

# Road closure reviewed

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west of K-27. Butts said he does not make the call to close the roads. He said those decisions are made by the state transportation department and the Highway Patrol offices. Chriss McDiffitt of the Kansas Department of Transportation office in Norton said Thursday it was not up to the state to close county roads, and that when the state highways and Interstate are closed the sheriff and police departments are supposed to sort out the traffic and allow the local people to go ahead. McDiffitt said he was having people from his office visit with the sheriff offices and police departments about the road closure policy. "We felt this early storm was a wake up for us," he said. "We know some things did not go quite right, and want to make sure everyone understands what is to happen when we have to close the highways because of storms in Colorado. "We know when I-70 is closed people will try to hop over to the next road, but they could be driving into dangerous conditions down the road." Way said he puts up barricades

when asked to do so by central dispatch and the patrol. He said there was some confusion when local traffic was stopped on Road 64 when the barricades were put up. "I had a couple of cars ask if they could go ahead because they lived on the road near Kanorado or were trying to get to work in Burlington," Way said. "I told them they could go around at their own risk. "The problem is one of liability if they were to get stuck somewhere on a closed road. The problem with this storm was there was no bad weather here. It was in Colorado, west of Burlington." Commissioner Mitch Tiede said it did not seem like a good idea to close the road completely, and suggested the county put up signs that say "road closed — local traffic only" rather than barricading the whole road. Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he brought up the issue because people were asking him why the road was closed when there was no bad weather here. "I don't see any reason to close any county road," Rasure said. "We don't close any other county road unless there is bad weather, and then the roads are not really closed with

barricades." Sheriff Butts said the idea of closing old U.S. 24 here is to keep people from piling up in Colorado and at Kanorado. He said it makes sense that if I-70 is closed, and then the county should to put up a local traffic only sign on old U.S. 24. "I don't have the manpower to help at the barricades," Butts said, "and I don't have the manpower to handle traffic control in Kanorado." Rasure agreed that when the Interstate is closed, drivers would try to find ways around the closure. He said at least one truck went around on Eighth Street and got stuck in the mud on County Road 16. Butts said the Highway Patrol captain in Hays has called a meeting of all the counties along I-70 for Friday, and he would be asking questions about the road closure policies. The commissioners suggested to Way that he order "road closed — local traffic only" signs as soon as possible, and until they arrive, when asked to close County Road 64, only one lane be closed or the closed sign be put on the shoulder of the road so local traffic can get by as needed.

# Santa's sleigh to start in Goodland

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refreshments. However, she said the group had no money to pay for the cookies or candy to hand out. The Chamber paid for that in the past, she said. Council member Dwane Timm said First National Bank would help pay for the refreshments. Where to have Santa greet the kids was brought up, and a suggestion was made to ask Wayne and Barbara Aten if their building could be used. Reed said she would ask. Duncan said the question of having Santa in town could be handled, and he said it would cost \$450 to have Santa in town for each of five weekends. Timm and Don Newell made a motion for the council to pay that cost out of the contract labor line in the budget. The motion passed unanimously. Someone asked which merchants would be open late or on Sunday afternoons during the Christmas season. Garcia asked Karen Ginther of the Chamber volunteers could call the businesses and ask about the extra hours. Ginther said she thought

they might be able to do that. Garcia said the Sherman Theatre will be doing the free matinees every Saturday beginning Nov. 26 through Dec. 17. He said Dave Branda, theater owner, said the show on Saturday, Dec. 3, will be for Genesis and admission will be \$1 or a toy or food item. Marty Melia said he felt there should be a general promotion to involve more businesses. He said he didn't think the newspaper's Christmas on Us promotion involved enough businesses. Garcia said he was pleased with the results he has gotten as a participant in the Christmas On Us program and has been involved for the past six years.

Newell from S & T said his television people are doing a general "Shop in Goodland" program that is separate from a Christmas promotion. To help with a general promotion campaign, Garcia suggested the council consider putting up \$3,000 to be divided by the newspaper, radio stations, S & T and KBSL Channel 10. He said the council would make a separate deal to get the information on the rollover channel on Eagle Cable. Council member Steve West made a motion to approve the \$3,000 to help fund the Christmas promotion, and Rich Breininger seconded. The motion passed, with Newell abstaining.

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# City adopts new cell phone policy

