

weather report

32°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:12 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:25 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:13 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 42 degrees
• Humidity 36 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds south 15 m.p.h.
• Barometer 30.31 inches and falling
• Record High 86° (1943)
• Record Low 15° (1936)

Last 24 Hours*

High 39°
Low 19°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low 25-30, winds southeast 10-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny and warmer, high mid 50s, low mid 30s, winds south 5-10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday: partly sunny, 30 percent chance of rain in the evening, high upper 50s, low near 40. Saturday: chance of showers and thunderstorms during the day, high 60s. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.71 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.61
New Crop — \$2.69
Corn — \$1.84 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.83
Loan deficiency payment — 16¢
Milo — \$1.55 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.03 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.11
Loan deficiency payment — 81¢
Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$8.85 cwt.
NuSun — \$9.00 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 43¢
Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$27
(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.

Gunmen hide over holy site

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Scores of Palestinian gunmen were hiding inside one of Christianity's holiest shrines — Bethlehem's Church of the Nativity — today, seeking refuge from Israeli troops that invaded the city as part of an offensive aimed at crushing Palestinian militias in the West Bank.

Israeli forces expanded their campaign early today, taking over the Palestinian towns of Jenin and Salbit and surrounding the Jenin refugee camp, a militant stronghold. Israeli tanks and helicopter gunships exchanged fire with hundreds of armed men in the camp. Three militiamen, a nurse and a 13-year-old boy were killed in the fighting, militia leaders said.

In Bethlehem, scores of Palestinian police and militiamen held up in the Church of the Nativity, built over the birthplace of Jesus.



Sherman County employee Kevin Delano walked through trash dumped by a city truck Tuesday. County commissioners were visiting the transfer station to see if a baler could be installed to handle solid waste and cardboard for recycling. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

Baler could save money

Officials hear presentation

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

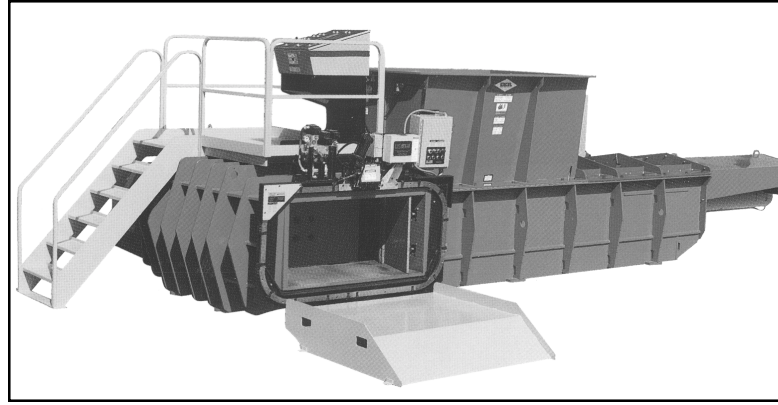
Bailing the city's trash could extend the life of the new landfill, maybe even double it, and help take the cardboard out of the system, the Sherman County commissioners were told Tuesday.

David H. Lane, representing Glen L. DeHart and Son, St. Louis, explained the benefits of installing a baler, and Steve Roy, regional sales manager for Excel Manufacturing of St. Charles, Minn., gave the commissioners details on the setup and operation at a meeting Tuesday.

A baler would make trash and cardboard easier to haul, allow easy stacking of trash at the landfill and more efficient use of space in the cells, commissioners were told. A baler probably is needed if the county wants to separate and recycle cardboard, a major source of trash today.

Commissioners from Phillips County in Colorado came for the baler presentation. Commissioner Jim Morris said they were interested in the baler system because of problems they are having with running and maintaining an incinerator.

Lane handed out brochures showing the baler and said there are 30 balers in use in Kansas, but that most are not used for trash. He said balers are used in Hays, Garden City, Dodge



Sherman County heard about the benefits of using a baler from Excel Manufacturing Tuesday. The 2R9 model baler would cost \$338,000.

City, McPherson and Chanute plus they have recently sold a baler to Pratt. The ones in McPherson and Chanute are close to the one being recommended for Sherman County.

Lane said the McPherson baler is 13 years old, has been relocated three times and is now in a new building. He said this baler is used mostly for recycling materials. The one in Chanute is larger than what Sherman County would get, but it is used for both solid waste and recycling.

The unit being suggested to the Sherman County commissioners would handle up to 40 tons an hour, and produce 1-ton bales of either solid waste or cardboard.

The cost of the baler installed and ready to run would be \$338,000, and Lane said there would be about \$8.49 a ton in operating cost.

Roy said an automatic system

handles whatever is placed on the conveyor and has a built-in sensor for determining how much material can be compacted into a bale. He said the baler has a wire tier which automatically ties the bale as it exits from the side.

He said daily maintenance should take about 15-20 minutes and that once the system is started, it has sensors to start and stop the conveyor and to continue to move the bales.

"If you leave it alone," he said, "it will push bales through the wall."

Lane said the main benefit of baling the waste is that it takes less room in the landfill, and could extend the life of the current cell by several years.

"I believe this system can extend your landfill life by 100 percent," he said.

