

weather
report

68°

noon
Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 7:36 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:51 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:37 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 54 degrees
- Humidity 28 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds light and variable
- Barometer 29.88 inches and falling
- Record High today 87° (1967)
- Record Low today 24° (1969)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday	69°
Low Thursday	29°
Precipitation	—
This month	.46
Year to date	3.04
below normal	.24 of an in.

The Topside Forecast

Today: 30 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, high near 63 and low near 39. Breezy, wind starting at 5 to 10 mph increasing to 20 to 25 mph and gusts up to 30 to 35 mph.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Partly cloudy, high near 62. Breezy, north wind 20 to 30 mph, gusts up to 40 mph. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 66 and low near 40. Monday: Mostly sunny, high around 72, low near 42. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.03 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.02
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.05 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.99
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$0.00 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.95 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.03
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.55 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$7.85 cwt.
NuSun crop — \$8.85
Confection — Call
Pinto beans — \$00 (new crop)
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigo Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Mustangs
finish 7th

Kirsten Topliff ran the first leg of the Lady Mustangs 4x100-meter relay which finished third in 1 minute, 2.49 seconds. The Lady Mustangs finished 7th Saturday at the Goodland Invitational track meet. See story, photos on Page 10.

Plainville firm gets county deal

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The tussle over which of two engineering firms would design county roads in a joint project with the city was decided on a 2-1 vote of the Sherman County commissioners Tuesday morning, giving the contract to a Plainville firm.

The design contract is for rebuilding old U.S. 24, Eighth Street from K-27 to County Road 14, a mile of Country Road 14 at Caruso, where the new Goodland Energy Center is being built, and paving of a mile of County Road 16 that runs past the Sugar Hills Golf Club.

About 45 people were in the courtroom upstairs at the county courthouse for a special meeting, which lasted about 50 minutes, and ended when Commissioner Chuck Thomas made a motion to give the design contract to Penco Engineering of Plainville. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Mitch Tiede.

An earlier motion by Commission Chairman Kevin Rasure to award the design contract to Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, a Great Bend firm which has a two-man office in Goodland, died for lack of a second.

The meeting began in the com-

mission room on the main floor, but when the crowd filled that room, was moved to the courtroom.

Thomas and Tiede sat in chairs on the left side of the room behind the railing. Rasure stood throughout the meeting. County Clerk Janet Rumpel was at the table on the right side taking notes.

Rasure, the commission chairman, said the purpose of the meeting was to give Thomas and Tiede a chance to receive more public input about the decision.

He opened the floor for anyone who wanted to speak in support of Penco Engineering.

Tiede said he wanted to make a statement.

"I did something last week I am not very proud of," he said. "My anger took over my good sense. I should not have sent the copy of the e-mail with my note to EBH in Great Bend. I referred to another person without their knowledge or consent. I would like to apologize for that. I called the company on Monday and apologized. It won't happen again. I am sorry."

Rasure asked Thomas to explain phone calls he had made to Great Bend.

"I called EBH about the e-mail

from Darin's (Neufeld) wife," Thomas said. "I said he should know about what is going on.

"I will not apologize for that. I did not think she should be making claims that were not necessarily true.

