

County cuts taxes about 3 percent

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reports on the past year and nominations for two council positions.

- Approved two neighborhood revitalization projects bringing the total so far this year to 20. The projects were to remodel a house for Daryl and Ariane Barber and to enclose a carport for Charles and Patricia Campbell.
- Approved a raise for road and bridge employee Travis King from \$8.90 per hour to \$9.40 per hour on recommendation from Curt Way, public works manager, after King's 180-day evaluation.
- Reviewed and signed a plan from Nobel Energy to do some seismographic work in the county said Dan Huguley who met with the commissioners. He said he does not expect the work to be in the first

part of next year, and they would not start until harvest was over.

Tiede signed the plan and told Huguley to let Way know when they were getting ready to start so he could let people know.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked about what would happen if the roads were muddy.

Huguley said they would stop work if it muddy.

Tiede said his concern is about the cables across the county roads, and especially if they got buried in snow the plows could cut it accidentally. He said this had been a problem once before.

Huguley said they would not leave the cables across the road to prevent this from happening.

He gave the commissioners a copy of the plan and the map of where they would be working.

Winter weather coming, people need to be ready

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Whether we like it or not, winter is coming.

We'll all have to get used to the routine of bundling up in our winter coats, turtlenecks, gloves and multiple sweatshirts so we will be prepared for what Mother Nature has in store.

When dealing with the harsh realities of winter, it's good to know the terms used to describe weather conditions in forecasts and warnings. That's why David Floyd, warning coordination meteorologist for the National Weather Service in Goodland, is raising public awareness about winter weather, including frostbite, travel safety and the meaning of weather advisories and warnings.

Floyd will be discussing topics relating to winter weather this week. He stared the series on Sunday and it will end on Friday, with public information statements each day aimed at the areas the Goodland office cover in Nebraska, Kansas and Colorado.

Floyd said the weather service bills it as Tri-State Winter Weather Preparedness Week.

He said he wants people to know the meaning of the winter weather terms, including wind chill, frost, wind, blowing dust and dense fog advisories, winter storm and high wind watches, blizzard, ice storm, snow flurries, snow pellets, snow showers, snow squalls and sleet.

He urges people to pay attention to forecasts and winter warnings, especially anyone who plans on traveling.

Floyd said during the week, the statements will be posted each day around 7 a.m. on the weather station's web site www.weather.gov/goodland and can be heard on Weather Radio transmitters in Gem (162,400 MHz), Lenora (162,425) Trenton, Neb. (162,500), Wray, Colo. (162,475) and Bethune, Colo. (162,525). Most scanners and weather radios will pick up the broadcasts. He said the statement will air once or twice each hour throughout the day.

The schedule for the statements is Tuesday, the meaning of winter watches; Wednesday, high winds and blizzards; Thursday, wind chill, frostbite and hypothermia; and Friday, a wrap-up review of all the topics.

Blizzard big one for October

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More than 35,000 cattle died in the storm, Knapp said, but no human fatalities were reported.

When considering historical dates for snowfall, one fact that's important to keep in mind is that hail gets recorded in the official snowfall column. That's because both are frozen precipitation, said Knapp.

"You can get snow or hail when temperatures are above freezing,"

she said. "Still, a check of the temperature highs can generally help you weed out the hail events."

"For example, that 2-inch snowfall recorded in Anthony on Aug. 6, 1952, when the high temperature was 96 degrees, is quickly exposed as a hail event."

Information about Kansas weather and the Weather Data Library is available on the Web at www.oznet.ksu.edu/wdl/.

Goodland schools name site councils for each building

At the Goodland School Board meeting on Monday, Oct. 13, the principals of each school gave their list of names for the site councils at their buildings.

These advisory councils include students, parents, teachers, administrators and others concerned with each school. They take on projects and make recommendations to the principals and school board.

West Elementary Principal Verna Milnes said her site council members will be Charity McIntyre, Betsy Newman, Emilee McGuire, Jennifer Arnold, Krista Pummer, Karen Daise, Justin Schwarz, Amity Ihrig, Andi Nelson, Mindy Greene, Jessica Wolf, Shelly Willems, Emily Bustillos, Holly Black, Lisa Lockhart, Dixie Teeter and staff member Cassandra Laughlin.

