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Today Sunset, 7:41 p.m. Tomorrow • Sunrise, 6:02 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:40 p.m.

#### Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 78 degrees
- Humidity 58 percent
- Sky mostly sunny · Winds east at 10 mph
- Barometer 30.21 inches and falling
- Record High 105° (1983) • Record Low 47° (1944)

### Last 24 Hours\*

	92°
	62°
on	none
	on

Northwest Kansas Forecast Tonight: mostly cloudy, a chance

of scattered thunderstorms, low 60 to 65, south winds 5 to 15 mph. Wednesday: partly sunny, high near 85 to 90, northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

### **Extended Forecast**

Thursday through Saturday: dry, lows near 60 to 65, highs between 90 and 100. (National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.



Noon Wheat — \$2.23 bushel Posted county price — \$2.11 Loan deficiency payment — .34¢ Corn — \$1.67 bushel



worst recorded earthquake to hit western Turkey killed at least 1,100 people and injured thousands today, destroying buildings and cutting off power and ones ran into the street in panic; others water to millions living along the heavily populated Bosporus strait.

the prime minister's office had tallied 1,169 dead and 5,550 injured. The death toll, based on the number of bodies that have reached hospital morgues, overpasses collapsed in Istanbul, state was expected to rise.

Private NTV television said 160 sailors were reported dead in the collapse of two navy buildings in the town of lights used their bare hands to try to dig Golcuk. Authorities said at least 156 people were killed in Istanbul, where 3,721 were injured, the semi-official in the open. One elderly man was

The quake struck at 3 a.m. local time (7 p.m. Central Time on Monday), catching most people asleep. The lucky were crushed in the rubble.

Many fled their homes in night By late afternoon, the crisis center at clothes and without shoes. Later, they walked through the glass-strewn streets with cloth wrapped around their feet. Dozens of buildings and highway

television said. Many roads were severely damaged and unpassable. Residents working under car headpeople out of the rubble in the predawn hours, while the young and elderly slept

filmed by Turkish television reading people under the debris," he said. from the Koran, the Muslim holy book, in front of a truck.

Worst recorded quake hits Turkey

Tanks at a state oil refinery in Izmit caught fire, but officials later said the damage was minor.

Ali Pinar, an official from the Istanbul-based Kandilli observatory, said Izmit, also known as Kocaeli, is located on a quake-prone fault line.

State television reported that 500 people were killed in the city of Sakarya, 100 miles east of Istanbul.

At least 100 people besides the sailors were believed killed in Golcuk, 80 miles southeast of Istanbul. Mayor Ismail Baris said 500 buildings housing 20,000 families had collapsed.

"There could be as many as 10,000

With the city's resources exhausted,

it was mostly neighbors and relatives who fought to pull people from the wreckage.

The National Earthquake Information Center in Golden, Colo., said the quake had a magnitude of 7.8, making it nearly as powerful as the 7.9-magnitude San Francisco quake in 1906, which killed 700 people. The quake occurred at a relatively shallow six miles below the surface.

A shallow quake has the potential to be more devastating than a deeper one because there is less bedrock to absorb the force, said Bill Smith, a geophysicist at the center.

More than 250 aftershocks followed,

the Kandilli observatory said.

President Clinton today offered his thoughts and prayers to survivors.

We must stand with them and do whatever we can to help them to get through this terrible crisis," Clinton said.

U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson, who was in Istanbul for talks on Caspian Sea oil and gas pipeline projects, was unhurt, as was Gen. Henry Shelton, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, who was visiting Ankara

Richardson told reporters the United States had offered assistance and was waiting for Turkey to assess what it

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# **City moves** forward on \$2.1 million 'water park'

### By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News Goodland city commissioners gave the go-ahead for City Manager Ron Pickman to plan financing for a \$2.155 million "water park" Monday after hearing cost estimates from engineers.

The commission reached a consensus to move ahead on the park without a formal vote on the plan, by the engineering firm of Sullivan Palmer.

Details were similar to what was presented by Annette Fairbanks, chairman of a citizen committee working on the project, a month ago. Some items had been changed and others, such as special shade umbrellas, a water fountain and water toys, now have been listed as "alternatives."

Pickman said the city will ask civic organizations and residents to donate money for the alternatives, and with the cost of moving the existing ball field at Steever Park. He estimated that at around \$200,000, and this would include moving the lighting, new fencing and a sprinkler system for the entire Centennial Complex. When the Steever ballfield was built. the city agreed the area would always be an "outdoor recreation facility," Pickman said, and he has been told by state officials that the water park would qualify. Because federal funds were used in building the ball park, however, the city will have to have approval at that level to proceed, Pickman said. He added that here is no indication there will be any difficulty with this.



