



Lawn watering is prohibited today.

Odd addresses can water Monday, Thursday, even Tuesday, Friday, for three hours each day. No watering on Wednesdays and weekends.

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weather report

84°

at noon



Today

Sunset, 7:35 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 6:06 a.m.

Sunset, 7:34 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 76 degrees
Humidity 27 percent
Sky partly cloudy
Winds north 7 m.p.h.
Barometer 29.94 inches and rising
Record High 102° (1943)
Record Low 46° (1964)

Last 24 Hours*

High 94°
Low 63°
Precipitation .01

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low mid 60s, winds south 5-15 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny with 20 percent thunderstorms, high upper 80s, low mid 60s, east 5-10 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday: partly sunny with 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, high mid 80s, low lower 60s. Saturday: partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms, high lower 80s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.54 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.47
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.48 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.39
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Milo — \$2.23 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$5.08 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.99
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Millet — \$10.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$11.85 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$11.10 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 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.

Enron leader pleads guilty

HOUSTON — A former top executive in Enron Corp.'s finance division pleaded guilty today to money laundering and wire fraud, becoming the first to be convicted in the aftermath of the former energy behemoth's implosion last year. Michael Kopper, 37, was managing director of Enron Global Finance under former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow. He quit the company months before its collapse to run one of several partnerships created by Fastow that have been credited with leading to the company's failure.

People complain about water rules

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Every chair was filled at the City Commission meeting Monday, and people were lined up against the wall as residents complained about water restrictions.

Dale Schilling led the complaints, telling commissioners that the restrictions have created an environment of suspicion and mistrust in the city.

"I understand people have been turning their neighbors in," Schilling said. "I want to know

how many and I want to know their names. If people are going to do that, it's only fair that they stand up and give their names. We are not a police state."

People can only water their lawn twice a week and no more than six hours a week. The police have been ticketing people who violated the rules, and the city used 17 million fewer gallons in the first half of August than it did midway through July.

Schilling said that the grass at the city parks is

dying and the city might have to spend money reseeded them next year.

"The city needs to take care of its property," he said. "It is owned by all of us."

Schilling said he takes care not to waste water, and redesigned his yard so he could water efficiently, but last week he was forced to waste some.

"On my day to water, it was windy and the water was being blown all over the place," he said. "I had to make a choice, waste some water, or let my lawn dry up. It's a tough decision."

Schilling turned the floor over to Dwight Chipperfield, a farmer, who said the amount of water the city uses is small compared to what farmers use.

"You don't use a lot of water from a farmer's perspective," Chipperfield said. "We could save more water in the aquifer if the farmers shut down for five days than if you shut down for a month. What the city uses hardly shows up as a blip."

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Walkers fighting cancer

You can still donate to Relay for Life

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Daily News

So far, over 300 luminaria have been sold at \$10 each as part of the Sherman County Relay for Life, but you can still buy one now or even at the relay Friday night at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

The relay begins with the survivors' lap at 7 p.m., when about 60 cancer survivors will kick off the event. The relay will continue until 7 a.m. Saturday.

A luminaria ceremony will be at 9 p.m., when all the candles will be lit. The ceremony remembers those lost to cancer and honors those who have survived.

"It will be beautiful when all the bags with candles are illuminated around the track," event chair Michelle Shoff said. "We hope to sell enough to light the entire area."

A slumber party where no one sleeps, the relay is a fun-filled overnight event. Teams of eight to 15 members gather with tents and sleeping bags to participate in the nationwide fund-raising walk.

The Kiwanis and Shrine clubs will have concessions from 7-11 p.m. Friday, said Janda Linin, public relations representative.

Teams seek sponsorship prior to the relay and luminarias are sold to raise money to seek a cure for cancer. The teams will try to keep a member on the track at all times throughout the event.

Linin said she has collected nearly \$5,000 so far and has not collected from two of the teams planning to walk in the relay.

Micki Scherling, who found she had breast cancer in May of 2001, said she is now cancer-free after a battle that included four surgeries. She said she is looking forward to the survivors' lap.

"It gives you goosebumps," she said, "as you didn't know all these people had cancer."

Scherling said she kept a journal during the last year and has really enjoyed looking back and seeing her progress.

"When you're in the middle of it," she said, "it is so overwhelming."

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County roundup

At their meeting Tuesday, Sherman County commissioners:

- Extended the burn ban and approved purchase of a copier for the treasurer. Story to come.
Wrestled with budgets to try to keep taxes down, facing a possible increase of 2 to 3 mills. Story to come.
Scheduled a household hazardous waste collection on Saturday, Sept. 14. Story to come.



