

weather report

51°

noon
Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 5:32 p.m.
- **Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:25 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:34 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 31 degrees
- Humidity 19 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southeast at 7 mph
- Barometer 30.16 inches and falling
- Record High today 80° (1918)
- Record Low today -16° (1960)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	49°
Low Thursday	15°
Precipitation	—
This month	.07
Year to date	.58

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 62 followed by a low of 19. North wind at 10 mph and switching to the northeast from 5 to 10 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, with a high around 45 followed with a low of 19. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high of 58 with a low of 23. Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 62 and a low of 28. Tuesday: Mostly sunny, with a high of 64 with a low of 29.

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



local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.02 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.89
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.97 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.92
Loan deficiency pmt. — 2¢
Milo — \$1.59 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.94 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.06
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.55 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.75 cwt.
NuSun crop — \$7.75
Confection — Call
Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Mustangs beat Quinter

Grant seventh-grader Jade Herl looked for a path to the basket around Macy Ziegler of Quinter during the third period of the Lady Mustangs 34-8 win over the Bulldogs Monday at Max Jones. See story, photo on Page 11.

Governor signs bill; election set

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Even before Gov. Kathleen Sebelius signed a bill allowing Sherman County voters to pass a sales tax for road work Tuesday morning, city and county commissioners had agreed to set a special election for Tuesday, March 28.

The bill allows Sherman County citizens to approve a one-cent sales tax to pay off bonds for a joint road plan. The project would repair city streets and county roads at an estimated cost of \$11.4 million to \$13 million.

The city and county commissions began working on the project in May, planning to use a one-cent citywide sales tax. When they discovered in October that a city tax would take too long to pay off the project, the county had to ask the Legislature for permission to go to

Cost estimates of road projects

Here are the roads included in the city-county improvement plan, with preliminary cost estimates, including design and engineering:

CITY STREETS

Caldwell Ave. — \$1.3 million. Replace the intersection at Eighth (\$222,585) with concrete; upgrade storm sewers north from Toelkes to the bridge (\$732,436); replace intersection at Armory Road with concrete; and in-place cold recycle from Toelkes to bridge with six inches of new asphalt; Eighth to Toelkes (\$322,687) six inch mill and overlay.

Eighth Street — \$220,437, from D'Lao Dr. to

Cattletrail, replace with eight inches of asphalt and improve road base.

Seventeenth Street — \$1.7 million, from Cherry Ave. railroad crossing to Main, replace brick and asphalt with and eight-inch concrete street and upgrade storm sewer.

Total City Streets — \$3.2 million

COUNTY ROADS

County Road 64/64.2 (old U.S. 24) — \$5.2 million, all 33 miles across the county, mill three inches and do a three-inch asphalt overlay. Some sections

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the citizens for the special sales tax.

The bill was introduced in January by Rep. Jim Morrison and Sen. Ralph Ostmeyer. It took less than 30

days from introduction for committee hearings and passage by both houses to get to the governor's desk, just the third bill of the session

Sebelius has signed.

In a special joint meeting Tuesday morning, the city and county commissions talked by phone with

Kevin Cowan, a bond attorney with Gilmore and Bell of Wichita, about the timetable for the election.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure told the city commission and Cowan the governor was expected to sign the bill that morning, and that it would save several months if the election could be held by the end of March.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said once the bill is signed, it has to be published in the Kansas Register. She said if that can be done quickly, the election could be held by March 28.

Cowan said if the bill was signed it could be published in the register by March 2, and he would have a draft of the election publication ready to be printed Friday, March 3.. Rumpel said her plan is to have the one polling place at the Veterans

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Eighth grader wins spelling bee

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

Nine students sat on the stage at the Goodland High School Auditorium on Wednesday afternoon, ready for a shot at the championship of the Goodland Schools' district spelling bee.

Tim Roeder, eighth grade son of David Roeder and Michelle Roeder, cemented his victory by spelling the word foreigner correctly.

The winner goes on to compete at the state finals on Saturday, March 25, in Topeka.

Benjamin Waugh, eighth grade son of Scott and Traci Waugh, was the last opponent standing with Roeder. When Tim spelled etiquette correctly, Waugh was eliminated. Both Roeder and Waugh missed basilica, the word before etiquette.

When the spelling for basilica was checked it seems there are two spellings for that word.



Tim Roeder, an eighth grader from Grant Junior High, won the Goodland School District's Spelling Bee with the correct spelling of foreigner. Roeder will get a chance to compete at the state finals.