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City commissioners agreed Monday to a policy to reimburse employees \$15 a month for using their personal cell phones for city business. City Manager Wayne Hill said he felt the new policy would be better than the present system, where employees have city phones, but cannot use them for personal calls, because he would not have to worry about whether he was using a city cell phone for personal use. "I looked at the county cell phone policy," Hill said, "and think it would work for the city. It would mean the cell phone I am using would be transferred to me personally, and the city would reimburse me \$15 a month for cell phone use. I understand that would be taxable to me, and I think this is a better plan to meet the Internal Revenue Service requirements." The commissioners said it seemed like a good answer. Annette Fairbanks made a motion for the city to adopt the policy. John Garcia seconded the motion, saying it would make it

clearer that employees were not making personal calls on a city phone. Commissioner Dave Daniels, who was the acting mayor, agreed and the motion passed 3-0. Hill reported the city had received a gold star for employee safety in the past year from the Kansas Municipal Insurance Trust. The award means the city will have a 5 percent discount on the workers compensation insurance for the upcoming year. "We want to thank the city employees for their safety record," Hill said. The manager said the League of Kansas Municipalities will be holding regional suppers to discuss legislative priorities for the next year. The northwest meeting will be Nov. 2 in Colby. City commissioners received figures from the staff about the utility rates, and Hill asked when a workshop could be held. Daniels suggested after the next meeting on Monday, Nov. 7. Hill reported he and the engineer for the electrical line to the new energy center had met with the Goodland Energy Resources people, and they were getting

some plans worked out. He said there were issues that needed to be resolved, and he would keep the commission informed. Garcia said he wanted to thank Rich Simon and the city crew for the street sealing program. He said he had heard many compliments about the way the city handled the program. Police Chief Ray Smee said the streets that were sealed look good, but tests last week show when wet, they are very slick. He said two instructors from the Department of Justice were in Goodland doing some accident investigation training, and did skid tests on the brick streets and the ones that were sealed this summer. Smee said the instructors were interested in the brick streets and how they would be when wet. He said tests show the brick streets are nearly as slick as ice when wet. The commissioners approved an ordinance approving an agreement with Sherman County to help fund the city cemetery. Hill said the agreement does not change the amount the city receives from the county property tax, but it does add the Brewster Cemetery to the agreement.

# Central parents want crossing light moved

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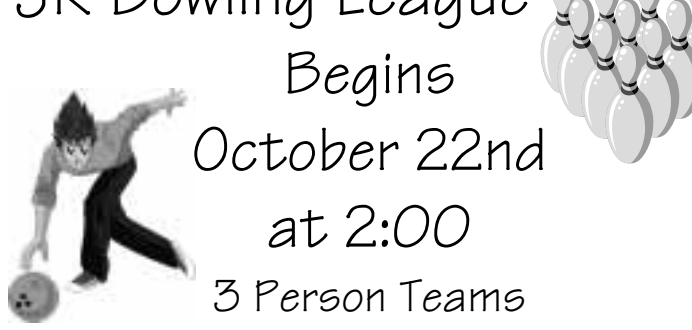
tails by the next commission meeting on Monday, Nov. 7. He said the existing lights do not meet present standards, and the state has increased the required traffic counts required for a light, which may make it difficult to get one approved.

"I will have the figures and options for the next meeting," he said. "I have been talking to members of the Central School council about the problem." Neufeld said the existing light, which is in the middle of the block and is triggered by a hand button, was put in when the students from

Central had to cross the street each day to eat at the school district office. That has not been the case for several years, and the people at Central have been wanting to move the light to the intersection to improve safety. Just moving the existing light to the intersection, however, wouldn't control east-west traffic.

