

weather report

53°
noon

Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 7:55 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:31 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:56 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 57 degrees
- Humidity 63 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds north 14 mph
- Barometer 30.18 inches and rising
- Record High today 94° (1996)
- Record Low today 27° (1945)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	71°
Low Wednesday	34°
Precipitation	.04
This month	0.52
Year to date	2.56
Below normal	2.44 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 75, winds out of the north at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 49. Saturday: Sunny with a high near 81, winds out of the north at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 52.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a high near 85 and a low around 55. Monday: Sunny with a high near 87 and a low around 55. Tuesday: Sunny with a high near 88 and a low around 53.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$7.50 bushel
- Posted county price — \$7.37
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Corn — \$5.44 bushel
- Posted county price — \$5.43
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Milo — \$5.02 bushel
- Soybeans — \$12.06 bushel
- Posted county price — \$12.63
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls season ends

The Goodland High Cowgirls softball team left the field at the regional tournament after losing to No. 2 seed Pratt Monday at Pratt. The Cowgirls finished the season with a 10-12 record. See story, photo on Page 12.

Goodland graduates 64 Saturday

By Pat Schiefen

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The latest graduating class of 64 from Goodland High School will march across the stage at 2 p.m., Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

This year's speaker is Keely (Schields) Chase, who made the same journey at Max Jones in 1993.

The Outstanding Educator Award will be presented, foreign exchange students honored, scholarship winners announced, and of course, the valedictorian and salutatorian

will address their classmates, parents and community.

Chase was the valedictorian of her graduating class. In high school teachers Sharon Palmquist, Linda Van Loenen and other teachers encouraged her interest in writing. She took that love of writing with her to Kansas State University, where she studied English with an emphasis in creative writing.

At K-State, Chase wrote for The Kansas State Collegian, the Manhattan Arts Council's City Arts Magazine, K-State's literary magazine, Touchstone, and a book in 1997, "A

Smart Girl's Guide to College." She earned her Bachelor of Arts in English, summa cum laude, in 1997.

She continued her education in K-State's masters program in English and taught expository writing as a college writing instructor. In her final semester she heard that Hallmark Cards, Inc. was hiring writers and on a whim, decided to apply. Her husband, Jason Chase, was already working in Kansas City.

Chase completed her degree in May 2000 and started at Hallmark and stayed.

"I really enjoy knowing that the cards I

write help bring people closer to each other," Chase says. "I also feel incredibly lucky to have stumbled into a career where all the Scooby-Doo and Looney Tunes I watched as a kid actually comes in handy from time to time."

She also co-authored a book, "On a Personal Note: A Guide to Writing Notes with Style" for Hallmark in 2005.

Chase is currently a Senior Writer II at Hallmark. She lives in Kansas City, Mo., with her husband of nine years and their two daughters, Olivia, 5, and Amelia, 1.

Road work ahead



Construction continued last Saturday afternoon on west County Road 65 (Eighth Street) along the north side of Sugar Hills Golf Club. Venture Construction of Great Bend started base work on the road last week and will be adding about 8 inches of asphalt when the grade is ready by the middle of June.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

County projects moving ahead

By Tom Betz

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Dirt work began on County Road 16 on Tuesday between old U.S. 24 and County Road 65, and the railroad crossing on Road 16 was completed last week it was reported at the Sherman County commissioner meeting.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said the dirt work was to begin on the one mile stretch of Road 16, and that he was told by a state transportation department engineer that the fly ash is being worked in to the base on Road 65, and that is expected to take two to three weeks.

Venture Construction of Great Bend is doing both projects, and plans to be ready to lay the new asphalt on both by the middle of June.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure, who lives out on Road 65, said the workers were working from the west to the east and working the fly ash into both sides of the road.

Rasure said Kyle Railroad had installed the new rail crossing on Road 16, and it was completed last week.

In other business the commissioners

- Approved five neighborhood

revitalization projects including Daniel B. Schields, 504 W. Eighth, Christopher and Kindra Bauman, 210 Clark Ave., Larry and Marta Ketler, 1617 Syracuse Ave., Steve and Jennifer Arntt, 6203 Road 18, and D. Charlene Deges, 1820 Cherry Ave. Tiede said the project for Deges is remodeling and cleanup for the building and lot area where the county household hazardous waste collection is located.

• Approved the bills for the first half of the month totaling \$119,161. The commissioners approved the

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Commercial zoning may not change

By Tom Betz

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The city Planning Commission decided Tuesday that the zoning ordinance dealing with existing homes in commercial zones should not be changed to allow them to be replaced in cases where they have not been damaged.