The Colorado commissioners said

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City adds bins to take paper

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City Commission approved buying more two paper recycling bins its a meeting Monday, hoping to encourage people who had responded to the program by jamming the first three bins.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the county commissioners had asked the city buy more bins because the first three current are filling up faster than they can be dumped.

The container at the city shop was emptied Monday morning, Pickman said, and it was already half full by afternoon.

New bins would keep people from becoming frustrated, going home and throwing paper in the trash, Pickman said. The fiber glass bins cost \$1,062 each, Pickman said. He estimated each bin collects about 1,000 pounds of pa-

per a week. With the county charging the city \$32 a ton tipping fee at the landfill, the two bins could save the city \$1,664 a year.

Commissioner Rick Billinger said he thought the recycling program was helping the city.

"They are wonderful," he said, "I don't care if we have to buy four more. It's just that much less we pay on the tipping end of it."

Mayor Tom Rohr said he didn't have a problem with getting more bins, but said he thought the county should help pay for them.

"We went in together as a joint effort," Rohr said, "and we're paying for them. I feel maybe we should buy one; they should buy one."

"I agree, up to a point," Commissioner Curtis Hurd said, "but the bins

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Budget cuts to hurt college

Fort Hays may hike tuition or slash staff

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Budget cuts state lawmakers are considering could force Fort Hays State University to either hike tuition 60 percent or layoff 100 of the college's 700 employees, President Edward H. Hammond said.

Hammond, who was in Goodland on Tuesday, estimated the cuts would lead to a 1,000-student drop in enrollment, from 7,700 this year. Northwest Kansas would suffer, he said, because Fort Hays graduates teachers, nurses and other professionals who want to fill positions in rural areas.

Hammond said he plans to spend the next couple of weeks visiting Kansas newspapers to spread the word that the "draconian" cuts lawmakers are considering will hurt staff, students and eventually everyone in Western Kan-

sas. He made a brief stop at The Goodland Daily News on Tuesday morning and said he planned to talk with reporters in Colby, Liberal, Garden City and Dodge City that day.

Hammond said a budget plan the House of Representatives recently passed would mean Fort Hays will receive \$4.5 million less from the state next year than the \$32 million it got this year.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee is reviewing the plan, which Gov. Graves has said he doesn't like, but committee member Tim Huelkamp, a

Fowler Republican, has called "a good start."

Hammond said he doesn't think legislators understand how devastating the

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Senate stomps veto with new map plan

TOPEKA (AP) — A bipartisan Senate coalition held together and attracted enough extra votes for a redistricting bill to persuade Gov. Bill Graves to withdraw a veto threat.

The bill redrawing the Senate's 40 districts passed 29-11 on Tuesday and went to the House, where debate is planned early next week. Senator Stan Clark, Oakley, was one of the Republicans voting in favor of the bill.

Graves last week threatened to veto the measure unless it were revised. He backed off Tuesday after the plan received two more votes than the 27 needed to override a veto.

The coalition entered Tuesday's debate with 21 solid votes — from its 11 conservative Republicans and 10 Democrats — and picked up eight more.

"I'm going to support this map," said Sen. Dave Corbin, R-Towanda, explaining why he voted with the coalition. "I think we need to send a message to the governor and the people of Kansas — and move on."

During debate Tuesday, the coalition blocked four amendments, so that the bill passed as it emerged last week from committee. Graves had vetoed an earlier Senate map supported by the coalition, which then made small revisions in drafting the latest plan.

Late Tuesday, Graves spokesman Don Brown said the governor would sign the bill even though it didn't do everything he wanted.

"It is his intent to sign the bill in the form it is in now and get it behind us,"

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Hospital pondering how to squeeze ambulance into garage

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

After discussing the pros and cons of fixing the ambulance garage or building a new one to make room for the new ambulance, the Goodland Regional Medical Center board decided Monday to table the decision until the next meeting.

Members said they wanted to think it over and get bids on the work to be sure of what is best financially. The next meeting will be Monday, May 6.

If the hospital builds a new garage, the board

will need to decide what to do with the space where the ambulances are now parked.

"We need to have a plan for the whole area," Administrator Jay Jolly said, "so we do not miss an opportunity."

A new ambulance the hospital purchased will fit into the garage if it goes in forward, Emergency Medical Services Director Jeff Krall said. For safety, though, Krall said, it is better to back the ambulance in so the driver will be going forward when rushing off.

Because of the "adrenaline factor," crews will

not use the new ambulance for 911 calls, he said, until the garage is fixed so it can be backed in.

The board is estimating \$10,000 cost for lowering the cement slabs in the three ambulance bays four to six inches and putting on new doors.

A separate garage will cost more, Jolly noted, and the renovation meets the hospital's current needs.

But the board doesn't expect new ambulances to get any smaller, and the garage doors are barely wide enough.

"We have lost quite a few mirrors," Krall said.

There has been a plan for years, he said, to put an ambulance garage in across the street and to have room to teach a class there. The hospital could start with a basic building with the capability to add on later.

In other business, the board approved:

- Staff credentials for Jeffrey Huston, gastroenterologist from Denver.
- Seeking a municipal lease in the amount of \$141,000 for the bone density scanner, the x-ray machine, a film developer and the board's portion of the cost of the new ambulance.