


weather report
77°
noon
Thursday



Today
Sunset, 8:18 p.m.
Saturday
Sunrise, 5:22 a.m.
Sunset, 8:18 p.m.
Midday Conditions
• Soil temperature 65 degrees
• Humidity 40 percent
• Sky clear and sunny
• Winds southeast 13 mph
• Barometer 30.01 inches and falling
• Record High today 107° (1971)
• Record Low today 42° (1940)
Last 24 Hours*
High Wednesday 107°
Low Wednesday 42°
Precipitation none
This month 2.16
Year to date 9.47
Above normal 0.01 inches

The Topside Forecast
Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 89 with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, winds out of the southeast at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 57.
Saturday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 88, winds out of the northeast at 10 to 15 mph and a low around 62.

Extended Forecast
Sunday: Sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, a high near 93 and a low around 62. Monday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.
(National Weather Service)

local markets

Noon
Wheat — \$6.76 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.24
Corn — \$6.23 bushel
Posted county price — \$6.78
Milo — \$5.97 bushel
Soybeans — \$12 bushel
Posted county price — \$12.72
Millet — \$5 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$32.25 cwt.
Confection — no bid
Pinto beans — \$28 (new crop)
(Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Swim team practices

Goodland Swim Team members are out early every morning and late in the afternoon to practice for upcoming swim meets. See results from their meet on Page 10.

City water project completed

By Pat Schiefen

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With the approval of the Certificate of Completion for the Evaporative Ponds the \$6 million water improvement project the City of Goodland has been working on is nearly done commissioners were told on Monday.

The project was done in three phases with physical construction of a water treatment plant with a nitrate removal system, waterline/distribution system improvements and evaporation pond construction.

The agreement with the state for the project was in December 2009 with construction starting in Spring 2010.

"The project is nearly complete at this point," said Superintendent of Public Works Rich Simon

A tour was scheduled for the city commissioners but with the city commission meeting running late the tour was set for 7 a.m. on Tuesday morning.

"The original contract for this phase of the project was \$362,500," said Gerber. "It was amended twice, with both change orders approved by the commission.

The total final cost for this phase is \$364,810."

City Commissioner Josh Dechant moved to sign the agreement and Commissioner Annette Fairbanks seconded the motion. All the com-

missioners voted to sign it.

The city received three bids for a utility vehicle, said Simon. The city has one it is a 98 and is at the ball field. He did not know how many hours it had on it, but the new one will be capable of keeping track of usage.

Goodland Mayor John Garcia asked if they were getting behind spraying weeds. Simon said yes. There are weeds on some of the streets that need to be sprayed.

Goodland Greenline's bid was \$8,874. Yost Farm Supply's bid was \$9,500 and Ag Power Equipment Company's bid was \$14,583.

Gerber said the public works department has saved \$8,400 for

the purchase and the rest will come from miscellaneous line items.

The commission voted to purchase the one from Goodland Greenline.

The commission voted on members for the various boards. It re-appointed Larry McCants and Rich Weigand to the Airport Board. Becky Purvis was appointed to the Cemetery Board.

Larry White and Cameron Paxton were re-appointed to the board of Building Appeals. There are two positions open on the board.

Dean Graber was re-appointed to the Board of Zoning Appeal and Steve Criswell and White were appointed to the board.

Elmer Jacobs, Gary Kickler and Eugene Becker were re-appointed to the Electrical Board. There is one position open on the board.

Jerry Fairbanks and David Brand were re-appointed to the High Plains Museum Board. Bonnie Selby was re-appointed to the Library Board.

Criswell was appointed to the Planning Commission Board. J.B. McClure was re-appointed to the Plumbing Board. There are three positions open on that board.

There are four positions open on the Shade Tree Commission Board.

Caldwell work starts



APAC of Hays started the mill and overlay work on Caldwell Tuesday morning. The overlay was to run south of 8th Street and past the intersection of 10th and Caldwell. Workers had to work around pipe work before the intersection of 10th

that was part of the recently completed water project. Work appeared to be completed by Thursday.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

Kansas I-70 speed limit to go to 75

The speed limit on rural stretches of Kansas interstate highways — including I-70, I-135 and I-35, as well as segments of two U.S. highways, will be boosted to 75 mph on July 1.

