

# City planning big water project

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Goodland Industrial Park. Crop Production Services own two of the lots, while Sun Rich owns the other. The commission held a public hearing for anyone who wanted to comment, but no comments were made.

- Approved a draft copy of an integrated resource plan for the city. The city is required to produce this plan as a customer of the Western Area Power Administration.

Gerber said the administration called to tell them they were late in submitting the plan, but the city staff didn't know they needed one. Power Plant Superintendent Rod Blake put together the draft copy.

The plan includes generating capacity, renewable energy resources, heating and cooling applications

and more. It is meant to help the city plan for future energy needs.

"It provides some good baseline info if nothing else," Gerber said.

Garcia praised Blake for his work on the plan.

- Appointed Gayleen Shank to the Goodland Housing Authority by unanimous vote.

- Approved a contract with EBH for design and construction engineering on the reconstruction of pavement around several hangers at the airport. Grants from the Kansas Department of Transportation will cover some of the \$66,000 contract, with the city kicking in a maximum of \$31,500.

Gerber said he was going to talk to the Federal Aviation Administration about combining a parallel taxiway project with these improvements so they can be bid together.

# Health fair planned at college on Saturday

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sale with the proceeds going to the Sherman County Health Fair, King said.

More than 560 people had blood drawn for the health fair two weeks ago at the main entrance to the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

The profiles will be available on Saturday for review with one of the Goodland Family Health Center physicians, who will be on hand, Goodwin said.

Vendors who plan to attend the health fair include:

Assistive Technology For Kansans, Assured Occupational Solutions, Inc., Big Brothers/Big Sisters, ChildCare Aware of Northwest Kansas, Community Partnership for Prevention & Education/Regional Prevention Center, Currier Drug/Bison Compounding/ILS Therapy, Department of Veteran Affairs, EagleMed, Girl Scouts, Goodland Activities Center, Goodland Farmers Market, Good Samaritan Society Sherman County, Goodland Family Health Center, Goodland Lions Club - hearing/vision screen

and Goodland Lions Club - diabetes awareness.

Goodland Regional Medical Center booths include Counseling Services, New Beginnings Birthing Center, Nutritional Services/Diabetes Education, Oncology Services, Physical Therapy, Respiratory Therapy and Surgery Department.

Other booths include High Plains Food Co-op, Heads Up Concussion Awareness, Healthful Solutions, Heartland Lions Eye Banks, Hospice of Northwest Kansas, Kansas State Troopers, Lincare, Meier Clinics, Midwest Transplant Network, Northwest Kansas Area Health Education Center, Northwest Kansas Medical Foundation, Northwest Kansas Library System (Talking Books), Northwest Kansas Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect, Northwest Kansas Technical College - RT Dept. - Kansas Child ID Program, Right Combination Dance Studio, ResCare Home Care, Sherman County Health Department, Smart Start of Northwest Kansas, Sole Satisfaction, State Farm Insurance, University of Kansas Cancer Center Screenings and Weight Watchers.

# Federal government approves new disaster aid

WASHINGTON - Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack announced Thursday a package of disaster assistance to help farmers, land owners, communities and others recover and rebuild after a year in which a wave of natural disasters swept across all regions of the United States.

The funding, totaling \$308 million, provides financial and technical assistance to help rebuild and repair land damaged on account of natural disasters in 33 states and Puerto Rico. Funding is provided by the Natural Resources Conservation Service's Emergency Watershed Protection Program as well as the Farm Service Agency's Emergency Conservation Program and Emergency Forest Restoration Program.

"Landowners, individuals and communities have endured incredible hardships because of the intensity and volume of natural disasters that have impacted their livelihoods," said Vilsack. "America's farmers and rural communities are vitally important to our nation's economy, producing the food, feed, fiber and fuel that continue to help us grow. This funding will help to rebuild communities, while states can use the funds to carry out

emergency recovery measures. At the same time, this assistance keeps farmers on the farm, ranchers on the ranch, and landowners on their land, helping to keep American agriculture profitable."

The Emergency Watershed Protection will contribute \$215.7 million to provide financial and technical assistance to address public safety and restoration efforts on private, public and tribal lands.

The Emergency Conservation Program will contribute \$80 million to producers to help remove debris from farmland, restore livestock fences and conservation structures, provide water for livestock during periods of severe drought, and grade and shape farmland damaged by a natural disaster. FSA county committees determine eligibility based on on-site inspections of damaged land and considering the type and extent of damage. For land to be eligible, the natural disaster must create new conservation problems.

The Emergency Forest Restoration Program will provide \$12 million in payments to eligible owners of nonindustrial private forest land in order to carry out emergency measures to restore land damaged by a natural disaster.

# Weekend vandalism



This dumpster in the alley behind the Goodland Star-News office was tagged by vandals sometime last weekend. A fence and several nearby buildings were also tagged. Photo by Kevin Bottrell/The Goodland Star-News

# Beware of fraudulent calls about Medicare

A new identity theft scam aimed at Medicare recipients has recently come to the attention of the Better Business Bureau.

