

weather report

50°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:41 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:14 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:42 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 31 degrees
- Humidity 36 percent
- Sky mostly clear
- Winds north 11 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.78 inches and rising

- Record High 80° (1921)
- Record Low -15° (1960)

Last 24 Hours*

High 38°
Low 18°
Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: Cloudy with 20 percent chance of snow, high upper 20s, low 10-15, winds northeast 20 m.p.h. Wednesday: partly sunny, high upper 30s, low upper teens.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly clear, high lower 50s. Friday: partly cloudy, high lower 50s, low mid 20s. Saturday: partly cloudy and breezy, high mid 50s, low mid 20s. Sunday: mostly cloudy, high lower 50s, low mid 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.30 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.15
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.39 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.21
Milo — \$2.16 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.29 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.18
Millet — \$10 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.30 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 3¢
NuSun — \$10.30 cwt.
New crop NuSun — \$11.05
Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.
New Crop — \$17/\$10 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$15
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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K-27 lights flashing red

Stoplights at the intersection of K-27 and Busines U.S. 24 are flashing red like a four-way stop. The video cameras that control the lights are not working properly city officials say, and they are waiting for the state to replace them. See photo on Page 3.

Dinner theater features ‘flappers’



By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Flappers, the theater and the mob — it’s the Roaring 20s in “45 Minutes From Broadway,” a musical comedy which will provide the entertainment for the Goodland Arts Council’s dinner-theater fund raiser.

Overly innocent actors are visited

by mobsters with guns. Finally the pianist realizes “something funny is going on.”

An actress replies, “Yeah, we’re trying to make a musical comedy here.”

Such is the dialogue for parody of a cliché of a woman wanting to make it as an actress who just shows up at the theater looking for a part. The theater needs repair, a major actress is needed to save the show and the mob keeps showing up looking for a rival who is hiding out in the building.

Judy Hayden, a sixth-grade teacher at North Elementary School, chose the play and is directing it. Tina Goodwin, Carnegie Arts Center director, and the theater committee on the Goodland Arts Council, have worked to plan the play and dinner and are selling tickets.

Performances will be at 6 p.m. Saturday and Monday, and a dessert matinee will be at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Elks Lodge. Tickets are on sale at the arts center. Goodwin said general admission tickets will be available for those who don’t want to buy dinner.

The general admission seating is off to the side, she said, while the dinner theater seats are center stage. The Safari Steak House is catering the dinner, Goodwin said, and Goodland High School students from Family, Career and Community Leaders of America will serve the dinner.

Dinner will be steak, seasoned mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables and New York style cheesecake, Goodwin said. There will be a variety of desserts on a dessert bar for the matinee.



Ginny Schields (top left) showed her “star quality” as the actress who is needed to save the show, while rehearsing for “45 Minutes From Broadway” Wednesday. Jessica Kannady, (left) an actress; Randy Topliff, the pianist; and Loren Strait, the director, had a heated discussion about the cold theater during the play rehearsal. Rochelle Kling (above right) is an actress and dancer in the play.

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Hospital may take control of medical clinic

By Sharon Corcoran

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The Rural Health Ventures clinic may become a department of the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

After years of talking, thinking and speculating, the hospital’s board voted last Monday to put the wheels in motion to try to take over the clinic.

The resolution was to begin the process on March 1 and to hopefully be done by July 1. Though the clinic and hospital appear to be connected, they are separate legal entities with separate boards.

That has been confusing to the public, said Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly, and to the staff sometimes as well. It’s somewhat confusing administratively, he said, since the two have to work so closely together and are in the same building.

Jolly cites ending that confusion, likely financial benefits in the form of Medicare reimbursement and the opportunity to pool resources as rea-

sons to pursue the change.

It makes sense administratively to share resources, said Lynn Hoelting, hospital board chair, and get more efficient.

It’s an opportunity to become more efficient, he said, and provide better health care, he said.

But the merger is just in the planning stages.

“Basically, it’s exploratory at this point,” Hoelting said. “We passed a resolution to look at how to do it.”

The clinic gets more reimbursement from Medicare than the hospital does, Jolly said, since Medicare reimburses clinics on a cost basis

rather than a fixed amount for each service like it does the hospital.

With the clinic under the hospital and having a rural health care designation, he said, Medicare will reimburse it more than it does now. The clinic already has the rural health designation, he said, which is why it is reimbursed more than the hospital. Being a hospital-based rural health clinic, Jolly said, Medicare will reimburse more because it recognizes that hospitals have higher costs than clinics because a public hospital has to treat all pa-

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Affairs of state



Explaining a bill, State Rep. Jim Morrison of Colby talked to about 30 civic and community leaders and voters on Monday at the Opera House Plaza. He and Sen. Stan Clark of Oakley were in town as part of a multicounty tour of their districts. Look for a story in the Weekend edition.

Photo by Steve Haynes/The Goodland Star-News.

County votes to pursue takeover

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners voted 2-1 Friday to once again pursue an agreement to take over the city trash collection system.

Negotiations between the two had come to a halt, with the county declaring it would pay for the sorting rather than takeover the trash collection and the city commission voting to seek new proposals from private firms to handle the trash.

“I don’t like the options,” Commissioner Kevin Rasure said. “I feel we need to look at the original 17-point proposal for the county to take it over and put it under a separate department.”

Not everyone agreed.

“No thank you,” said Commissioner Mitch Tiede. “I’d like to let the city keep the system.”

Rasure said he felt it was a good idea for the commissioners to take

a vote on the 17-point plan.

“Are we talking about pursuing the 17-point plan?” asked Commissioner Chuck Thomas. “This would still have to be negotiated, but we would let the city know we are interested.”

Rasure made a motion to take over the city trash service as proposed by the 17-point proposal mediated by the Sherman County Economic Development Council, but based on final details and insurance.

“Let the city look at private enterprise,” Tiede said. “Maybe they will come back to us.”

“I think if we don’t let them know we are interested, we could lose any control about what happens to the trash,” Rasure said.

He asked for a second to his motion. There was silence for a minute before Thomas seconded the motion.

vor and Tiede against.

The commissioners asked County Clerk Janet Rumpel to write a letter to the city stating the motion that had been passed and to have it delivered so the city would know what they had decided before their meeting on Monday.

City commissioners agreed during a work session last Monday that they still want out of the trash business, and decided to seek new proposals to buy and run the city’s service.

There was no discussion about further negotiations with Sherman County, but the four commissioners present said they were interested in new proposals to have a private firm collect the city’s trash.

The county commissioners had been negotiating with the city about taking over the trash collection for five months, but a recent exchange of letters seemed to end the discussion.