

**weather
report**

**77°
at noon**



Today

• Sunset, 7:24 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:07 a.m.
• Sunset, 7:25 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 62 degrees
- Humidity 16 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds mostly sunny
- Barometer 29.52 inches and rising
- Record High 87° (1964)
- Record Low 20° (1951)

Last 24 Hours*

High 92° Record
Low 52°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low mid 40s, winds northwest 10-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny and breezy, high 80-85, low near 50, winds south 15-25 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy, high upper 60s, low mid 30s. Friday: mostly cloudy with scattered showers, high 50-55 m.p.h. Saturday: partly cloudy with scattered showers during day. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local
markets**

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.63 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.47
- New Crop — \$2.61
- Corn — \$1.80 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.75
- Loan deficiency payment — 24¢
- Milo — \$1.49 bushel
- Soybeans — \$3.98 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.94
- Loan deficiency payment — 98¢
- Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$8.75 cwt.
- NuSun — \$8.90 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 91¢
- Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$28

(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.

Fire destroys nearby bridge

SHARON SPRINGS — Train traffic was rerouted in western Kansas today as Union Pacific continued to rebuild a rail bridge destroyed in a fire.

Six Union Pacific coal cars were lost in the blaze Friday on the bridge, which is located about 17 miles east of Sharon Springs.

Union Pacific spokesman Mark W. Davis said the fire started Friday afternoon when the crew of the eastbound train stopped on a wooden bridge to inspect a hot wheel bearing. The bearing ignited the fire on the 290-foot bridge.

The fire burned out Saturday morning. Six coal cars were lost in the fire, Davis said. The 100-car coal train was traveling from Denver to Chicago. No injuries or evacuations were reported.

The replacement bridge will be made of concrete and should be finished Wednesday, Davis said.

State cancels season as deer decline

Damage to crops and cars is down

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Cars seem to be running into deer a lot less often these days, and the state has decided hunters in Sherman County need to shoot fewer of the critters.

The Kansas Wildlife and Parks Commission decided last month to do away with the January hunting season in areas where the deer population has been lowered, including this area.

The season was started in 1995 in response to a surge in car/deer accidents and farmers complaining about crop damage, said Jerry Bump, regional enforcement officer for the wildlife department in Hays. The commission also raised the number of permits for does and fawns, Bump said, which is the easiest way to control the population.

"The feeling in some circles," Bump said, "was that there was too much damage being caused by

these deer."

Sherman County, which is split between hunting unit 1 north of I-70 and unit 2 south of the interstate, will no longer have the January season. Neither will units 17 and 18 in eastern Kansas.

The number of deer tags hunters can buy for the regular season has gone from four to two in units 1, 2, 5, 10, 11, 14, 17 and 18. These units include areas along the Colorado and Missouri borders, in the Flint Hills area, and north of Pratt. All of these areas have seen a reduction in population, Bump said.

The majority of deer in the county are north of

I-70 in unit 1, Bump said.

Between 1990 to 1996 in the county, there was an annual increase of about 12 percent in the deer population, said Lloyd Fox, regional ecologist for the department in Emporia. In the last four years, though, the numbers have gone down about 3.5 percent a year.

Fox said hunters filled about 65 percent of their tags last year, as opposed to about 85 percent for the past 10 years.

"Hunters are telling us they're not finding the

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Shops may get yard waste cans

City to look at returning dumpsters

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City Commission decided to look into providing yard waste containers for its commercial customers at a meeting Monday.

Joni Guyer of Cobblestone Floral and Garden Center and Linda Koons of Koons Funeral Home had questions about getting rid of floral waste. The county landfill will not accept it, they said.

Koons said she had tried to get a yard waste container from the city, but found out businesses were not allowed to have them.

Commissioner Curtis Hurd had asked that the issue be put on the meeting's agenda. He said he had been contacted by two businesses, including Cobblestone.

"These flower shops are raising plants," he said. "They have waste and are hauling it themselves. They would like a dumpster."

He said he thought commercial customers should have the service if they were willing to pay for it.

"I know there has been a lot of grass in the dump," he said. "I don't know if this would stop it, but it's worth a try."

Commissioner Rick Billinger said the city should try to help business get rid of yard waste.

"We're in that business," he said, adding that it might be more economical for the city to pick up yard dumpsters if the customers are being charged for it.

Hurd wanted to know if the city had the manpower to pick up the extra dumpsters. Ed Wolak, director of public works, said there would be no problem at this time.

Commissioner Chuck Lutters said he could see big problems on the way.

"If we do this, it will have to be limited service," he said. "I have no objection to doing this in the summer, but we

might have to limit it in the winter."

Lutters said it would be hard for the city to pick up just a few commercial dumpsters in the winter, and not very efficient.

Guyer said she has a lot of business in winter. Christmas and Valentine's Day are her two biggest holidays.