In this latest fraud attempt consumers on Medicare are being contacted by phone. The caller states that they want to send the consumer a "new Medicare card". They then go over the consumer's personal information and eventually ask for a checking account number.

This is not a legitimate Medicare phone call. The bureau contacted Medicare and were told, "We don't contact the consumer regarding new cards; the consumer would need to contact us."

These types of calls are opportunities for identity theft. Consumers should keep the following tips in mind:

- Verify a source before sharing information.

Don't give out personal or medical information on the phone or through the mail unless you've initiated the contact and you're sure you know who you're dealing with. Be wary of offers of "free" health services or products from providers who require you to give them your health plan ID number. Medical identity thieves may pose as employees of insurance companies, doctors' offices, clinics, pharmacies, and even government agencies to get people to reveal their personal information. Then, they use it to commit fraud, like submitting false claims for Medicare reimbursement.

- Safeguard your medical and health insurance information.

If you keep copies of your medical or health insurance records,

make sure they're secure, whether they're on paper in a desk drawer or electronic in a file online. Be on guard when you use the Internet, especially to access accounts or records related to your medical care or insurance.

If you are asked to share sensitive personal information like your Social Security number, insurance account information or any details of your health or medical conditions on the Internet, ask why it's needed, how it will be kept safe, and whether it will be shared. Look for website privacy policies and read them: They should specify how site operators maintain the accuracy of the personal information they collect, as well as how they secure it, who has access to it, how they will use the information you provide, and whether they will share it with third parties.

If you decide to share your information online, look for indicators that the site is secure, like a lock icon on the browser's status bar or a URL that begins "https:" (the "s" is for secure). Remember that e-mail is not secure.

- Treat your trash carefully.

To thwart a medical identity thief who may pick through your trash or recycling bins to capture your

personal and medical information, shred your health insurance forms and prescription and physician statements. It's also a good idea to destroy the labels on your prescription bottles and packages before you throw them out.

If you have received phone calls

like the ones described above or fallen victim to this scam please contact the Office Inspector General with Medicare. Their hotline is (800) 447-8477.

You may also contact the bureau's office at (800) 856-2417.

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Level: Advanced

Like puzzles? Then you'll love sudoku. This mind-bending puzzle will have you hooked from the moment you square off, so sharpen your pencil and put your sudoku savvy to the test!

**Here's How It Works:**

Sudoku puzzles are formatted as a 9x9 grid, broken down into nine 3x3 boxes. To solve a sudoku, the numbers 1 through 9 must fill each row, column and box. You can figure out the order in which the numbers will appear by using the numeric clues already provided in the boxes. The more numbers you name, the easier it gets to solve the puzzle!

### ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

**RECONSTRUCTION OF BRICK STREET- MAIN ST. 13<sup>TH</sup> TO 12<sup>TH</sup> & MAIN ST. 12<sup>TH</sup> TO 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**OWNER:** CITY OF GOODLAND, KANSAS  
204 W 11<sup>th</sup>, PO Box 59, Goodland, KS 67735  
TEL: (785) 899-4500

**ENGINEER:** EVANS-BIERLY-HUTCHISON & ASSOCIATES, P.A.  
596 Airport Road, Goodland, KS 67735  
TEL: (785) 899-7019  
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The City of Goodland will receive sealed bids for the **RECONSTRUCTION OF BRICK STREET - MAIN ST. 13<sup>th</sup> TO 12<sup>th</sup> & MAIN ST. 12<sup>th</sup> TO 11<sup>th</sup>** at City Hall, 204 W. 11th, P.O. Box 59, Goodland, KS 67735 until 2 p.m. MST, Tuesday, February 28, 2012. Bids received after this time will not be accepted. Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud immediately after the specified closing time.

Major items of work include: 1,375 cubic yards of Common Excavation, 350 cubic yards of Compaction of Earthwork, 3,800 square yards of 7" Concrete Pavement with 34,350 square feet of 2-5/8" Red Brick Pavers - Pavement, 3,700 square feet of 2-5/8" Red Brick Pavers - Sidewalk, 560 feet of Storm Sewer Pipe (Non-Participating), and various other appurtenant work.

**Bidding Documents** may be examined at City Hall and at the Engineer's office.

**Bidding Documents** may be obtained at the Engineer's office upon depositing \$100.00 for each set of full-size drawings, \$50.00 for each set of 11x17 half size drawings, \$25.00 for each paper copy of specifications and \$15.00 for each electronic set of drawings and specifications on CD. PDF copies can be obtained at no charge. No refunds will be made.

Bid security in the amount of 5 percent of the bid shall accompany each bid in accordance with **Instructions to Bidders**.

Owner reserves the right to waive irregularities and to reject bids.

1-20-12  
DATE

Original Signed  
CITY MANAGER