The increase to 75-mph will include:

I-70 from the Colorado state line to just west of Topeka in Shawnee County.

I-135 from a half-mile north of the 85th Street interchange in Harvey County to I-70 near Salina.

I-35 from U.S. 50 just east of Emporia to a mile east of the Sunflower/

Edgerton Interchange in Johnson County.

U.S. 81 from I-70 near Salina north to K-106.

U.S. 69 from just six-tenths of a mile north of the north junction of U.S. 54 in Bourbon County to the 199th Street Interchange in Johnson County.

The Kansas Turnpike from the Oklahoma state line to K-7 in Wyandotte County.

The increase to 75 mph maximum speed limit was passed by the Legislature, authorizing the Secretary of Transportation to consider any

separated, multilane highway for the new speed limit.

All of the routes chosen for the increased speed limit are freeways, which have controlled access and interchanges. No expressways, which have at-grade intersections with cross traffic, were selected. A total of 807 miles of roadway will have the 75-mph speed limit.

"These routes were selected by a task force made up of KDOT representatives and the Kansas Highway Patrol," said Chris Herrick, director of KDOT's Division of Planning and Development and a member of

the task force. "The Kansas Turnpike Authority has approved the speed limit changes.

"We considered a number of factors, such as traffic volumes, crash history and roadway geometrics, to determine where to raise the limit. We will continue to monitor these routes under the new speed limit and consider whether it makes sense to increase the maximum speed on other highways."

Among the factors considered were whether the road was in a rural or urban area, the amount of commuter traffic it carries and the speed

limit in surrounding states.

KDOT will begin the process of affixing aluminum overlays with the new 75-mph speed limit to the existing 70-mph signs on Thursday, June 30.

However, it will not be legal to travel at 75-mph until the new law takes effect on July 1.

Starting the process a day before the law takes effect will allow KDOT crews to have most, if not all, of the signs updated before the start of the holiday travel weekend.

'Hams' set up at travel center for field day

Amateur radio operators know as 'Hams' plan to descend on the Tourist Information Center Saturday morning to join in a nationwide 24-hour demonstration of the emergency communications capability and fun of talking to other hams around the country and the world.

Using emergency power supplies, ham operators will construct emergency stations in parks, shopping centers, schools and back yards around the country for the annual nationwide event called Field Day sponsored by the Amateur Radio Relay League.

The Sherman County Amateur Radio Enthusiasts will set up Saturday morning east of the Tourist

Information Center building in the east rest area on I-70.

Field day kicks off at noon Saturday and continues through the night until noon on Sunday.

Radio operators will raise antennas in the trees or use push-up poles and set up several independent radio systems to reach out and make contact with other radio operators.

During the 24-hour period the hams will contact as many other hams around the country or across the world using different frequencies and modes of transmission.

Last year the Sherman County hams made more than 400 contacts using three different radio transmitters and antenna systems and

several different modes of communication.

The public is invited to come out and meet and talk with Goodland's ham radio operators and see for themselves what the Amateur Radio Service is about. People can see some of the newest digital and satellite capabilities, voice communications and even historical Morse code.

"We hope people will come and see for themselves, this is not your grandfather's radio anymore," said Mike Gregory president of the Sherman County ham radio organization.

"The communications ham radio people can quickly create have

saved many lives when other systems failed or were overloaded. And besides that — it's fun!"

The slogan, "Ham radio works when other systems don't" is more than words to the hams as they prove they can send messages in many forms without the use of phone systems, Internet or any other infrastructure that can be compromised in a crisis.

When trouble is brewing, Amateur Radio's people are often the first to provide rescuers with critical information and communications. In the Goodland area hams work with the National Weather Service to act as the eyes in case of severe weather and possible tornados.

More than 30,000 radio operators across the country participated in last year's event.

There are over 650,000 Amateur Radio licensees in the U.S., and more than 2.5 million around the world.

Over the past year, the news has been full of reports of ham radio operators providing critical communications during unexpected emergencies in towns across America including floods, winter storms, tornadoes and other events world-wide.

To learn more about Amateur Radio, go to www.emergency-radio.org.