

weather report



50°
 noon
 Monday

Today

- Sunset, 6:09 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 6:57 a.m.
- Sunset, 6:07 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 51 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds northwest 15 mph
- Barometer 29.98 inches and rising
- Record High today 92° (1968)
- Record Low today 22° (1914)

Last 24 Hours*

High Monday	63°
Low Monday	37°
Precipitation	.97
This month	2.98
Year to date	18.10
Above normal	.25 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with slight chance of light rain showers in the morning. Mostly cloudy with chance of rain in the afternoon. Tonight: Mostly cloudy 40 percent chance of rain. Lows in mid 30s.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday: Sunny not as cool. High in lower 60s. Low in upper 30s. Thursday: Partly cloudy. High in the upper 60s. Low in the lower 40s. Friday: Sunny. High around 70.
 (National Weather Service)
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 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Jumpin' Juniors tradition continues



A tradition begun in 1970 continued Thursday with the appearance and performance of the Goodland High School Jumpin' Juniors at the homecoming rally. The group of girls borrow letter jackets and create their own character for the performance. Those participating this year included Alexis Bateman, Lexi David,

Rosa Sandoval, Katie Clancy, Natasha Hillman, Brandi Bahe, Kayla Sharp, Allie Walker, Amber Douglas, Jessica Geist and Ashley Garza. Not all of the Jumpin' Juniors were out on Thursday for the rally, and unfortunately time ran out during halftime on Friday for the group to perform at Cowboys Stadium.

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Mass flu shot clinic planned at Elks lodge

By Tom Betz

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The Sherman County Health Department plans mass flu shot clinic for Tuesday, Oct. 28, at the Goodland Elks Lodge, and county commissioners said Tuesday they want all county employees to get a vaccination.

Kathy Ryan, health department administrator, said state officials are urging the county to do the mass clinic as an annual exercise. The clinic will run from 2 to 7 p.m., and the department is looking for volunteers to help with security as well as with the clinic.

"We have used the sheriff and police in the past," Ryan said, "but we know that if there was a real emergency situation, those people would be handling other parts of the emergency, and we want to train volunteers to handle the security."

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said the commissioners want all county employees to get a flu shot. County Clerk Janet Rumpel said the county pays department for all the employee shots.

Tiede asked if the mass clinic would be the only time people can get flu shots. Ryan said the department would do other clinics, but wants to get all the people they can that day.

"We want to see what it takes to

handle all the different levels of people who need help," she said, adding that the department plans to ask for help from the Senior Center and city vans to bring people to the clinic.

In other health department business, Ryan asked the commissioners to allow her to hire someone to help shred old files. She said the department has at least six filing cabinets full.

She sent someone down to the courthouse with a car full of files, and it took five hours to shred one filing cabinet full.

"I thought the courthouse had an industrial-strength shredder," Ryan said. "At this rate, I cannot afford to have someone spend all their time shredding old files."

She asked about hiring someone at minimum wage to shred the files. She said she called around to the banks, and was told they no longer have a truck coming through to pick up this type of file. She said she has someone who would be willing to shred the files in the afternoons.

Rich Simon, city public works director, who was at the meeting on another matter, said he thought the state has a truck coming through to pick up files at the Social and Rehabilitation Services office.

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Touchdown Cowboys



Cowboy Fernando Martinez drove ahead for his second touchdown in the second half of the game Friday against the Oberlin Red Devils. The Cowboys won the homecoming game 42-8, and Martinez had three TDs in the game. See more photos, story on Page 12.

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local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$5.36 bushel
- Posted county price — UA
- Corn — \$3.76 bushel
- Posted county price — UA
- Milo — \$3.18 bushel
- Soybeans — \$7.99 bushel
- Posted county price — UA
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$17.65 cwt.
- Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls win medals

Junior Natasha Hillman shot 102 for 18 holes at Syracuse Thursday, and the Cowgirls won the tournament. They went to Lakin for regional competition Monday. See story, photo on Page 11.

Commissioners clear up Road 14 contract

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Confusion about an engineering contract for the County Road 14 paving project was settled by a 2-1 vote of the Thomas County commissioners to include an extension south of Old U.S. 24 in the same state contract with the north end.

After talking with two engineering firms involved and a man from the Topeka office of the Kansas Department of Transportation, the commissioners voted 2-1 Tuesday to have Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, which designed the road north of U.S. 24, do the extension as well.

Commissioners Mitch Tiede and Kevin Rasure voted in favor while Chuck Thomas voting against, saying the county already had a contract for the job with another firm.

The question came up because Commissioner Thomas said the county should work with Penco Engineering of Plainville because that stretch was originally part of the county's five-year plan through the state.

Earlier this year, the county found

County buys mower to help cut weeds

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The county's mowing contractor has finished with the roadsides for the year, but weeds are a resurgent problem in the northeast, and Tuesday the Sherman County commissioners approved buying a 15-foot mower to help cut the weeds.

The commissioners approved purchase of a Land Pride mower from Yost Farm Supply, the low bidder, for \$12,100.

Curt Way, county public works manager, said the problem in the northeast is the regrowth of amaranth along the roads. The county's present mower is old and not adequate for the task, he said.

He said he had bids on three brands, with a Rhino

at \$12,862 and a John Deere for \$12,342, both from Goodland Greenline.

"I ask you about the mower because we need to remove that area," Way said, "or hire Darrel Schrader to go back and remove."

He said Yost has the Land Pride in stock, a 55 Series. He said they would be using an existing tractor to pull it.

"What do you think we should do?" he asked. "Might be the time to go ahead and get a mower. I'm not sure what the prices would be next year."

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said it sounded like a good idea since the county would need a mower anyway.

"We will need one in the future, and this seems like a good time," Commissioner Chuck Thomas said.

out it had enough money left from a city-county joint road project to do the paving this year, rather than in 2009 or 2010 as the state planned.

Darin Neufeld, the engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who supervised design of the one-mile section of Road 14 from old U.S. 24 to County Road 65, said he was at the meeting because there was some confusion on the Road 14

extension.

"I want to make sure we all understand what is going on," he said.

Curt Way, county public works manager, said Penco has a preliminary design and has done a field check with the state.

"Is the plan right now for KDOT to let that under a separate contract?" Neufeld asked.

"As far as I know, it would be

something to talk to Penco about," Way replied.

Neufeld said he had talked to the state about doing the extension as a change order on the main project so the county can use the bond money.

Rasure said the county had sent money to the state based on the idea the work would be included in the main project.

Way said it was his impression the contract for the south portion had a tentative letting data in January.

"You better talk to KDOT about this, because we have a contract on the project and we have a number assigned for that," Way said.

Tiede asked if they could call the state and Penco to see what the best way to go would be.

Tiede said he had talked to Jerol DeBoer, owner of Penco, about the idea of adding the extension to the existing project.

"I talked to him because we do not have the money in the five-year plan to do the whole project," he said. "I threw it out and he said it would help, and we could get the whole project done."

"If we had known how much money we had, we could have done it on a better plan. We need to keep everybody happy."

"If we have to let this as a separate project, it may not allow us to use the (leftover bond) money we had planned to use," Rasure replied.

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