

weather  
report

78°  
at noon

Today

Sunset, 7:57 p.m.

Tomorrow

Sunrise, 5:50 a.m.

Sunset, 7:56 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 70 degrees

• Humidity 61 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds southeast 6 mph

• Barometer 30.26 inches and rising

• Record High 110° (1947)

• Record Low 47° (1974)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 79°

Low 62°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 60 to 65, light southeast winds.

Thursday: mostly cloudy, 40 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 75 to 80, south winds 10 to 20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday through Saturday: chance of thunderstorms, lows 60 to 65, highs near 85.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.24 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.10

Loan deficiency payment — .35¢

Corn — \$1.89 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.74

Loan deficiency pmt. — .25¢

Milo — \$2.84 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.18 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.03

Loan deficiency payment — .86¢

Millet — \$4 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.86

Oil new crop — \$6.95 cwt.

Confection current — \$17/10 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$13 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures. )

afternoon  
wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Rules tighten on hog farms

WICHITA (AP) — The state’s top environmental regulator has tightened restrictions on large-scale hog operations in an effort to protect drinking water for south central Kansas.

Clyde Graeber, secretary of the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, is requiring hog farms with more than 10,000 animals to line waste pits with plastic to keep manure out of vulnerable groundwater supplies.

Some who oversee water supplies said the action, though welcome, does not go far enough.

It is doubtful hog farms of that size would try to locate near a heavily populated area, said Mike Dealy, manager of Groundwater management District No. 2.

The biggest threat to the Equus Beds would come from medium-sized farms that are not being required to line their pits, he said.

# Power plant heats up; pool cools off

By Tom Betz  
*The Goodland Daily News*  
Goodland’s city power plant is running hard this week, handling the town’s full electric load with four of the diesels running, but because of an underground leak none of the heat is making its way to the city pool.

Since the pool was built in 1952, heat for the water has been provided by a system of underground pipes and a heat exchanger from the power plant which keeps it at a warm 80 degrees.

Over the weekend, a serious leak developed somewhere between the power plant and the heat exchanger and to protect the diesel engines, the valve which heats the pool had to be closed.

“A lifeguard came over yesterday and said it was 69 degrees,” said Production Superintendent Rod Blake. “He wanted to know if it was going to get any better, and I had to tell him, only if the weather warmed back up.”

Public Works Director Ed Wolak said there is no easy way of finding the leak, and with plans being developed for a new pool, it’s doubtful there will be anything other than natural heat for the rest of the summer.

As to next year, Wolak suggested the city might look at an alternative heating system which could be installed at the old pool and then moved to the new facility. He said there were no plans for fixing the underground leak because of the anticipated high cost.

Wolak told the City Commission Monday evening that the power plant was brought on line because Sunflower Electric had a unit go down at the main plant and they were going to charge the city \$100 a megawatt hour for power.

Tuesday afternoon, Blake said the then four operating generators were producing eight megawatts as the total load for the city. He said the price from Sunflower had dropped to \$60 per megawatt hour, but since the city’s cost of generation is about \$35, it is still cheaper to use the diesels.

This morning, four of the seven diesel engines and generators were running, but Blake said he expects there may be a need to add an engine as the

need for power keeps up with the rising temperatures and consumer demand.

The plant is expected to be on line at least until Thursday, when Sunflower expects to have its unit repaired. When the city is purchasing power normally from Sunflower, the cost per megawatt is between \$17 and \$20, Wolak said.

About midnight Monday, one of the Colt-Pielstick diesels developed a water leak from a blown gasket and the city had to return partly to Sunflower, which charged \$35 per megawatt at the off-peak times.

Blake said the gasket is being repaired, but the engine was not on line Tuesday.

Two of the older Fairbanks-Morris engines are running with each generating about two megawatts each. These were installed in 1962 and 1966. Blake said these turn at 270 rpm and they are quieter. He said the two are very reliable, and because they run slower they do not wear out parts like some of the later and faster engines.

