

weather  
report

36°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 5:11 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 6:49 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:12 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 31 degrees
- Humidity 61 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds north 16 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.27 inches and falling
- Record High 74° (1963)
- Record Low -22° (1982)

Last 24 Hours\*

High	44°
Low	31°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: becoming clear, low 15-20, winds west 5-10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: sunny, high near 50, low lower 20s, winds west 10-20 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly sunny, high 49-54, low upper 10s. Friday: partly cloudy, high mid 40s, low 15-20. Saturday: partly cloudy, high mid 40s, low lower 20s.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.62 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.49  
Corn — \$1.91 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.85  
Loan deficiency payment — 14¢  
Milo — \$1.63 bushel  
Soybeans — \$3.75 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.72  
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.20  
Millet — \$3.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$9.05 cwt.  
Loan deficiency prmt. — 86¢  
Confection current — inquire  
Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)  
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon  
wire

Late news  
from the  
Associated  
Press

1 p.m.

Enron official  
sent subpoena

WASHINGTON — The Senate Commerce Committee voted unanimously today to subpoena Kenneth Lay, the former Enron chairman who refused to answer questions voluntarily about the collapse of the energy trading company.

“We have no choice,” said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D.

The vote came as another Senate committee was hearing from former Enron employees whose retirement savings were depleted when the firm’s stock dropped from roughly \$80 a share to less than \$1. One, Deborah Perrotta, wept several times while she described the loss of about \$40,000.

“This isn’t right,” she said. “We put all our ingenuity and creativity at the service of the company we believed in and trusted and were certain would reward our commitment.”

# Budget bill dies before hitting floor

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA (AP) — A bill that would cut state spending immediately is dead. Senate Republican leaders called off debate on the bill just hours before it was to begin Tuesday afternoon because they didn’t think the bill had enough support to pass.

“This train won’t be back in the station again this session,” said Senate President Dave Kerr, R-Hutchinson.

The bill would have cut about \$54 million, or 1.2 percent, from the current \$4.5 billion budget.

Public schools would be spared, but corrections, higher education and social services spending would be reduced.

Republican leaders expected no votes for the bill from the 10 Senate Democrats, who have said they don’t support the immediate cuts.

Some Republicans also opposed the cuts. They included Sen. Sandy Praeger, R-Lawrence, whose district includes the University of Kansas.

“I cannot support the cuts to higher education and social services,” she said. “There wasn’t much wiggle room in this budget to begin with. To make cuts now would have a devastating effect.”

But Sen. Dwayne Umbarger, R-Thayer, who had planned to vote against the bill, left a Tuesday-morning GOP meeting less certain that he would oppose the measure.

He said he’s still nervous because he believes the state should increase taxes and wants assurances that new revenues will be raised.

“Some of us are wanting more time to digest this,” he said. “I, for one, am not really ready to commit.”

The cuts in the bill would have been carried over into the state’s 2003 fiscal year, which begins July 1. The legislation is part of efforts to eliminate a

projected \$426 million gap between expected revenues and spending commitments for fiscal 2003.

The Senate Ways and Means Committee had a hearing Monday on another part of budget-balancing efforts, a bill to allow the Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services to impose fees for services to children.

Some parents and advocates for the disabled and mentally ill are concerned about the measure.

SRS officials estimate the agency could raise

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## Insurance costs for city increase

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

With a three-member audience, the Goodland City commissioners renewed their health insurance and approved spending \$300 for advertising with the 2002 visitors guide on Monday night.

The commissioners learned their health insurance had gone up two percent from last year. A representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield said most groups went up 16 to 20 percent. He said the low rate of claims from November 2000 to November 2001, and the restructuring of the benefits last year helped hold back a bigger increase.

Last year, the city’s insurance policy changed, adding a \$500 deductible, and a 50-50 co-pay on prescriptions. The representative said if the city had remained under the old plan, their rates would have increased an extra 12 to 15 percent.

Ron Pickman, city manager, said the city had budgeted for a 25 percent increase, and would be able to hold that money in reserve for next year. The representative said premiums will likely increase a great deal more next year, due to large claims made since November, and more small claims after the deductibles are used.

The commissioners unanimously approved renewing the health insurance plan.

They debated how much to spend advertising in the 2002 visitors guide. Last year, they bought a \$700 half-page ad in the guide, which is produced for the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau. Last year was the first time the guide was produced.

Commissioner Curtis Hurd said he thought the money could be better spent, especially since the city is going to have to use advertising dollars to educate people about trash issues.

Commissioner Dean Blume agreed they didn’t have to spend as much money, but said he thought the City of Goodland should keep its name in the public eye. He made a motion to buy a \$500 quarter-page ad, which died for lack of a second.

Commissioner Chuck Lutters moved the city buy a \$300 one-eighth ad, and Hurd seconded it. It passed 4-1, with Blume dissenting.

In other business the commission:  
• Went into executive session for 15 minutes to discuss buying property for future improvement. The session was closed to the public. They passed a motion after the closed session to con-

## Officials to seek solutions

The Goodland City Commission and the Sherman County commissioners will meet in joint session at 7 p.m. on Wednesday at the Sherman County courthouse to discuss alternatives to the current municipal solid waste program.

Marty Melia of KLOE radio has been asked to moderate the meeting, which will open with 45 minutes of discussion between the two boards.

Following the opening session, the boards may open the floor to suggestions from the audience as to the best alternatives.

The city and county are trying to find solutions to the contamination being found in the solid waste stream, and alternatives for handling yard waste, cardboard and household hazardous waste materials. They say they want solutions, not complaints.

