

weather
report

42°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:38 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:24 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:37 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 55 degrees

• Humidity 59 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds north 14-23

• Barometer 30.61 inches

and falling

• Record High 83° (1934)

• Record Low 16° (2000)

Last 24 Hours*

High 78°

Low 35°

Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: clear, low 20s, wind southwest 10. Tomorrow: sunny, high 60s, low 30s, wind southwest 10.

Extended Forecast

Saturday and Sunday: sunny, high 60s, low 30s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.65 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.61

Corn — \$1.94 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.77

Loan deficiency payment — 22¢

Milo — \$1.64 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.66 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.73

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.19

Millet — \$3.75 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$8.15 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$7.89

Confection current — inquire

Pinto beans — \$19 (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.

Mail machines
being cleaned

TOPEKA (AP) — Postal equipment repaired at a Topeka facility is being carefully cleaned before employees work on it, manager Jim McConnell said Wednesday.

More than 100 pieces of equipment from postal facilities in New York, Maryland, Florida and Washington, D.C. — where anthrax was confirmed — had been sent to the U.S. Postal Service's Central Repair Facility last month. McConnell said the cleaning is among several practices initiated to provide a safe work environment at the facility.

Eleven employees who joined McConnell at a news conference said they felt safe and appreciated efforts made to keep them that way.

The Shawnee County Health Agency had ordered the building evacuated Oct. 23. The facility reopened Oct. 29.

County sends city revised proposal

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sherman County commissioners said Tuesday they have send a written proposal on a recycling program to the city commission, upping the ante on what the county is willing to pay for.

At a meeting Tuesday with the city, the county commissioners had said they would pay half the cost of the containers and the annual fee for those living outside the City of Goodland.

The revised proposal says the county will pay the \$2 annual fee for everyone in the county, about \$13,000 a year. Under the original proposal, the annual fee would have cost the city about \$9,000, based on the city population.

Chairman Chuck Frankenfeld said the county commissioners believed this

was a fair way to handle the costs of the program.

"We felt the proposal was a more than fair way for the two commissions to work together for the betterment of the entire county," he said. "We are committed to getting this program started to extend the life of the landfill."

In return, the county is asking the city to purchase the containers for three sites to be located in the city, and for the city to handle the insurance and upkeep of the sites. The one-time cost would be about \$12,800 to have four containers at each of the three sites.

The proposal recommends that the Sherman County Solid Waste Committee assist with the selection of the sites and make recommendations for educational and promotional activities to

boost the program. Any costs for these activities would be shared equally between the city and county.

Sherman County will be responsible for handling the household hazardous waste program, along with its costs. That program diverts dangerous chemicals from the landfill, to be recycled or disposed of safely.

"We feel it is in the best interest of all Sherman County to come up with a workable proposal that will accomplish our goals and hopefully cut the costs to all taxpayers," said the county letter.

At Tuesday's meeting, county commissioners said they were willing to hold a special meeting if needed to review the proposal and answer any questions. The city commission is expected

to consider the plan at the regular meeting Monday, Nov. 19.

In other business Tuesday, the county commissioners:

- Approved the city/county recreation agreement for next year, continuing the join recreation program for the entire county.

- Approved a request from Dorendo Harrel, county health administrator, to increase the monthly salary for Dr. Robert McCullough as the county health officer. The commissioners agreed to raise the salary to \$200 per month.

- Passed a motion to disband the old county solid waste committee, which had been appointed in March, and then passed a motion to create a new Sherman County Solid Waste Commit-

tee with seven members. Curt Way, county public works director, recommended that Kevin Rasure, Margaret Russell, Curt Way, Scott Showalter, Richard Hawks, Dave Daniels and Tim Pacello be appointed.

- On the subject of recycling cardboard, County Clerk Janet Rumpel said she would look for help in preparing a grant request to help fund a cardboard recycling program.

- Held a closed-door session for 15 minutes with County Attorney Bonnie Selby dealing with a contract and confidential financial matters.

The next county commission meeting will be 8 a.m., Tuesday in the commission room at the Sherman County courthouse, Eighth Street and Broadway Avenue.

Landfill open after four years

*First cell may not
last for five years*

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

A little over four years since the Kansas Department of Health and Environment ordered Sherman County to close its old landfill by the city airport, the new landfill south of Goodland has begun taking the county's trash.

