, director of the recently formed corporation, which has members working on projects to improve Goodland. He said Oscar — who will be played by Curtis Duncan, a radio announcer

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