The two boards will also discuss the upcoming recycling program, which is scheduled to begin as soon as the pick-up containers are delivered.

tinue discussions at a later time.

• Appointed Shirley Gray to a three-year term on the Cemetery Board.

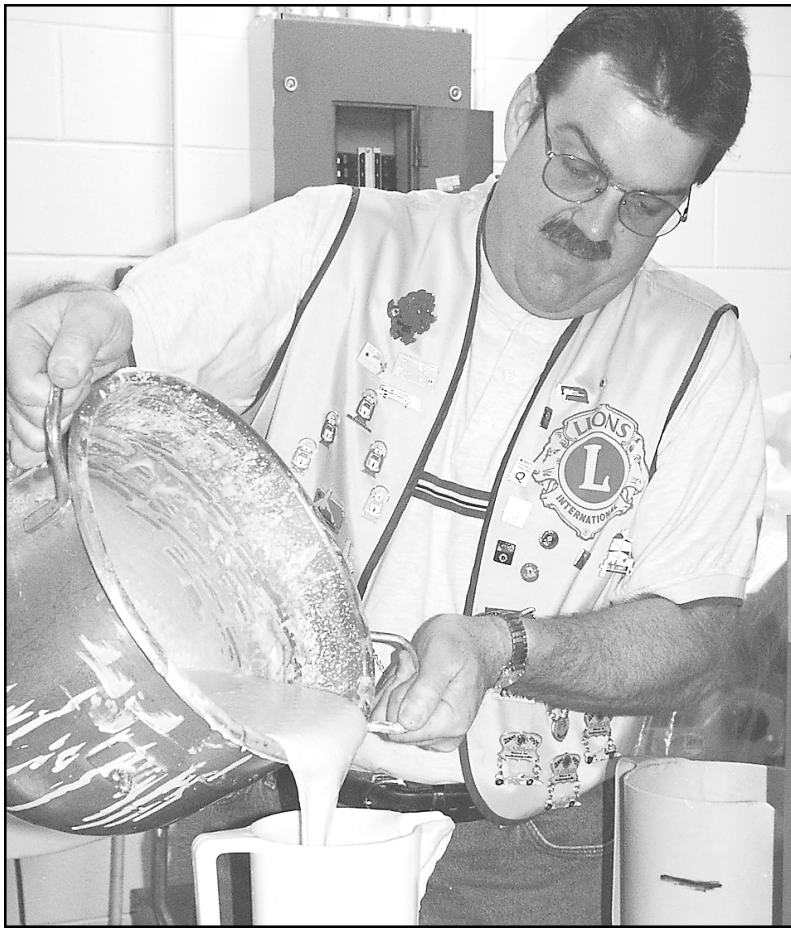
• Renewed Don Newell’s appointment to the Board of Zoning Appeals and appointed Dean Graber to a three-year term to replace Clyde Lambertz, who declined to serve again.

• Scheduled a workshop to review utility rates at 2 p.m. Monday at the city building.

• Announced a joint workshop with the county commissioners to discuss solid waste disposal. The workshop will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the county courthouse.

• Declared February 11-15 “Technical Education Week,” at the request of the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

• Set their next regular meeting to be Tuesday, Feb. 19, so they could observe President’s Day on Monday.



## Lions’ feast features pancakes

Lowell Guyer (above), a Goodland Lions Club member, flipped a pancake at the club’s annual pancake feed on Saturday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Hall, while Kenny Grieve, a member, mixed batter for more cakes. The club uses between 80-100 pounds of pancake flour each year to feed the hundreds of people that attend. They also serve sausage and eggs.

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The Goodland Daily News

## 25 years of teaching pays off with excellence award

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

Callused hands, restless teen-agers, teachers’ meetings, early mornings. They have all paid off for Dennis Friedrichs.

Friedrichs, a 25-year veteran of Goodland High School, has received the 2001 Teacher’s Excellence Award for Kansas from the International Technology Education Association.

Of course, the award only points out what his students have known for years: Friedrichs cares.

“I don’t go out there and try to get awards,” Friedrichs said, “but if I get them, I know I’m doing my job.”

Guidelines for the award list qualities a teacher should have to win including exemplary teaching characteristics, professional involvement and leader-



Dennis Friedrichs demonstrated how to attach a “boom-a-lever,” a project students in the Science Olympiad build to test stress.

Photo by  
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ship, ability to generate excitement about learning and sustained professional growth in technology education and the art of teaching.

Friedrichs started the Science Olympiad team in 1998, and it won regional second place and 14th overall in the state last year. He was named a Science Olympiad outstanding coach in 2000. He and his class built an electric car last year for Kansas ElectroRally Races and won first in Hays and fifth at the state competition.

He helped write grants that brought in \$200,000 for the school in 2000. He helped launch the visual communications program, from which two students have gone on to be seniors of the year in graphic arts at Pittsburgh State University.

The Goodland School District nominated him as an outstanding educator last year.

In 1997, he was part of the technology program with Gary Gregory hon-

ored with the Program Excellence Award for Kansas by two organizations — the Kansas Technology Education Association and the International Technology Education Association.

After his program won the award, it seemed only natural he should win the individual award. He did, but not until five years later.

Friedrichs said when he went to the group award ceremony five years ago, an award-winning teacher from Alaska told him since his program won that year, he would probably win the personal award in five years.

Friedrichs’ fellow teachers submitted letters of recommendation with his nomination.

“I believe Dennis Friedrichs is de-

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