"What am I supposed to do with the waste the rest of the year?" she asked.

Billinger suggested putting an extra dumpster on the property during the winter which could be picked up in the spring.

Wolak said the city could pick it up using special pick-ups, but Pickman disagreed.

The commission agreed to have the city staff draft an ordinance for their review, which would amend the solid waste rules, and allow commercial customers to have yard waste containers all year. They could not agree on a price.

A shared residential yard dumpster costs \$12 a month, and individual roll-outs are \$4. Pickman said the staff would come up with a number, and the commissioners would decide whether to go with it.

Pickman told the commissions there had been a delay, and the residential yard waste roll-outs won't be available until the beginning of May.

The commissioners talked about a committee proposed by Sherman County which would discuss ways to handle construction and demolition debris. The committee will have seven members, three chosen by the city, three by the county, and the seventh chosen by the other members.

The commissioners picked Rich Simon, division manager of solid waste, to represent the city, over his groans of protest.

"Along with this," Hurd said laughing, "there ought to be a big bonus for

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Colorful election



Marilyn MacPherson cast her vote for a new M&M color on Saturday at Wal-Mart. She picked aqua; other candidates were purple and pink. Sabrina Twombly set up the booth as part of the Mars Co.'s worldwide M&M color election. Results will be announced in June. Twombly said aqua won here with 59 votes, purple was second with 54 and pink last with 28. She said Hope Cochran of Goodland won a jar full of M&Ms by having the closest guess that there were 2,785 candies in the jar. There actually were 2,732.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Model bride



Safari Steakhouse hosted a Bridal and Formal Wear show for brides-to-be, mothers and daughters on Saturday. Judy Bateman, owner of Serendipity Flower Shop, assisted show model Jessica Neumann in trying on a bridal dress. Attendees dined to a luncheon of roast beef and fried chicken. Businesses present included a Denver-based bridal company, promotional and imprinted products, a travel agency and a florist.

Photo by Eric Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

Who will get Stovall's money?

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Attorney General Carla Stovall's announcement that she was ending her campaign for governor put one issue to rest but prompted new questions.

The biggest unresolved issue was money: Who gets the cash that Stovall has raised since beginning her campaign in November? And if, as she said Monday, she concluded weeks ago that she lacked the desire to run, why did her campaign still raise money on her behalf?

Just back from a European trip during which speculation about her plans grew, Stovall told reporters Monday that she lacked "passion" for the Republican governor's race.

Stovall also addressed the widespread speculation that her decision stemmed from her relationship with Larry Steckline, a Wichita radio network owner with whom she traveled to the Ukraine. She confirmed the relationship but said it was not the reason for her decision.

She encouraged her lieutenant-governor running mate, House Speaker Kent Glasscock, to run for governor and urged Republicans to support him.

If Glasscock ran, it's not clear whether he could claim the funds in the

Stovall treasury, reported at nearly \$302,000 at the beginning of the year.

Campaign officials declined to say how much was in Stovall's account. Spokesman Scott Holeman defended Glasscock's right to claim the funds, suggesting that Stovall staff would go to work for the House speaker.

Asked whether he was confirming that Glasscock planned to run, Holeman replied that speaker's inclination is to "strongly re-engage" for the governor's race. Glasscock was a candidate himself before dropping out in November to run with Stovall. Glasscock said Monday he would announce his plans in the next few days.

Other potential candidates include Lt. Gov. Gary Sherrer, who said he would announce his plans Wednesday, and Senate President Dave Kerr, who planned to wait until after the Legislature's session ends in May.

In the GOP race already are State Treasurer Tim Shallenburger, considered the conservatives' preferred candidate, and Wichita Mayor Bob Knight, who has avoided ideological labels. The only Democrat to declare is Insurance Commissioner Kathleen Sebelius.

Last week, the staff of the state Governmental Ethics Commission said their unofficial, informal opinion was that Glasscock could claim to Stovall's

campaign funds, in part because he brought money with him to the ticket.

But ethics staff stressed they wanted the commission to have final say. The nine-member commission plans to meet May 7 to consider the issue.

"Since there's nothing in statute, it is going to require a commission interpretation," said Executive Director Carol Williams.

Shallenburger said another candidate shouldn't get the funds. Normally, a candidate closing a campaign account must return funds to donors, donate them to charity or contribute them to a state party.

Shallenburger also criticized Stovall for raising money while knowing she wasn't committed to the race.

Asked Monday about fund-raising last week, Stovall responded: "In January, when I was persuaded to stay in, I really did redouble my energy and my commitment, and I tried very, very hard to get that, but I couldn't."

She said she was persuaded — she did not say by whom — to delay an announcement about dropping out until her return Sunday from a European trip.

Asked whether that request was designed to give moderates more time, Stovall told reporters: "That might be a reasonable assumption."