"We didn't see any need for a grand opening," said Curt Way, county public works director, who inherited the landfill project when David Vansickle left to move to another county.

Over the four years, Way said, he has learned more about operating landfills than he ever expected to know. He worked with the county commissioners on hiring an engineering firm to help find a location for a new landfill and get it permitted through the state regulatory process.

While the county worked through the site selection, soil testing, design and excavation phases while paying about \$12,000 per month to haul the trash to the Waste Management landfill near Garden City.

One lucky break for the county was that work had started on a transfer station at the old landfill before the state ordered it closed. That transfer station continues to be the center where all the trash collected by the City of Goodland and other individuals and companies is brought.

Now, rather than hauling the trash to Finney County, Dale Smith, a county employee, hauls it down to the new landfill about 10 miles southwest of Goodland. He dumps each semi-load trash, compacts it and the puts six inches of dirt on top as cover.

The county has two moving-floor trailers which are stuffed with trash at the transfer station, filling nearly one each day. The moving-floor feature dumps the tons of trash out the back of the trailer at the landfill, and then Smith takes the special compactor and pushes the trash out to level and crush it as much as possible.

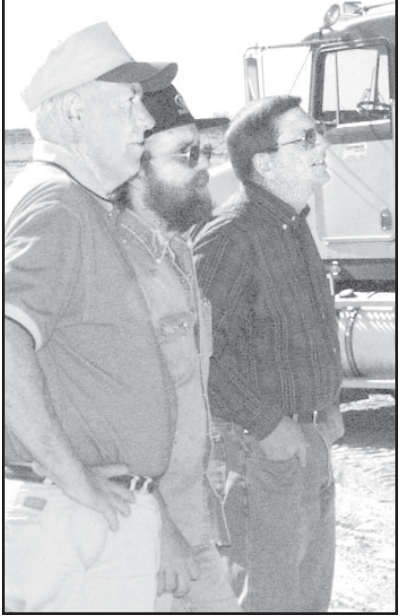
Way says the first cell of the landfill was expected to last five years, but he believes it won't work unless the amount of cardboard and paper can be reduced by recycling.

He pointed out a couple of things people can do to help extend the



The compactor at the new Sherman County Landfill (above) spread the trash out so it can be covered. Using a moving floor trailer (right), the tons of trash are dumped at the new Sherman County landfill. County commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld (below left) listened to Dale Smith (center) and Curt Way, public works director, explain the dumping process.

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‘Courtesy Card’ phone sales raise money for animal shelter

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

An Iowa advertising company is using telemarketing to sell "courtesy cards" to people in Goodland to advertise local businesses.

The cards sell for \$39.95 and have offers from Goodland businesses for money off of purchases or free items. For example, a few restaurants have "buy one meal, get one free" offers on the cards.

Creative Innovations, with corporate offices in Ankeny, Iowa, has sold courtesy cards in small communities for six or seven years. Penny Mackey, manager of the company's phone room in Des Moines, said. The cards advertise local businesses, she said, and help to keep small towns alive.

The cards have a sponsor, she said, which receives a few dollars for each card sold. In Goodland, the sponsor is the Northwest Kansas Animal Shelter.

The sponsor pays nothing to be advertised on the card, she said, and is given a portion of the proceeds as a way for Creative Innovations to give something back to the communities where cards are purchased.

Gordon Pettibone, president of the animal shelter, said a representative of the company contacted him and offered to have the shelter as a sponsor. They do all of the work contacting the businesses that have offers on the cards, Pettibone

said, and selling the cards.

"We just sit back and wait for the check," he said. "It's a good deal for us."

The promotion lasts for two weeks, Mackey said, during which time telemarketers call people in Goodland to sell the cards and a representative of the company stays in the city to deliver the cards to customers.

The businesses advertised on the cards pay nothing for the advertising, she said, except the cost of honoring the

advertised special. The promotion brings people into their businesses, she said, who are likely to return.

This is the first time the courtesy cards have been sold in Goodland, Mackey said, but the cards have been so successful in other communities that the number of businesses advertising on them has grown each year. And some customers call the company themselves, she said, when they know it is time for the annual sale of the cards.