

weather report

49°
at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:36 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:27 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:35 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 47 degrees
- Humidity 49 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds northwest 20 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.08 inches and steady
- Record High 75° (1989)
- Record Low 3° (1940)

Last 24 Hours*

- High 55°
- Low 30°
- Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low upper 20s, winds north 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny, high mid 50s, low mid 30s, winds west 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: mostly sunny with 20 percent chance of rain late, high upper 60s, low mid 30s. Thursday: partly cloudy with slight chance of showers during the day, high mid 50s. Friday: partly cloudy, high upper 50s, low near 30.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.96 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.22
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.50 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.25
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.17 bushel
- Soybeans — \$5.20 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.08
- Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
- Millet — \$14.00 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$12.45 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$18

(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.

No-call list draws calls

TOPEKA — Kansans deluged Attorney General Carla Stovall's office with complaints about telemarketers in the first week after a statewide no-call list took effect.

Meanwhile, even more people are signing up for the list.

Since the law took effect on Nov. 1, telephone customers have reported about 500 violations, spokesman Mark Ohlmeier said late last week.

"That's quite a few in just a few days," Ohlmeier said.

Earlier last week, the attorney general was looking for temporary workers to help handle the onslaught of complaints.

By the Sept. 23 deadline for registering for the current no-call list, a total of 397,697 had signed up.

Additional registrations since then have pushed the total to more than 400,000, Ohlmeier said.

Company to reopen two gas stations

By Rachel Hixson

The Goodland Daily News

A Nebraska company plans to reopen the two Coastal Mart stores in Goodland, which have been closed for almost two years, by Christmas, bringing at least nine new jobs to town.

The Coastal Marts on Caldwell Avenue — one at Eighth and one at 17th — closed during the summer of 2001, when the operating company, Vista Corp., went bankrupt. Since then, the buildings have sat empty with "for sale" signs hanging in the windows.

The 17th Street station's front window is covered with plywood because shortly after the station closed, a former employee broke in to steal lottery tickets and cigarettes, smashing the window with a brick. The ex-employee and two other youths were caught trying to redeem the tickets in Colby.

Both stations will soon be getting a new look and name, as Mike and Mark Olderbak, owners of Kabredlo's of Lincoln, Neb., have bought the buildings and plan to have new convenience stores open by Christmas.

They are just two of the 10 stores the company plans to open around northwest Kansas by January, the brothers



Daniel Brockway (left) and John Johnson, with Owens Construction of El Dorado, worked on the canopy over the gas pumps at the old Coastal Mart in Colby this morning. A Lincoln, Neb., company plans to open stores at old C-Marts in northwest Kansas, including two in Goodland.

Photo by Darrel Pattillo/Colby Free Press

say.

Andrew Landon, supervisor of the seven Kabredlo's in southeast Kansas, is responsible for opening the new stores in this area. He said the first five stores will open in Colby, Atwood,

Oakley, Scott City and McCook, Neb., and then three will open in Hays and two in Goodland.

When all are open, Landon said, there will be 37 Kabredlo's in Kansas and Nebraska. He said Mike Olderbak

opened the first store in Lincoln in 1991 and then his brother came on board in 1993. Landon, who works out of Parsons, Kan., said there are now 20 Kabredlo's in Lincoln and Omaha and seven in southeast Kansas.

He said the buildings in Goodland, which have been ignored for almost two years, will be cleaned and remodeled.

"They're going to look sharp," he said, estimating five employees will be hired to run the store on Eighth and four at the smaller 17th store.

Customers will be able to fill up their cars with gas and buy snacks, soda and other items at Kabredlo's, Landon said.

One duty Kabredlo's employees might have is teaching people how to pronounce the name.

Landon said Kabredlo's is the owners' surname spelled backwards, and its pronunciation sounds like "Cab-re-delos."

David Handley, director of marketing for Kabredlo's in Lincoln, said all of the new stores will be opened in old Coastal Marts, which the company bought from the federal government.

He said the first five stores should be open within two weeks, and the last five

in Goodland and Hays sometime in December, depending on how long licensing takes.

Handley said Kabredlo's has taken failing stores and made them profitable before, and will do it again in Goodland.

"Just because the business failed doesn't mean the area is bad," he said. "We don't run our business the same way they do."

Ron Harding, director of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, said the new stores will help people here in several ways.

The company won't have trouble filling the new jobs, he said, because there have been some layoffs in Goodland recently.

He said the location of the stores will bring more traffic into the center of town and be more convenient for people who live on the east side of Goodland. The new businesses should make Goodland look more active to outsiders, Harding said, and bring in money for the city and county in the form of utility payments and sales taxes.

"It's a win for them," he said, "and a win for the community."

Veterans honored by Bush

Meanwhile, a war with Iraq looms

WASHINGTON (AP) — As he refines plans for a possible invasion of Iraq, President Bush honored veterans of previous wars with a wreath-laying today at Arlington National Cemetery.

In Veterans Day speeches at the White House and at the cemetery, Bush renewed the administration's demands that Iraq disarm or face "serious consequences," and talking about the broader war on terrorism.