No one other than the city planning commission members and the city manager showed up for the hearing. The commission members talked about the options and the pros and cons of allowing more homes to be replaced in commercial zones. The commission ultimately voted unanimously to recommend to the city commission that no change be made in the zoning ordinance.

The city commission referred the question to the planning group after the April 7 meeting, when commissioners recommended the planning commission consider modifying

commercial zoning rules to allow a house in a commercial zone to be replaced.

At the center of the question is a home owned by Shelly and Brandon Terry at 1624 Texas. Steve Criswell, city building inspector, said under the existing ordinance, a house can be expanded or repaired if it is damaged, but not replaced.

He said the owners wanted to move in another manufactured home. Tuesday Criswell said he had been told the Terry's had been looking for a different location to locate their new home.

Commission Chairman Tom Stewart said he could see that allowing a home to be replaced would help improve the area, and was a way to add to the tax base.

"I am for anything that will help increase the tax base and improve the community," Stewart said, "but I understand the planning theory to

encourage commercial development in this area."

Criswell said it was his opinion that allowing the change would go against the long term interest of the commercial zoning.

Commission member Terry Imel said he could see the problem and that at the time the comprehensive plan was adopted it appeared to be a good plan to have the north side of 17th Street be designed partially commercial. He said part of that was to eventually provide a cushion between the industrial zone on the south side and the residential area to the north.

A question was asked about what might happen if a tornado went through the area and destroyed the house.

Criswell said in that case the house could be replaced under the

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Eighth grade members of the men's ensemble sang a song that was accompanied by Riley Oharah (front left) and Caleb Fugleberg on guitars and Parker Sieck (not pictured) on piano. The guys behind are Alex Rangels (far left), Joel Linin, Reed Bellamy, Laine Herl, Ryan Hillmer and Jacob Garcia.

Photos by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Grant musicians, vocalists entertain audience

Grant Junior High seventh and eighth band and chorus demonstrated their musical skills on Tuesday night at the high school auditorium.

The band played dixieland, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," "Pirates of the Caribbean, their music contest number and "That's All Folks" from Looney Toons. Their director Melanie Biel had Nancy Fugleberg be the guest conductor for a song. She said that Fugleberg has filled in for her after contest when she was on leave this spring.

The second half of the concert started with a quartet of Austin Avelar, Caleb Fugleberg, Joel Linin and Parker Sieck singing an old sailor scanty "The Drunken Sailor." A trio of Fugleberg, Linin and Sieck followed with a song about coal mining. The women sang a song and then the men. The men accompanied them-

selves with Fugleberg and Riley Oharah on guitar and Sieck on piano.

Director Randy Berls said he thought it was awfully courageous of Biel and Fugleberg to let the men's group do what they did.

The entire chorus sang their music contest piece, a rock and roll number and an African song.

In the seventh and eighth grade band the flute players were Michaela Garrett, Chantel Coates, Sydnee Thornburg, Shayley Miller, Stephanie Doyle, Rachel Hageman, Trace Waugh and Cappi Thomas. On clarinet was Nicole Hendrich, Amy Floyd, Sydney Winston, Michaela Langley, Chloe Goodwin and Dezember Black. The alto sax players were Reed Bellamy and Josh Whisnant. Alex Rangel played the baritone sax. On trumpet was Brendan Fulcher, J.J. Farris, Blaine Luther, Seth Stramel,

Jordan McCombs, Cooper Slough, Jeffrey House and Jed Gray. Fugleberg, Jacob Schnabel and Abby Jolly were on trombone. Andrew Dautel played baritone. Oharah and Garrett Geist were the percussionists.

Seventh grade vocalists were Sadie Avila, Black, Sydne Callhan, Coats, Lacie Cowan, Goodwin, Gunner Helton, Brooke Lockhart, Carly McCracken, Michael Moser, Gage Owens, Cy Paxton, Paige Phillips, Aaron Twombly, Waugh, Elizabeth Wellman and Kaleb Zwick.

Eighth grade vocalists were Avelar, Bellamy, Katelyn Coon, Jason Cowan, Tyler Fisher, Fugleberg, Deborah Garcia, Jacob Garcia, Laine Herl, Ryan Hillmer, Jolly, Linin, Oharah, Taylor Peden, Rangel, Sieck, Thornburg, Gabby Wallis and Winston.



Grant Junior High seventh grader Jacob Schnabel played his trombone with the seventh and eighth grade band at their last concert of the year on Tuesday night at the high school auditorium.