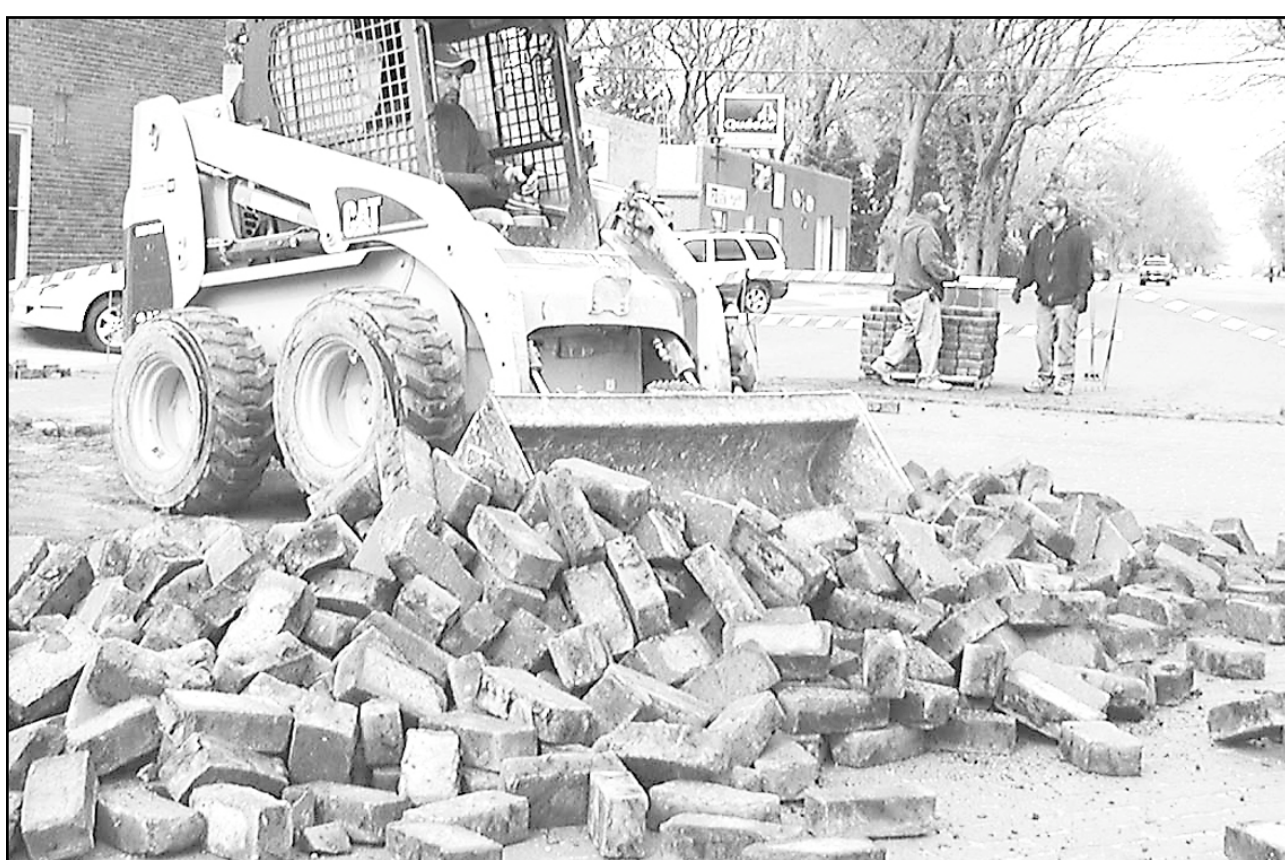
"I talked to the office manager of the Great Bend office, Fred Wohlcke. I asked to talk to who was in charge of the branch offices."

"He is not my boss," Neufeld said. "He is a part owner."

Alan Luttrell, part owner of EBH and office manager in Pratt, said he

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Second intersection closed



Miller Construction started removing bricks from the intersection of 12th and Main on Thursday. It is second of the five intersections on Main Avenue the firm will rebuild this summer. Workers were using a small

dozer to pry up bricks. The Goodland Police Department is allowing U turns and J turns, Chief Ray Smee said, but asks people to be careful and try not to turn in the middle of the block.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Ethanol plant hearing set

The Goodland Energy Center moves onto the stage next with a 20-million-gallon ethanol plant, and the state has scheduled a May hearing on an air quality permit.

The hearing will be at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, May 23, in the commission room on the second floor of the City Administration Building, 204 W. 11th.

The Plant is the second of three plants planned for the center at Caruso, four miles west of town. The plant will be owned by a corporation, known as E Caruso, which is a group of area investors. Construction is expected to begin once the air permit is approved.

Equipment has been arriving in Goodland for several months as a closed ethanol plant in St. Paul, Minn., was dismantled and shipped here.

"I don't expect the hearing to be any different than the one in February for the power plant," said Larry McCants, president of E. Caruso and president of First National Bank, "except that we know what the hearing process is."

McCants said he is not sure there will be many objections to the air permit because the ethanol plant does not plan to dry distillers grain.

"There was a question of whether we needed to have a hearing," he said. "Drying distillers grain is the biggest air pollution problem. We don't plan to dry the grain because we have such a large cattle market. We will sell it to the feedlots."

McCants said they are ready for the hearing, and

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Soldier's memorial planned

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

Sgt. Derrick Lutters, a Goodland High graduate who died in Iraq last year, will be honored during a dedication service at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 6, at Goodland's National Guard Armory.

A memorial bench recalling his service and dedication to his country will be unveiled during the hour-long ceremony, which will include speakers and music by some Goodland High School singers.

The bench was paid for by the Northwest Kansas Military Family Readiness Group and built by Brock Holzmeister and Matthew Johnson, who are studying welding at North-

west Kansas Technical College.

The bench is being "kept under wraps" until the service, said Lisa Varney, who is helping to organize the service.

"I invite everybody to come out and join us," she said.

Derrick's parents, Chuck Lutters of Goodland and Mariam Lutters of Burlington, will cut a ribbon. Varney said Derrick's brother Paul, an Air Force veteran, and sister Genevieve Gibson, a Coast Guard veteran, will be there.

Sgt. Lutters was killed in action on May 1 last year near Baghdad while providing security for a bridge inspection team. He was ordered to active duty in September 2004 with

Company A, 891st Engineer Battalion, a Kansas National Guard unit in Pittsburg. After training at Fort Sill, Okla., the unit deployed to Iraq in January 2005.

Sgt. Lutters was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. Other decorations include Global War on Terror Service and Expeditionary medals, the Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, the National Defense Service Medal and the Army Service Ribbon.