The final demolition project under the city's housing grant came down substandard houses and commercial buildings, the city is seeking a new Friday at the corner of 12th Street and Cherry. The house was one of eight grant specifically for demolitions. torn down under the grant. With renewed interest in clearing out some

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Daily News

**Comprehensive plan to take one year** commercial buildings. • Heard an update on the organizing farmland. In talking to the city attorney, Amy Griffey of the Northwest Kan-The Goodland Daily News efforts of Gene Tromble on the Noxious he said, the city does have a responsi-Weed Committee. He said while, he has bility to reduce the erosion. Pickman sas Planning and Development Com-In the next 12 months, the Goodland said a solution is to dig a ditch along the not been able to meet formally with the mission explained this was different county commissioners the had talked to north side of First Street to the east and than housing grants because it could also be used to demolish commercial each and had been assured of their supthen north to reach a natural drainage port. The first meeting of the commitarea, adding that he would be gathering buildings. tee will be at 6:30 a.m. Thursday at Building Inspector Jerry Nemechek cost information. said county commissioners had turned Ray's Cafe. Committee members so far • Set the date for the next regular meeting to 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 7, bedown a request to waive the landfill fees are Tromble, Pickman, Mull, Mayor The city commission approved a con-Chuck Lutters, gardening expert Dean cause of the Labor Day holiday. for disposal of the concrete and mate-Blume, real estate agent Terri •Held a public hearing to close out the rial from the demolished homes. housing grant program which has re-Richardson, and Darrel West, county Pickman said this would probably resulted in 55 homes being rehabilitated duce the number of projects which noxious weed department director. • Discussed a drainage problem the and eight being demolished. could be done by three based on the county fees.

Posted county price — \$1.68 Loan deficiency pmt. — .31¢ Milo — \$2.62 hundredweight Soybeans — \$3.98 bushel Posted county price — \$3.87 Loan deficiency payment - 1.02¢ Millet — \$4 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$6.85 cwt. Loan deficiency pmt. - \$2.62 Oil new crop — \$6.75 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. )



NASHVILLE, Tenn. - Former Gov. Lamar Alexander, complaining today's political campaigns are too much about image and not enough about issues, says he has run his last race.

Alexander, conceding Monday he could not raise money or overcome the star quality of George W. Bush, dropped out of the pack chasing the Texas governor for the Republican presidential nomination.

In a parting shot, he lamented candidates now must spend more time raising money and "holding media events" than talking to voters. "I think that's unfortunate," Alexander said.

"For the last 35 years, a shoeleather campaign in Iowa has made a big difference. My guess is, unless things change, it won't make as much difference," he said. His departure left eight candidates vying for the 2000 GOP nomination.

## By Tom Betz

city staff and planning commission with the help of Price T. Banks from Bucher, Willis and Ratliff of Kansas City, Mo., will be developing a comprehensive plan to carry the city into the next century.

tract at last night's regular meeting, and City Manager Ron Pickman said the \$30,000 has been set aside for the plan in this year's budget. Under Kansas law, the city is required to have a plan in place when seeking grants, Pickman said.

Banks told the commissioners the initial planning process will inventory what is currently in Goodland and gather some history. The second part will be to look at what are the unique aspects of Goodland, and then the process will examine what the city may look like over the next 20 years.

"From driving around, I can see that Goodland has good 'curb appeal," Banks said. "The city looks very clean and shows very well."

At the end of the process, the comprehensive plan will include some specific action steps and a map of direction for the future of the city, he said.

"Once the plan is published," Banks said, "it becomes the blueprint for the future, but it is really the beginning of the process. There needs to be an annual review, but it is possible the local staff and citizens on the planning commission can handle the annual update.'

Banks said Bucher, Willis and Ratliff is an old planning firm which has done a great deal of this type of community planning throughout the state of Kansas. He said some of the work will be done by the firm's Salina office as well as Kansas City.

City Commissioner Rick Billinger wondered if the city was really going to benefit from this, saying it seems very expensive.

Pickman said he was sure the city would benefit, especially in grant efforts over the next 10 to 20 years.

Commissioner Jim Mull made the motion to approve the contract and it was seconded by Commissioner Curtis Hurd. The motion passed unanimously. In other business the commissioners:

city has created along First Street from Caldwell to Eustis. Pickman said the landowners, Frank and Bill Easton, are worried about erosion being caused by water from city streets south of their

• Held a public hearing on a grant the city is asking for \$57,000 in state money to match \$50,000 from the city plus \$7,000 in-kind to continue the demolition process with at least 16 homes or

• Approved a resolution designating the Sherman County Star as the official city newspaper for the publication of legals for the next year.

One commissioner questioned the cost

'That's way more money than I want to spend," said Commissioner Rick Billinger. "I want to build something

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Corn harvest is approaching, and crops are looking good. The rain early the season, this year's crop should be a good one. this month came just in time, and other than some hail damage early in

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