North Elementary Principal Jim Mull named Peggy Berls, Laura McClung, Lori Amthor, Karen Hooker, teacher Melanie Daise, Amy Fenner, Mary Harkins, Iris Clemens, Terra Hatfield, Connie Jo Johnson, Kerry Bassett, Charlene Mangus, Stacy Colby, Sarah King, teacher Jona Neufeld, Krista Pummer, Jackie Schmidt, Teresa David,

teacher Amie Reicks and chairperson Michelle Kaiser.

Central Elementary Principal Harvey Swager named Sara Townsend, Carrie Peter, Mellanie Goodwin, Amy Fenner, Jeris McCombs, Jim Neal, Denise Floyd, Kerry Bassett, Tina Goodwin, Shannan Belshe, Dana Fulcher and Kathy Hoelting.

Grant Junior High Principal Steve Raymer named Tia Brannick, Michelle Coates, Kris Cowan, Denise Floyd, Shawn Gatineau, Tina Goodwin, Tanya Gray, Lori Helton, Karen Hooker, Jeris McCombs, Charla Miller, Lisa Paxton, Linda Rumpel, Diana Slough, Colleen Smith, Traci Waugh and Pam West.

Goodland High Principal Sharon Gregory named Penny Sheldon, Dulci Fyfe, Maria Martinez, Gordon Pettibone, Tammy Freeman, Susan Bellamy, Kris Cowan, Sherry Skinner, Lori Amthor, teacher Connie Livengood, counselor Nancy Farris, secretary Gena Hall, businessman Brent Wood, businesswoman Deb Smith, senior Brooke Lennington, junior Corbin Townsend, sophomore Jade Herl, freshman Jason Cowan and Jeanne Irvin.

Where did I hide that nut?



I know it is around here somewhere, but I can't remember, seemed to be the thoughts of this squirrel as it searched around a front yard in Goodland on Saturday afternoon. The squirrel did not seem to worried about the photographer, but kept poking around until he found something to eat. The weather service forecast is for colder weather this week.

Photo by Tom Betz/The Goodland Star-News

Planning starts for program field burning

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in Sherman County.

Mote said as far as he knew they should be the same.

Wedel said if the farmers in Kit Carson did not use the same seed mix it could be different.

"They may not have used that special wildlife seed mix," he said.

"We wanted to make you aware of what is coming," Mote said. "We expect the requirement you set up last year will be the same."

Thomas said they would keep things the same and that it will work now that they know more about what is going to happen.

Tiede said he thought it worked

pretty well.

Rasure said he wanted to make sure the burning does not crease the blowing dirt they had this year.

Tiede said if there is not sufficient moisture they may have to wait until the end of the burn period or do the burning in sections.

Mote said the dry weather was one of the problems this year and then the winds kicked up.

Wedel said that is why they are doing the workshops to let the farmers know what the options are and how the burning can be done.

"We are going to focus more on the conservation reserve burning rather than the general burning as we did last year," he said.

He said one of the workshops will be in Bird City, one in Colby and one in Sharon Springs.

Rasure said it worked good to have a form for the farmer to fill out to submit a burn plan to the rural fire chief.

Thomas said they have a form at the farm service office, and the farmer can get a burn plan from the conservation service.

Wedel said some of the farmers this year provided a generic plan to rural fire.

"That is what we want to do today," he said, "is to have the form or information you want."

Tiede said the county would find one of the forms and get to him.

Burn workshops planned

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used burning as part of their management. Walt Fick, K-State Range Management Specialist, and Roger Tacha, Resource Conservationist, will lead the list of speakers that includes local farm service agency and conservation service representatives.


The Prescribed Burning Workshop is hosted by a coalition of local agencies including the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Farm Services Agency, K-State Research and Extension, Kansas Forest Service, Kansas Dept. of Wildlife and Parks, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and Conservation Districts of Sherman and Wallace Counties.

Lunch is being provided by the Wallace County Conservation District. The cost of the workshop is \$10, which covers the workshop materials.

Pre-registration is requested by Nov. 1, and can be sent to Sunflower Extension District No. 6, P.O. Box 189, Sharon Springs, Kansas 67758. For more information or to register by phone, call the office at (785)852-4285.

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