

# Cords cause argument

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the ones he purchased cost \$40. "How much property tax is this company spending in Sherman County?" Rasure asked. "What's wrong with these cords here?" "I don't know that there is anything wrong," Tiede said. "It's not my job to buy extension cords." At that point the commissioners agree to summon the person whose job it is to buy extension cords. Thomas called Goodman on the telephone and the commissioners waited 15 minutes for him to arrive. "Those are not the quality I purchased," Goodman told the commissioners when he examined the extension cords. "You said last week there was none available locally," Rasure said. "You misunderstood, so you need to listen when I talk to you," Goodman said. "These cords might be different from what I purchased previously, but I have to go by liability and application. When we get down in the (outside) environment,

they do not hold up." Goodman said he based his decision to purchase the extension cords on "past experience." "The others have failed when I bought them from (local stores)," he said. "I cannot afford to have these guys pick up these things in the snow and get electrocuted. It's a liability issue." Rasure then asked if the California cords were approved by the Department of Transportation, because the paperwork he got from the California company did not indicate that. Goodman said he had been told they were. "Is that the only issue?" the foreman asked. "I bought them based on past experience that they work." "I feel we need to support our local people," Rasure said. "They pay property taxes here." "I agree and I try to," Goodman said. "Even if I can save \$10 on this cord, if it goes out there and fails and I have to buy another cord, it doesn't save money. I hate to experiment to see what works. I did the best I could for what I had to work with."

Goodman added that the department has bought other items from the same company, including protective gloves, and that he has established a "professional relationship" with the company. "Everything I buy from this company," he said, "if it breaks — even after 10 years — they replace it for free, no hassle." Public Works Manager Curt Way pointed out that there are several items that the department has to buy out of town because they can't be found in the county, but Rasure countered that the extension cords were available here. Way then offered to buy the ones Rasure had to try them out. Goodman and Rasure spent at least 20 more minutes going back and forth, repeating the same points. "I'm not going to leave until you're satisfied," Goodman said. "I'm not," Rasure replied. "I feel disappointed that here in Goodland, we don't have the items you need."

# Trash pickup may go up \$1

Sherman County residents could be paying more for trash hauling next year, as the county's contractor is asking for a \$1-a-month increase in rates. Chuck Redlin, owner of In the Can, the county's trash collection contractor, told commissioners Tuesday the company would increase the rate for residential and commercial waste containers next year.

Residential customers now pay \$14 a month and commercial customers pay \$13 plus a flat rate based on the weight of their trash, Redlin said.

The county commissioners took no action, but Redlin said the increase would also have to be approved by the City Commission.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said the increase "sounds reasonable with fuel-cost increases." The county runs a landfill and transfer station and supervises trash collection both in the cities and rural areas.

Redlin said the company hopes to have a cardboard recycling program targeting businesses in place by March. He said 30 dumpsters desig-

nated for cardboard collection will be placed near businesses, mostly on Main Street.

He said a day would be designated for cardboard collection and that he is looking into what the collection rate would be based on volume and interest. Redlin told the commissioners the program would be evaluated after three months to see if they want to continue.

"It's going to be a trial deal," he said.

The board also heard from Public Works Manager Curt Way about concerns over public perception of the reason for the recent tax increase.

The commissioners voted 2-0 last month to approve a 7 percent property tax increase. "I feel the Road and Bridges department has been falsely accused," Way said. "It isn't Road and Bridges fault that the mill levy increased."

Way said his department has generated carryovers, or unspent money, from previous years' budgets and that a portion of the money is put into a special machinery fund to pay for new equipment and

maintenance and repair costs. But he said his department has never been over budget in the ten years he has managed it and the money from the carryovers earns the county interest.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said, though, that having a special equipment fund contributes to a need for more money for the budget.

"Every time you take money out of the carryover, that reduces our budget for the upcoming year," Rasure said.

But Way said his department is unique in that he has to factor in unexpected equipment repairs, changing weather and increasing fuel cost.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the department's carryovers were decreasing each year and that the Road and Bridges Department is spending the most money out of the entire budget.

"When you look at the budget, you have to look at the entire picture," said Rumpel, "your budget is the biggest."