Workers with B&H Paving, out of Scott City, stood on a machine that was spreading crushed rock on Goodland's streets this morning. An oil sprayed on the road helped keep the rock in place. The process is called "chip sealing" and the city uses it to maintain streets. A third of the streets in Goodland will be sealed in the next week. Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Smelly process gives streets new surface

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

If you can't see the streets in Goodland getting a fresh coat of oil and rock, you can probably smell it.

Workers with B&H Paving, out of Scott City, started spraying oil and spreading crushed rock on city streets this morning. It's a process called "chip sealing," said Kenny Studer, superintendent of public works, and it helps keep the streets strong, smooth and pothole free.

One-third of all the streets in Goodland are sealed each year, he said, and the project usually takes about a week, depending on the weather. The streets are on a three-year rotation, said Ed Wolak, director of public works, so the ones being repaired this year haven't been sealed in three years.

Wolak said the city prepares the streets by cleaning and sweeping them and patching any potholes. During a final inspection, he said, the street surfaces are examined and any new potholes filled.

Then B&H takes over, bringing in huge vehicles and machines to get the job done.

Wolak said the process starts with a tanker truck spraying a black oil on one side of the street. The tanker, he said, is followed by a rock-filled dump



After the oil and rock are laid, a packer is driven over the road to smooth the material.

truck with a spreader attached to it.

After crushed rock is spread over the oil, Wolak said, two packers roll over the material to set the rock. When one side of the street is finished, he said, the process starts again on the other side.

It's a stinky project, as the oil has a pungent smell similar to burning rubber.

Wolak said the crew can seal 20 to 30 streets each day, and the job should be done by next Wednesday. He said streets near schools are being sealed first to prepare for the first day of classes on Monday.

City Manager Ron Pickman said 30,000 tons of half-inch crushed rock and 71,000 gallons of oil will be spread on 263,361 square yards of

street surface. The entire project will cost about \$136,600, he said, which amounts to .519 cents per square yard.

Streets to be sealed are:

- Sixteenth from Center to Cattletrail and Caldwell to Broadway; 15th from Sherman to Cattletrail; 14th from Wyoming to Cattletrail and Harrison to Alley; 12th Center to Cattletrail, Seventh Washington to Eustis and Main to Kansas; Eighth Main to Kansas and Kansas to Cattletrail; Ninth Syracuse to Montana; Sixth Washington to Harrison, Arcade to Harrison, Eustis to Washington, Main to Caldwell and Center to Kansas; Fourth Caldwell to Eustis and Broadway to Sherman; Second Caldwell to Kansas; First Kansas to Grand; Fifth Caldwell to Kansas; 11th Harrison to Arcade; Harrison Eighth to 13th; Broadway Sixth to Eighth. Sixth to Toelkes Drive and 10th to 15th; Clark First to Second, Fifth to Sixth and Ninth to 17th; Texas 14th to 17th and Eighth to 14th; Cherry 11th to 14th and Second to Seventh; Main First to Sixth; Kansas First to 12th; Wyoming Eighth to 17th; Center Eighth to 15th; Washington Fourth to Sixth; Sherman 11th to 15th and Third to Fifth; Grand First to Second and 12th to 16th, Aspen Kansas to First; Sycamore Maple to Main, Maple Aspen to Main; Poplar Aspen to Acacia; and Circle Drive.

Economic council gives daycare center \$1,000

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Topside Tots approached the Sherman County Economic Development Council in July for a \$1,000 loan to keep the daycare operation open, and Monday the council approved the action.

Chairman Harlan D. House said the loan was discussed by the finance com-

mittee, which decided it was something the council should support. He said they would need to draft a contract, but that should be no problem.

Board member John Garcia made the motion to approve the loan and it was seconded by treasurer Kim Bohme. Bohme said she would like to review the contract, but agreed this was something the council should support.

The motion passed 5-1 with board member Larry Harper voting no.

Chairman Royal Reid said that Goodland soon would have a new donut shop on Main Street, and that Garcia had helped recruit the new business. It was also mentioned that a new Mexican food restaurant will open at the old Steiner Drive-in. Garcia said he thought this was the same family that

had opened Taco Express in Colby. He said the donut shop hopes to be open in the next month.

Harper reported on the advertising committee and presented plans for a monthly newsletter to be delivered throughout Sherman County.

He introduced the members of the

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