

### weather report



53°  
noon  
Thursday

#### Today

Sunset, 4:48 p.m.

#### Saturday

Sunrise, 6:17 a.m.

Sunset, 4:44 p.m.

#### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 50 degrees
- Humidity 24 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds south 22 to 30 mph
- Barometer 30.15 inches and falling
- Record High today 81° (1931)
- Record Low today 4° (1951)

#### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	53°
Low Wednesday	37°
Precipitation	none
This month	none
Year to date	13.89
Below Normal	4.68 inches

#### The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 56, a low around 30 and winds out of the north 10 to 15 mph. Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 65, a low around 31 and winds south 5 to 10 mph changing to the west.

#### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 74 and a low around 31. Monday: Sunny with a high near 51 and a low around 25.

(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\*Readings taken at 7 a.m.

### local markets

#### Noon

- Wheat — \$7.35 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$7.60
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Corn — \$3.31 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.42
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Milo — \$3.15 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$8.43 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$8.95
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
- (Markets by Sclour Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

### inside today

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### Andale beats Goodland

Cowboys Jace Mosbarger reached out to tackle Colby's Stephen Dinkel in the second half of the game. The Cowboys won against the Eagles, but lost to Andale 53-7. See photos, story on Page 12.

# Engineer updates road projects

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Sherman County commissioners heard an update on the county road projects and plans for the construction season next spring.

Jerol DeBoer, engineer and owner from Penco Engineering of Plainville, said the old U.S. 24 project has been completed, but the contractor has to fix one spot. He said the spot is where old U.S. 24 junctions with Business U.S. 24.

DeBoer said he has driven the east portion to make sure there are no other problems, and was going to drive the west portion after the commission meeting.

Curt Way, public works manager, said there are a couple of bumps on the road west of town, but thinks the county can get some hot mix and slope it down. He said that is something the county can handle.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said there was a drop off at Frontier Equity and Way said he was told about one at County Road 5 near Kanorado.

DeBoer said he would check those out. He said there is an open contract with Shears APAC for 5,000 tons of asphalt from the east junction at Business U.S. 24 east to Edson, and that could be done next spring if the

## County Road 16 project may be done in March

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A delay in starting work on County Road 65 (Eighth Street) may change the order of when the one-mile section of County Road 16 is done the Sherman County commissioners heard Tuesday from the project engineer.

Jerol DeBoer, engineer and owner of

Penco Engineering of Plainville, said he had talked to Venture Construction of Great Bend about their plans for the County Road 65 (Eighth Street) project. He said they told him they might start by May 8, but are still behind and not sure about getting the aggregate.

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county wants to have that done.

Way said the thinking was to put an additional inch of asphalt on that section if the road showed a need.

"The bird baths (spots where water stands) have not shown up," Way said. "The delays seemed to help the project. It gave the road time to settle."

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said it did work

out pretty well.

Commission Kevin Rasure asked about the extra pavement and what it would cost.

DeBoer said the price was for 1-inch from Goodland to Edson, but said the county may not need to do it. He said APAC is interested because they are working on bids for other projects in the area, and having the possible project with Sherman County gives them a

foot in the door.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said he has driven the east portion and it seems to be very good.

Rasure asked DeBoer about the cost of the total project and how it came in compared to budget.

DeBoer said the old U.S. 24 project was just under \$4 million, and about \$200,000 under budget. He said there are some changes on the shoulder that have to be paid. He said the 1-inch overlay would cost about \$250,000, and that would put the project a bit over budget. He said APAC would want to know about the overlay in December to put it on their schedule.

"They are working on a bid in Thomas County and want to have a chance at other projects," DeBoer said.

Tiede said he did not see any reason to do the overlay, but they should watch it over the next month.

Way said the bird bath spots showed up after the first lift of asphalt, but did not show up again after the second lift of asphalt.

DeBoer said he thought the delay helped because the traffic pounded it down before the second lift.

## Fairgrounds rental prices going up

Saying they did not want to be in competition with other places in the county that host commercial shows the Sherman County commissioners agreed to raise the price to \$300 per day for the fairgrounds or the 4-H building.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he had a question about a company that wanted to rent the 4-H building for a tool sale. He said he did not mind renting the building, but felt the county should be charging a comparable price to other facilities available.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said he agreed that if the company is from out of the area the county should be making some money off of it.

Rasure said currently the county rents the 4-H building for \$50 plus \$75 for damage deposit.

Deputy County Clerk Mary Ann Snethen said the other contract is for non-profit and what the commissioners have approved for the project graduation dances, which waives all the fees.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he felt the building should be \$200 to \$300 plus money for electricity.

"We should not be renting it cheaper than anybody else," Tiede said.

Thomas suggesting making it \$300 per day.

"I am not against private people doing a meeting out there," Rasure said, "but if they are selling products for profit I feel we should get a fair price."

Snethen said the contract for the fairgrounds is at \$200 plus \$25 for electricity and \$500,000 insurance and a \$250 damage deposit.

Rasure said he felt the insurance should be \$1 million.

Tiede suggested going to \$50 on electricity and kick the insurance up to \$1 million on insurance and the damage deposit at \$250.

The commissioners agreed it should be per day.

Snethen said she would call the company wanting to do the tool sale, and could draft a new contract with the requirements the commissioners have said.

Thomas asked about checking on the sales tax license.

Snethen said she can ask to see their sales tax certificate, but cannot ask questions about sales tax payments.

Rasure said the county could advise the department of revenue of when a sale is held in town, and leave it up to them to see if the company is paying sales tax.



## Halloween characters part of fun

Pre-schoolers Titus Beringer, 4, and Eli Greene, 4, (above) of the Cowboy and Cowgirl Academy in Goodland were served candy Wednesday from Wendy Fritz as they trick-or-treated at Goodland Regional Medical Center. Central School principal Harvey Swager and school cook Kelly Selbe (right photo) dressed up as Wizard of Oz munchkins for Halloween Wednesday during an assembly in the school gym. Teachers and staff members all dressed up as Wizard of Oz characters and students got a chance to wear their Halloween costumes.

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## Council reveals project goals

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Bringing in new businesses, retaining current businesses, sprucing up Main Street and neighborhoods, and building a new skate park were some of the items discussed Tuesday during the Sherman County Economic Development Council's annual meeting held at the Elks Lodge.

About 20 people were in attendance including eight of 11 board members, City Commissioners Annette Fairbanks and Dave Daniels, County Commissioner Kevin Rasure, longtime Goodland icon John Golden, and Dan Steffan of the Kansas Department of Commerce.

The annual meeting was the first meeting for director Jeremy Jennings, who began the job in October.

Board chairman Don Newell expressed a vote of confidence to Jennings.

"Our new director is expected to do great things and I know he feels a lot of pressure," Newell said, adding: "He has some good ideas, some new ideas. He thinks outside the box — we need that."

Some of those new ideas were presented by Jennings. They included:

- Receive accreditation through Kansas Communities

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Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday. Fall back one hour to Mountain Standard.