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SATURDAY MORNING		SUNDAY MORNING	
10:00 4/6 ABC College Football Teams to Be Announced.	13/7 FOX NFL Under the Helmet	5:30 13/7 FOX MLB Baseball World Series Game 1.	10:00 5 HBO Costas NOW.
22/28 ESPN College Football Ohio State at Indiana.	Certain markets will see Georgia Tech at Miami.	5:45 22/28 ESPN College Football Auburn at LSU.	7/11 CBS NFL Today Host Greg Gumbel.
23/29 ESPN2 College Football Northwestern at Michigan State.	30/27 FXSP Colorado State Insider.		13/7 FOX Fox NFL Sunday
51/49 TRAV World Poker Tour.	10:30 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Countdown to Green		23/29 ESPN2 2005 IndyCar Series Season Celebration From Los Angeles.
10:30 30/27 FXSP College Football Nebraska at Missouri.	11:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series.		63/67 BRAVO Celebrity Poker Showdown.
11:00 5 HBO Costas NOW.	4/6 ABC Figure Skating Smart Ones Skate America.		10:30 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC Countdown to Green
7/11 CBS Golf The Cliffs Challenge. From Asheville, N.C.	7/11 CBS NFL Football Kansas City Chiefs at Miami Dolphins. From Dolphins Stadium in Miami.		11:00 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC NASCAR Racing Nextel Cup Series.
61/72 SPK Maximum MLB	13/7 FOX NFL Football Regional Coverage — Detroit at Cleveland, Green Bay at Minnesota, New Orleans at St. Louis or San Francisco at Wash.		22/28 ESPN Bull Riding PRCA Xtreme.
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AFTERNOON		AFTERNOON	
12:00 5 HBO Inside the NFL	12:30 3/9 NBC 8/8 NBC College Football BYU at Notre Dame.	12:00 22/28 ESPN Bull Riding PRCA Xtreme.	30/27 FXSP FLW Outdoors From Titusville, Fla.
1:00 7/11 CBS College Football Today	22/28 ESPN College Gameday Scoreboard	30/27 FXSP Classic Patterns	
23/29 ESPN2 College Gameday Now	1:30 4/6 ABC College Football Teams to Be Announced.	12:30 30/27 FXSP Dimestore Fisherman	
7/11 CBS College Football Tennessee at Alabama.	12/3 WB The American Athlete	1:00 4/6 ABC PGA Golf Funai Classic.	
13/7 FOX Raceline	28/40 TNT NASCAR Racing Busch Series — Sam's Town 250. From Memphis Motorsports Park in Memphis, Tenn.	22/28 ESPN PBA Bowling Motel 6 Roll to Riches.	
2:00 22/28 ESPN PGA Golf Funai Classic.	23/29 ESPN2 Bull Riding PRCA Xtreme.	23/29 ESPN2 MLS Soccer Western Conference Semi-final Game 1.	
30/27 FXSP FSN Pro Football Preview	61/72 SPK Xtreme 4x4	30/27 FXSP FUEL TV's 54321 Weekly Update	
61/72 SPK Xtreme 4x4	63/67 BRAVO Celebrity Poker Showdown.	61/72 SPK Xtreme 4x4	
3:00 23/29 ESPN2 Bull Riding PRCA Xtreme.	30/27 FXSP Helmets Off	1:30 30/27 FXSP Nautica Triathlon.	
3:30 30/27 FXSP Nautica Triathlon From Malibu, Calif.	4:00 2/2 PBS Cabin Country Searching for bob-white quail.	2:00 7/11 CBS NFL Football Denver Broncos at New York Giants.	
22/28 ESPN SportsCenter	23/29 ESPN2 Bull Riding PRCA Xtreme.	13/7 FOX Postgame Show	
30/27 FXSP Broncos Preview	51/49 TRAV World Poker Tour.	22/28 ESPN PBA Bowling Motel 6 Roll to Riches.	
4:30 30/27 FXSP College Football Saturday Kick-off	5:00 13/7 FOX Steel Dreams Fuel-injected funny car action from Phoenix; high-flipping motorcycle feats; the V-Twin world gets rocked.	30/27 FXSP Beyond the Glory	
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22/28 ESPN College Gameday Scoreboard	23/29 ESPN2 College Football Penn State at Illinois.	13/7 FOX Raceline	
25/38 IND College Football Oregon State at UCLA.	30/27 FXSP College Football Baylor at Oklahoma.	3:00 23/29 ESPN2 2005 World Series of Poker From Las Vegas.	
99/39 WGN Race Car Driver Tempers flare.	22/28 ESPN NFL Primetime	30/27 FXSP PRIDE Fighting Championships	
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		30/27 FXSP FSN Presents: Nothin' But Knockouts	
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		22/28 ESPN SportsCenter	
		23/29 ESPN2 2005 World Series of Poker.	
		30/27 FXSP Beach Volleyball AVP Nissan Series — Women.	
		5:30 13/7 FOX MLB Baseball World Series Game 2.	
		22/28 ESPN NFL Primetime	

# Crossword Puzzle

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- ACROSS**
- Succotash beans
  - In vogue
  - Tijuana's locale, informally
  - garde
  - Late-night Jay
  - Twistable cookie
  - Square one, in slang
  - 22-Down and others
  - Georgia politico Miller
  - Something to accomplish by Friday, say
  - Sign of summer
  - Actress Carrere
  - Ensign-producing sch.
  - Wizards' org.
  - Skeleton's place?
  - mo replay
  - Mulligan and others
  - Give the slip to
  - Words accompanying a hasty exit, maybe
  - Madonna title role
  - Sonia of "Moon Over Parador"
  - Earth-friendly prefix
  - Soprano Scotto
  - Storm area
  - Title in Uncle Remus tales
  - Phase out
  - PBS supporter
  - Place for dirty socks
  - Virgo/Libra border, e.g.
  - Frosty coating
  - Houston was its president
  - Grid great Graham
  - Treater's phrase
  - Eleniak of "Baywatch"
  - Hacienda drudge
  - Greeley's direction
  - Dick's 1956 counterpart

- DOWN**
- Hang back
  - Balladeer Burl
  - "Do the \_\_\_!"
  - Luanda's land
  - Keep for later
  - Circulatory blockage
  - "Taste this"
  - Like neon
  - Kind of dust or ray
  - Numskull
  - Atlas stat
  - Take shape
  - Place to send IMs
  - Early TV sidekick
  - Source of lead
  - Poe house
  - Dred Scott, e.g.
  - "\_\_\_ my back yard!"
  - The \_\_\_ (British network, informally)
  - Clued in
  - Moth-eaten
  - Not so risky
  - Draw out
  - Caruso was one
  - The \_\_\_ Island Ferry
  - Collar quest
  - In-flight guesstimate
  - Early rocket stage
  - "You betcha!"
  - Krispy Kreme workers
  - Bagpipe sound
  - First name in cosmetics
  - Mandolin's kin
  - Regarding, in memos
  - Abreast of
  - Starchy veggies
  - One of the baseball Boones
  - Beat it
  - Help oneself to
  - Radar gun wielder
  - Carrier to Stockholm

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