Lutters, a 1999 graduate of Goodland High, joined the Kansas Army National Guard in the fall of 1998 and was assigned to Detachment 1,

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No mumps cases yet in Sherman County

The state mistakenly reported Monday there have been cases of mumps found in Sherman County. There have been no mumps cases in Sherman County so far.

The State Department of Health and Environment reported there were two cases of mumps in Sherman County, but Tuesday corrected that to say the two cases were from Sheridan County.

At least 241 cases of mumps have been reported in 31 counties

in the state, officials said, with 36 suspected cases being checked.

The largest number reported, 116, has been in Douglas County.

Others have been in Anderson, Atchison, Butler, Chautauqua, Clay, Ellis, Franklin, Geary, Gove, Harvey, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Leavenworth, Miami, Norton, Osage, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Reno, Riley, Rooks, Saline, Scott, Sedgwick, Seward, Shawnee, Sheridan,

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Kanorado site may be an historic district

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Archeologists will be back in fields near Kanorado this summer, hoping to find more artifacts of Folsom and Clovis people who lived in Kansas over 12,000 years ago, and plan to nominate the site for national recognition.

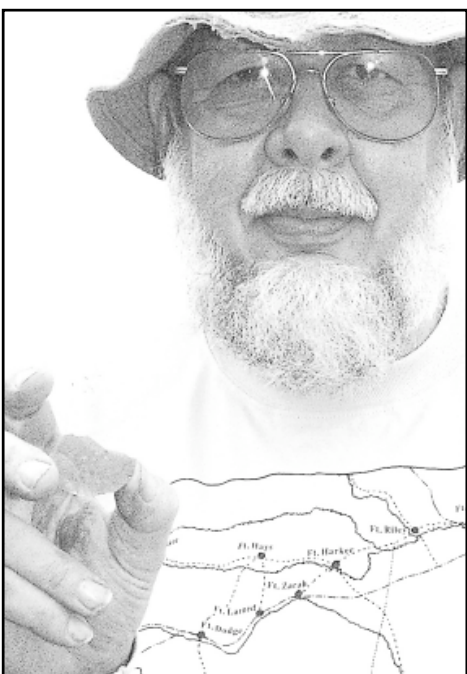
Dr. Rolfe Mandel of the Kansas Geological Survey said he plans to be in the Kanorado area from mid June to mid July.

"We were coming back this summer," Mandel said, "but now we have something to supplement what we had planned."

He said the University of Kansas Center for Research received a historic preservation grant for \$18,151 to help with research to nominate the site to the National Register of Historic Places.

Mandel said part of the summer's project will be to define the boundary of the sites and gather information for the nomination process.

"We have to find out how far back they go into the banks," Mandel said. "We need to get more information on the ages of the sites. We know there certainly are Clovis-age deposits. Can we find artifacts that are diagnostic, which means items we can point to and have experts agree are Clovis age?"



Jerry Finke of Kansas City, Mo., holds a Hartville chert scraper found in June during the two-week field school held at a dig site south of Kanorado.

Photo by Tom Betz
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"We found some Folsom scrapers last year, but we need to find more, and maybe some Folsom points. We are wondering if there is a Folsom kill site nearby."

Mandel said the scrapers, bones and tools found last year are being tested and they are waiting for carbon dates.

Artifacts from the site have been dated back to 12,200 years ago, and artifacts gathered last year might push that back closer to 14,000 years when the evidence is sifted, he said, making these the oldest evidence of humans on the High Plains and possibly in all of North America.

"We can certainly say this is the oldest site in Kansas," said Dr. Steve Holen of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science, who is helping lead the research and will be working with Mandel this summer. "We found enough evidence last year to say there is a Folsom component and a Clovis component at this site."

Holen said the site is the first Clovis site in the state and the second Folsom site. Early native Americans, known as paleoindians, roamed the High Plains thousands of years ago, and some of the earliest were called Folsom for the fluted points they made about 10,000 years ago.

Clovis paleoindians were on the High Plains well before the Folsom, and evidence collected at Kanorado is pushing that date back towards 14,000 years ago. Points made by these tribes were before the invention of the bow and arrow.

Mandel said he will be bringing some students from KU and inviting some of the Kansas Anthropological Association people who helped dig last June. He expects to do additional excavations at all three sites.

Mandel said Jack Hoffman, an associate professor of anthropology at KU, will teach a field school at the Kanorado site this summer.

Hoffman co-wrote "The Paleoarchaic of Kansas," an essay that sorts through what's known — or thought to be known — about the region's earliest hunters and gatherers.

"A lot of what we think we know, we don't really know," Hoffman said. "We're reasonably sure there were people here around 12,000 years ago. How they got here, we're not sure."

Robert Hoard, state archaeologist at the state Historical Society, who participated in the Kanorado dig in June, co-edited and wrote the introduction to "Kansas Archaeology," a newly released collection of essays on the state's prehistoric history.