# Pastor helps with Car Care Day



Steve Rains, pastor of the Calvary Gospel Church, cleaned windows on a truck Saturday as part of the church's efforts to help widows, single moms and divorcees with vehicle maintenance at Kansasland Tire last week. Kansasland donated supplies and manpower to change the oil in the vehicles, and men from the church cleaned the vehicles inside and out, including the trunks.

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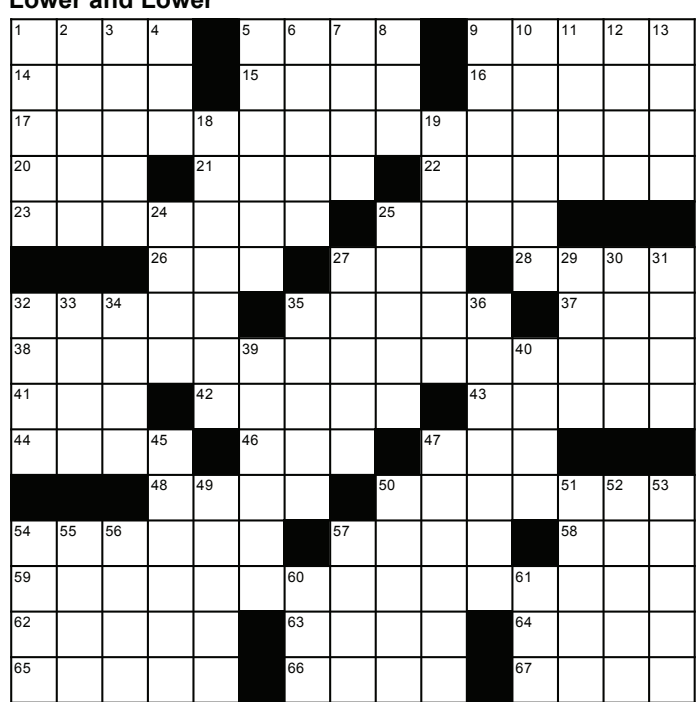
## SPORTS TELEVISION SCHEDULE

**Saturday**  
**10 a.m.** 4/6 ABC College Football Ohio State Buckeyes at Michigan Wolverines from Michigan Stadium  
**22/28 ESPN College Football Teams TBA**  
**23/29 ESPN2 College Football Syracuse Orangemen at Connecticut Huskies from Rentschler Field**  
**12:30 p.m.** 3/9 NBC College Football Duke Blue Devils at Notre Dame Fighting Irish from Notre Dame Stadium  
**1 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Happy Hour Series Homestead, Fla.  
**1:30 p.m.** 4/6 ABC College Football Regional Coverage - Teams TBA  
**7/11 CBS College Football Louisiana State Fighting Tigers at Mississippi Rebels from Vaught-Hemingway Stadium**  
**22/28 ESPN College Football Teams TBA**  
**2:30 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 NASCAR Busch Series Ford 300 from Homestead-Miami Speedway  
**5 p.m.** 30/27 FXSP College Football Oklahoma State Cowboys at Baylor Bears from Floyd Casey Stadium  
**5:45 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Football Teams TBA  
**8:30 p.m.** 30/27 FXSP College Basketball Virginia Cavaliers at Arizona Wildcats from McKale Center  
**99/39 WGN NBA Basketball Chicago Bulls at Los Angeles Clippers from Staples Center**  
**Sunday**  
**11 a.m.** 4/6 ABC MLS Soccer 2007 Adidas MLS Cup from RFK Stadium, Washington, D.C.  
**7/11 CBS NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Indianapolis Colts from The RCA Dome**  
**1 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 Women's College Basketball Texas Lady Longhorns at Tennessee Lady Volunteers from Thompson-Boling Arena  
**8/8 NBC LPGA Tournament ADT Championships: Final Round from West Palm Beach, Fla.**  
**1:45 p.m.** 4/6 ABC NASCAR Nextel Cup Ford 400 from Homestead-Miami Speedway, Florida  
**3 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Puerto Rico Tip-Off: 3rd Place Game from San Juan  
**5:30 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Puerto Rico Tip-Off: Championship from San Juan  
**6:15 p.m.** 3/9 NBC Sunday Night Football New England Patriots at Buffalo Bills from Ralph Wilson Stadium  
**Monday**  
**12:30 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Maui Invitational: First Round Marquette Golden Eagles at Chaminade from Maui, Hawaii  
**5 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball CBE Classic: Semifinal #1 Teams TBA from Kansas City, Mo.  
**6:30 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN Monday Night Football Tennessee Titans vs Denver Broncos from INVESCO Field at Mile High  
**7 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Maui Invitational: First Round Princeton Tigers at Duke Blue Devils from Maui, Hawaii  
**Tuesday**  
**5 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Maui Invitational: Semifinal #1 Teams TBA  
**23/29 ESPN2 College Football Middle Tennessee State Blue Raiders at Troy Trojans from Veterans Stadium**  
**7:30 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Maui Invitational: Semifinal #2 Teams TBA from Maui, Hawaii  
**8 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball CBE Classic: Championship Teams TBA from Kansas City, Mo.  
**12 a.m.** 22/28 ESPN SportsCenter from Bristol, Conn.  
**Wednesday**  
**12 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Maui Invitational: 5th Place Game Teams TBA from Maui, Hawaii  
**2:30 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Maui Invitational: Third Place Game Teams TBA from Maui, Hawaii  
**5 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball NIT Season Tip-Off Tournament: Semifinal #1 Teams TBA from New York  
**5:30 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Houston Rockets from Toyota Center  
**7:30 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball NIT Season Tip-Off Tournament: Semifinal #2 Teams TBA from New York  
**30/27 FXSP College Basketball Adams State Grizzlies at Arizona Wildcats from McKale Center**  
**8 p.m.** 22/28 ESPN College Basketball Maui Invitational: Championship Teams TBA from Maui, Hawaii  
**9:30 p.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Great Alaska Shootout Michigan Wolverines at Butler Bulldogs from Anchorage, Alaska  
**Thursday**  
**10 a.m.** 23/29 ESPN2 College Basketball Orlando Tournament: Quarterfinals Teams TBA from Or-