The engine which blew a gasket was installed in 1974 and is a 6,000-horsepower Colt-Pielstick. An identical unit was installed in 1978; it and a 12-cylinder opposed-piston engine which was installed in 1969 are the other two generating. Blake says the engines were originally built by the Colt company, but the name had to change after the Colt Firearms division was sold off many years ago.

In past years, the city power plant has been called on to augment the Sunflower purchased power during the peak summer months because of high demand. Blake said Sunflower was asking the city to generate more power over the past few weeks because of shortages, but this is the first time they have had to bring this much of the plant on line.

Day shift operator Bill Bowan and operator/mechanics Mike Abbey and Kendall Gettinger were working on the down engine along with Blake on Tuesday, and relief operator Leon Kerr was watching the power panels.



Dale Fenner, power plant operator/mechanic, adjusted a valve on one of the city’s diesels as the plant pulled the electric load for the town this morning. Fenner checked the power dials (below left) while one of the four diesels in operation (below right) hummed away.

Photos by Charlie Baker / The Goodland Daily News



## Parrish Care Center plans to begin work this month

By Charlie Baker  
*The Goodland Daily News*  
A center that combines assisted living for the elderly, child care for infants, and dormitory living for students, should be under construction on Goodland’s west side by the end of the month.

Ground is to be broken on Parrish Care Center IV in about two weeks, said developer Joyce Michal. The center will be west of Kansas between Third and Fourth Streets, on land bought from the Goodland School District.

“I am real pleased with the progress,” said Michal. “Tomorrow, I meet with the builder to finalize a few details on the plans.”

The center will have 30 apartments on the ground floor for the assisted living part. These will contain a kitchenette with a refrigerator and microwave, but no stove, and living, bed and

bath rooms. There will also be several public areas on the ground floor, Michal said, including a dining hall.

“I am looking for a beautician to run the beauty shop, which will serve the community as well as the center,” she said. “We also will have a large sitting area for events, like 80 school kids coming in for a Christmas program, or community members coming in on a Saturday evening to watch a movie.”

The center will not only serve the elderly of Goodland, but younger people as well. There is going to be a day care in the facility, said Michal, and the second floor will serve as a dormitory with rooms for health care students.

“Nursing students,” she said, “and those involved in geriatrics, will have the opportunity to stay in the dormitory.”

“They will also be able to work in the center as part of their education.”

This will be the fourth such facility that Michal has developed.

“The fact that I didn’t know what I was doing was a blessing,” she said of her beginnings in the business. “I just treated it like it was my home.”

She said that the best thing about her facilities are that they have a homelike atmosphere.

“There will be cats, dogs, birds, plants, and children,” she said. “It is not a place for people to come and die, but a place to live.”

Michal said she is excited about coming to Goodland.

“Everyone has been so helpful,” she said. “The school board really did a lot to get things done. Tom Harrison (broker of HomeLand Realty) went to all the meetings I couldn’t go to, and covered for me many times.

“This community just really feels good to me.”

## Patrol dispatchers move to Salina

SALINA (AP) — The Kansas Highway Patrol is bringing all its dispatchers to Salina.

Dispatch centers currently are in Olathe, Topeka, Chanute, Wichita and Garden City. An office in Norton closed Saturday.

All will move into the Salina system by January, bringing more than 60 dispatchers to the city, said Lt. Jeff Weil, the patrol’s state communications director.

Salina already covers for many of those offices — 83 counties — on weekends and evenings, making the transition that much easier, Weil said.

The remaining patrol services out of the offices will remain unchanged, Weil said.

The patrol has been wanting to combine its dispatching forces for more than 10 years, Weil said. A new computer program and a higher quality radio system turned the idea into a reality.

“It’s a better use of resources,” Weil said. “Dispatchers were working by themselves, and if anything happened it would put a station out of service for the rest of the counties it covered. Every man was his own island.”

Dispatchers have been given extensive maps and cross-references with details such as local landmarks and streets with nicknames, Weil said. In addition, many troopers’ cars are being outfitted with global positioning systems, with which a computer program allows dispatchers to follow a trooper’s car on its exact route, allowign them to give better directions.