Photo by Pat Schiefen
The Goodland Star-News.

Spell check and "Webster's New World Dictionary" spelled it with one l and the "Mirriam Webster Dictionary" spelled it with two l's. Toni Becker, teacher at Grant Junior High, said they would remove it from list because it has two spellings.

Fourth-grade contestants from Central Elementary School were Fionna Cruz, daughter of Leandro DeGuzman and Florida Cruz, and Zach Miller, son of Richard and Charla Miller.

Amy Floyd, daughter of Dave and Denise Floyd, and Brooke Lockhart, son of Jeffrey and Elizabeth Lockhart, were the fifth grade contestants from North Elementary.

The sixth grade was represented by Joel Linin, son of Max and Brenda Linin, and Ty Stelting, son of David Steltin.

Dane Frazier, seventh grade son of Bill and Mary Frazier, Roeder and

Waugh, came from Grant Junior High. Nicolette Wallis, eighth grade daughter of Westley and Kimberly Wallis, qualified to compete but did not.

Words the students had to spell included gyroscope, hydrangea, larceny, gaseous, pachyderm and etiquette.

Each student was given a word to spell. Jeff Mason, a Goodland lawyer, said the words. If the word was a homonym, a word that sound like another word but has a different meaning, the announcer would give the definition.

The students could ask to have the work repeated if they didn't hear it clearly, get a definition and have the word used in a sentence.

Judges were Karen Gillihan, director of the Goodland Public Library; Jane Philbrick, president of the Goodland School Board; and Faye Paxton, a retired teacher.

City, county asked to help cleanup

Citywide date April 8

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Dressed in a garbage bag and wearing a cut-off milk jug as a crown, Christie Rasure said she was the Queen of Trash as she asked city and county commissioners to support a cleanup drive planned for Saturday, April 8.

She said the cleanup would run from 9 to noon. Volunteers should come to the Northwest Kansas Technical College at 8:30 a.m. to get organized, she said, adding that a highway entrance cleanup will be held two weeks later, on Saturday, April 22.

"Thanks for your help last year," Rasure told the commissioners. "Tons of stuff were hauled out, and over 100 people helped.

"We had two weekends because we did not know what we would get. We will do one weekend this year, and use the central collection on the lot across from Rasure Lumber.

"We are not going to burn this year because the neighbors did complain....

"The beautification committee felt the whole town got cleaned up, and even those who missed started to clean up.

"Having people call in ahead worked well. It is not exactly fun, but there are people talking about it from last year.

"We hope we get the perfect weather that was provided last year."

Rasure told the officials she plans to give up her exalted office.

"We are looking to crown a new Queen of Trash," she said.



Christie Rasure, dressed as the 'Queen of Trash,' asked the city and county commissioners Tuesday morning to help the Chamber Beautification committee with the citywide cleanup planned for Saturday, April 8.

Photo by Police Chief Ray Smee

Policemen honored for actions

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Two Goodland policemen were honored Tuesday morning by the City Commission for trying to save the life of a Kanorado woman who had a heart attack in her car at Frontier Equity Co-op earlier this month.

City Manager Wayne Hill said Corporal William Fulcher and Officer Cary Amos had been first on the scene on Feb. 1 and did cardiopulmonary resuscitation on Florence Meissinger, 72.

"I believe the officers deserve recognition for their efforts above and beyond the call of duty to save Meissinger," Hill said. "I was saddened to hear that she passed away last week."

Mayor Rick Billinger presented the two officers with certificates. Commissioners and the audience gave them a standing ovation.

Hill asked the commission if they were planning to do another round of street sealing similar to what was done last year.

The commissioners agreed the job on the streets sealed last year was the best in recent years, and agreed to do that again this year. The street sealing last year used a different oil and rock combination, which has held up better than other years. An additional layer of oil was sprayed on top of the seal to help it hold.

Hill said Sunflower Electric has notified the city that the power plant at Holcomb will be shut down on March 11 for about six weeks for a major overhaul. That means the city will have to generate power at its plant and possibly buy some on the open market, he said.

"We are ready to work in our rebuilt engine," Hill said. "There may be a time where we have to go out and buy power during this period, and there may be a small fuel adjustment cost. Wanted to let you know where we are."

He said the city is waiting on a new contract from Sunflower, which would go into effect in June. He said negotiations con-

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Fulcher



Amos