## Crossword Puzzle

- ACROSS**
- Sticks up
  - Big bash
  - Scissors sounds
  - Continental coin
  - Author Bagnold
  - Fortuneteller's card
  - Be particular about formalities
  - Apt. feature
  - Cleveland's lake
  - Halloween color
  - Like much of MTV's viewership
  - Fourth down option
  - Grand \_\_\_ Opry
  - Dipstick wiper
  - Pint, to a quart
  - \_\_\_ acid (protein component)
  - Cut off
  - Lav, in London
  - Don't play for a full year
  - Lyricist Gershwin
  - Gogol's "\_\_\_ Bulba"
  - Palm leaf
  - Put up on eBay
  - Black or chocolate pooch
  - Relative of ante-
  - Hard to grasp
  - Ballerina Moira
  - \_\_\_-Matic (classic tabletop baseball game maker)
  - Neighbor of Cambodia
  - "The odds \_\_\_"
  - Be a slacker
  - Burns partner
  - Division word
  - Weight down
  - Hacienda drudges
  - Like excellent corned beef
  - Author Silverstein

### Lower and Lower



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### DOWN

- Bowling alley button
- Protruding navel
- "I \_\_\_ for animals"
- Business partner, perhaps
- Babe Ruth's given first name
- Sandy's owner
- Mature nits
- Suffix with cannon
- Howard of Sirius radio
- Football's "Broadway Joe"
- Spinach is rich in it
- Beer \_\_\_ (bar game)
- Eyelid woe

- Distribute, as cards
- Red cosmetics
- "\_\_\_, Nanette"
- Blacktops, say
- "Drying out" program
- To boot
- Bird on a Canadian dollar
- Warmly affectionate
- Mucky's caveat
- Buyer's stuff
- Slanted: Abbr.
- Like an alley cat
- Update, as a computer screen
- Soap maker's need
- Surface figure
- Like a sinker
- Particle with zero mass
- Some jackets or collars
- Year-end temp
- Big Indian
- Chip away at
- James Dean persona
- Assault from Moe
- Mah-jongg piece
- Move, in Realtor lingo
- Without company
- Zilch
- Ernie of the PGA

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