



Odd addresses can water today.

Monday, Thursday odd; Tuesday, Friday even. No watering Wednesday, weekends.

Watering allowed 6-9 a.m., 7-10 p.m., three hours each day, six each week.

MONDAY

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50¢

weather report

74°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:47 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:57 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:46 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 81 degrees
- Humidity 53 percent
- Sky overcast
- Winds northeast 20 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.02 inches and rising
- Record High 106° (1934)
- Record Low 47° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

High 97°
Low 67°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy with 40 percent of showers, low lower 50s, winds north 10-20 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly cloudy, high mid 70s, low lower 50s, winds north 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: mostly sunny, high mid 80s, low near 60. Thursday: partly cloudy, high lower 90s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.67 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.47
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.47 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.32
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.14 bushel
- Soybeans — \$5.31 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.95
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$10.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil/NuSun — \$12.05 cwt.
- Loan deficiency prnt. — 0¢
- Confection current — inquire
- Pinto beans — \$25

(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.

Firemen hurt in accident

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif. — A fire engine plummeted 60 feet down a freeway embankment, injuring three firefighters taking on one of the blazes that have consumed more than 180,000 acres across the state.

The accident Sunday occurred when the fire engine's drive shaft malfunctioned, said Karen Faciane of the California Highway Patrol.

It veered across three southbound lanes of Interstate 15 and rolled down an embankment, officials said. The driver was in critical condition with a broken pelvis and the two other firefighters had moderate injuries, Faciane said.



J.J. Howard, who works for WW Construction, used an electric hand saw to cut a board for the new awning on the old gas station building at 13th and Main, which is being turned into a Peoples State Bank. Malcolm White (in the background) was helping build the awning last week. The new bank is expected to open next month.

Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Station becoming bank

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

The old gas station building on the southwest corner of 13th and Main, which most recently housed Commercial Federal Bank, is being transformed into Peoples State Bank.

Jon Pope, president of Peoples, which currently has banks in Colby, Hoxie and McDonald, said the company has been planning an expansion into Goodland for about a year. He said he wanted to open a branch here because it's a "progressive, growing community."

"Goodland and Colby in our perception are probably the market centers for northwest Kansas," Pope said. "They are two communities we'd like to be in."

Pope said Peoples is authorized to

open a loan production office and is applying to the state for branch approval.

Without branch approval, he said, the bank won't be able to directly deposit money or perform some other services for customers, but will be able to give loans and open accounts.

Although Peoples doesn't expect to have branch approval until the end of the year, Pope said, the Goodland branch will likely open in mid-September and then become a full-service bank later.

In the meantime, he said, a crew from Goodland is working to spruce up the old filling station, which first opened in 1926 and has been remodeled a couple of times and been home to several businesses.

Jeff White, who works for WW Construction in Goodland, said on the outside of the building workers are putting up a new awning on the north side, taking out the large front windows and installing new arched ones, putting in new doors, pouring cement in the front and back and building a drive-through window on the west side. The roof will likely be replaced, he said, and siding may be put up over the bricks.

"We're going to change it quite a bit," he said.

Pope said he plans to attend a Goodland School Board meeting tonight to ask permission to use part of the parking lot behind the school administration building, south of the

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Major airline says it's broke

By Matthew Barrakat

AP Business Writer

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — US Airways became the first major airline to declare bankruptcy since last year's terrorist hijackings, a move that came 11 months to the day after the industry was rocked by the attacks.

US Airways, the nation's seventh-largest carrier, said flights will continue normally, and the company expressed optimism that it will emerge from bankruptcy early next year. But airline stocks fell at the news, particularly those of United Airlines.

In its Chapter 11 bankruptcy filing Sunday, the company listed assets of \$7.81 billion and liabilities of \$7.83 billion and said its cash flow was relatively stable. But Chris Chiames, US Airways' vice president for corporate affairs, said that would not last with the peak summer travel season about to end.

"You do not want to enter bankruptcy in a poor cash position," Chiames said at a brief news conference.

Chapter 11 allows a company to continue operating and hold its creditors at bay while it puts its finances in order. A hearing in U.S. Bankruptcy Court in Alexandria was scheduled for Monday to discuss the filing.

US Airways shares did not immediately open for trading by midday today. Among other airline stocks, UAL Corp., the parent of United, dropped 15.8 percent, down 82 cents to \$4.38, by early afternoon on the New York Stock Exchange while AMR, the parent of American, was down 95 cents to \$8.64.

Delta fell 51 cents to \$14.09, and Northwest declined 65 cents to \$8.06. Continental fell 81 cents to \$8.31, and Southwest declined 37 cents to \$12.89.

US Airways had been struggling well

before Sept. 11. In July 2001, the airline suffered a blow when federal regulators balked at a proposed purchase by United Airlines that would have given US Airways investors \$60 a share.

After the attacks, no airline was harmed financially more than US Airways. The Arlington-based carrier is the largest airline at Reagan Washington National Airport, which remained closed for weeks after the attacks.

In addition, Chiames said, the airline suffered disproportionately when many travelers opted to drive or take the train instead of making short-haul flights up and down the East Coast — US Airways' strength.

"Clearly US Airways was impacted more than any other carrier after Sept. 11," Chiames said.

Last month, the federal government agreed to guarantee \$900 million of a \$1 billion loan package the airline had hoped would allow them to stave off bankruptcy. But US Airways executives had always warned that bankruptcy was a possibility even if they obtained the federal loan guarantee.

Chiames said the bankruptcy will not affect the company's long-term restructuring plan, which calls for cutting costs by \$1.2 billion a year.

The company also said it expects to generate an additional \$200 million a year through a recently announced "code-share" agreement with United that allows the two airlines to sell tickets on each other's flights. The partnership combines US Airways' strength on the East Coast with United's strength on east-west routes.

United has lost more than \$850 million this year, and the Chicago-based carrier retained a bankruptcy lawyer shortly after the Sept. 11 attacks. United Airlines is also seeking \$1.8 billion in government guarantees.

Burn ban, budget top county agenda

Sherman County Commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. on Tuesday to review the countywide burn ban and the department budget requests for the next year.

The commissioners relaxed the burn ban to allow trash burning late last week, but without more rain they are expected to continue the ban, and make it cover everything for the next week.

Under state law, the commissioners can only impose a burn ban for seven days, and must review it each week and vote to continue the ban.

With the budget process moving forward, the commissioners will review

the department budgets collected by County Clerk Janet Rumpel, and the revenue estimates for the next year.

The commissioners are considering drafting a letter to print in the newspaper to answer some of the citizens' questions about the current trash operation and the county operation of the transfer station and landfill.

Deputy County Clerk Mary Ann Snethen will talk to the commissioners about the S&T Telephone billing the county has received. The commissioners meet in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway Ave.

School meeting

At a meeting tonight, the Goodland School Board will:

- Hold a hearing to address complaints or answer questions about the new budget.
- Hear reports from the district's five principals and Superintendent Marvin Selby.
- Hear a request from Jon Pope, president of Peoples State Bank, to use some of the parking lot behind the district administration building for a drive-through window. Peoples is remodeling a building north of the administration offices.
- Discuss investment bids for certificates of deposit.
- Discuss selling the Edson gym.

The board will meet at 7 p.m. at the administration building on Main Ave.

Hangin' out at the derby



Joe Austin, Brad Davis, Doug Austin and Dale Davis (hanging out the back) from St. Francis prepared the car Joe would be driving in the demolition derby Friday night at the Sherman County Fairgrounds as part of the Northwest Kansas District Free Fair events. More photos on Page 4.

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