Administration officials on Sunday promised "zero tolerance" if Saddam Hussein refuses to comply with a new U.N. Security Council resolution demanding that he eliminate weapons of mass destruction and open up to inspectors. They said they are watching closely to ensure that the Iraqi president cooperates.

"We do not need to waste the world's time with another game of cat and mouse," national security adviser Condoleezza Rice said.

Under the resolution, the Security Council would assess any violations and decide how to respond. But several administration officials made plain that the United States reserved the right to invade Iraq with or without approval of the United Nations.

"We have the authority by the president's desire to protect and defend the United States of America," White House chief of staff Andrew Card said on NBC's "Meet the Press." "The U.N. can meet and discuss, but we don't need their permission."

Secretary of State Colin Powell added: "If we find that debate is going nowhere, if the U.N. chooses not to act, we have not given up our authority to act with like-minded nations who might wish to join us in such an action."

The administration received support Sunday when Arab foreign ministers meeting in Cairo urged Saddam to accept the terms of the resolution.

Rice dismissed as "ludicrous" the call by Saddam for his parliament to hold an emergency session on the resolution.

"Saddam Hussein is an absolute dictator and tyrant, and the idea that somehow he expects the Iraqi parliament to debate this — they've never debated anything else," Rice said on ABC's "This Week." "I'm surprised he's even bothering to go through this play."

Weekend news reports said Bush has approved a battle plan should Iraq fail to comply with the U.N. resolution. The leaks appeared to be an effort to send Saddam a message about how serious the United States is. A Pentagon plan for invading Iraq calls for a land, sea and air force of 200,000 to 250,000 troops.

Dad's little helper



Two-year-old Ryan Lalicker helped his dad Dewayne mow their front yard on Cherry Street on Sunday morning. Dewayne said every time he mows, Ryan gets out his mini-mower and pushes it around the yard. His dad says he hopes Ryan will always be that excited about mowing.

Photo by Rachel Hixson/The Goodland Daily News

Tornadoes hit south, kill dozens

WARTBURG, Tenn. (AP) — Emergency crews searched for survivors early today amid the wreckage from a series of pulverizing tornadoes that barreled through Alabama, Tennessee and Ohio, killing at least 31 people and injuring more than 100. At least 45 may be missing.

A wide band of storms stretched from Louisiana to Ohio, with Tennessee and Alabama the hardest hit. The death toll included 16 in Tennessee, 10 in Alabama and five in Ohio, while 45 people were unaccounted for in the rural town of Mossy Grove, Tenn., officials said.

A tornado cut a swath five to six miles long just before 9 p.m. Sunday, killing

seven people in the town about 40 miles west of Knoxville. Emergency crews relied on ham radio operators for communication since phone lines were knocked out.

Authorities were kept away from assessing much of the damage because toppled trees and power lines were blocking roadways, and they feared the death toll would rise as daybreak revealed the extent of the devastation.

"It's mass destruction, death," said Ken Morgan, an officer in nearby Oliver Springs. "Mossy Grove is destroyed."

Carbon Hill, Ala., was in a similar situation as a nighttime swarm of tor-

nadoes and powerful thunderstorms belted the area and sent giant hardwood trees crashing down on small houses and mobile homes.

"I reckon about a third of the town is gone," said Terry Murray, part of a tree crew surveying the damage.

The tornadoes flattened dozens of homes throughout the region and left tens of thousands without power. Winds hit an estimated 140 mph in Tennessee and the storms carried torrential rain and golf-ball-sized hail.

Unseasonably high temperatures in the 80s Sunday, followed by a cold front, made conditions ripe for tornadoes, which are not unusual at this time.

Trash talk tops agenda

Economic director to attend meeting

Sherman County commissioners will hear an update from the new economic development director, and discuss the pros and cons of the county taking over the city trash collection as the top items on Tuesday's agenda, beginning at 8 a.m.

Carolyn Applegate, the new director for the Sherman County Economic Development Council, will give commissioners an idea of what she has seen in her first week on the job. She plans to invite them to an open meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Goodland Elks Lodge to introduce her to the community. Her first day on the job was Nov. 1; she was formerly the Chamber of Commerce director in Norton.

Taking over the city trash collection was brought up at a special meeting on Nov. 4, and the commissioners said they would examine their options at the Tuesday meeting.

Members of the Economic Development Council had contacted Commissioner Kevin Rasure and Goodland Mayor Tom Rohr to see if joint discussions about the trash system could be established.

The city commissioners, who met on Nov. 4, felt the process deserved some consideration and agreed to continue the discussions depending on whether the county decided to move forward.

At the special meeting, County Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he did not want to take over the city operation, but agreed to look at the options at Tuesday's meeting. Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld said he felt it was important to find a solution, and that he did not want to see the trash going out of the county.

The county stands to lose much of the business supporting its new landfill if a Colorado firm takes over the city collections.

The city has been negotiating with U.S. Waste Industries of Colorado Springs to take over trash collection. The Colorado company has landfills in Pueblo and Colorado Springs and said they would haul the trash to those landfills.

The Commissioners also will consider an elevator maintenance agreement for the Good Samaritan Center; the contract with VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt of Larned for the county audit for the next year; and Rasure will report on the grant writing project and Penny Nemechek's progress on filing grants for the county, city and school district. The commissioners meet in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway Ave.