

weather report

71° at noon



Today

- Sunset, 7:33 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 5:55 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:34 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 56 degrees
- Humidity 25 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds south 11 mph
- Barometer 30.26 inches and steady
- Record High 88° (1981)
- Record Low 24° (1956)

Last 24 Hours*

High	71°
Low	31°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear, low 40, south wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Sunny, high 80, low 40-45, northwest wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: dry, high 85. Saturday and Sunday: chance of afternoon and evening thunderstorms, high 80s, low 50.

(National Weather Service)

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local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.89 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.71
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$1.80 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.66
Loan deficiency payment — 33¢
Milo — \$2.85 hundredweight
Soybeans — \$3.68 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.46
Loan deficiency payment — \$1.26
Millet — \$6.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$6.50 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.14
Confection current — \$00/\$0 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$14 (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.

Rescue plane leaves pole

PUNTA ARENAS, Chile (AP) — A rescue team flew out of the South Pole today with an American doctor suffering from a gall bladder ailment, braving snow and freezing temperatures to begin a risky 10-hour return flight across Antarctica.

The eight-seat Twin Otter plane with skis for landing gear took off at 10:47 a.m. Mountain Time from Amundsen-Scott Pole Station, carrying Dr. Ronald Shemenski on a daring evacuation flight through the deep freeze at the bottom of the world.

“They will reach their point of safe return in six hours,” said Valerie Carroll of U.S.-based Raytheon Polar Services. The crew would then decide whether to complete the flight to Rothera base on the edge of Antarctica.

The crew of the plane braved extreme conditions.

New administrator to start Tuesday

Center shows loss in March

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Jay Jolly, Goodland Regional Medical Center’s new administrator, is expected to arrive in Goodland this weekend and begin his new job Tuesday.

The hospital’s board was working on final details of the contract at their regular meeting Monday night.

Board Chairman Doug Irvin said he has been in almost daily contact with Jolly, and that nearly all contract details have been worked out. The hospital board went into closed session to hold a conference call with Jolly.

Irvin said later that Jolly is excited about coming to Goodland. The new administrator plans to come this weekend with his wife and one daughter, and will most likely sign the contract then.

To introduce Jolly to staff, the hospital is planning a private cookout at 6 p.m., Thursday, May 10 at the Sherman County Fairgrounds. The board will be cooking and hospital employees, area

doctors and their families are invited to eat and meet the new administrator.

Jolly will replace Jim Chaddic, who was fired in November after the hospital had been in a financial hole for long period.

Goodland Medical Center showed a loss of \$31,506 for March, but in notes to the board Andy Laue, chief financial officer, said the expenses included a \$16,000 settlement with Chaddic.

The notes said the provision for bad debt is higher than budget because of a change in how the charges are being

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Board sees day care need

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland Regional Medical Center is looking for help to start a community day care center and has received a grant to help with start-up costs.

At Monday’s regular board meeting, several members expressed concern about having the hospital operate the proposed day care center, and

suggested an outside entity would be better suited to handle the operation.

Notes from Andy Laue, chief financial officer, given to the board because he was absent, said after looking at the figures he felt the day care center would take additional financial support to succeed.

He said he didn’t believe the hos-

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Pictured is the outside of the new student fitness center at the Northwest Kansas Technical College in Goodland. The college will hold an

open house on Sunday and open the center to students and staff on Tuesday.

Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

College will show off new building

Fitness center to open doors on Sunday

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

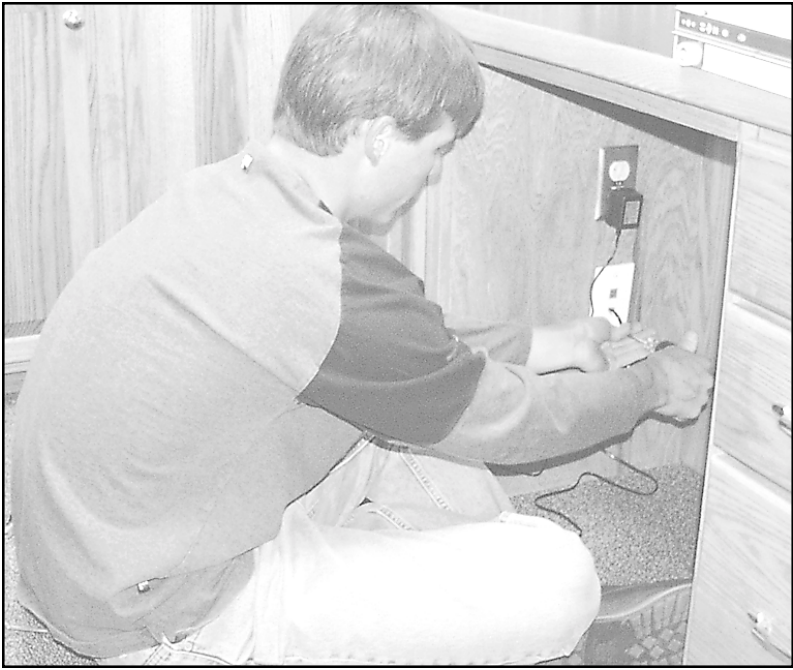
Northwest Kansas Technical College’s soon-to-open student fitness center has been named after Larry Keirns, the college’s soon-to-retire president, and will be open Sunday for public viewing.

A public open house will be held from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday at the Larry Keirns Fitness Center on East 15th Street in Goodland.

Keirns and a few members of the college staff will be on hand to show people around.

Ken Clouse, president of another technical college who will take Keirns’ job in July, will be in town Saturday, but Keirns said he didn’t know if Clouse would attend the grand opening.

“We hope the public will stop by



John Mull, a student in the communications network technology department, installed computer lines this morning in the college’s new fitness center.

Sunday and take a look,” Keirns said. “We’re quite proud of it.”

The fitness center is the newest ad-

dition to the campus, which has 24 buildings. The technical college’s 24-member area board voted at their

March meeting to name the center after Keirns, who will retire in June.

Board Chairman Mark Smith said the center was being named for Keirns in recognition of his 37 years of service to the college. Keirns took over as director shortly after the school — which became a college in March — opened in 1964.

The 13,000-square-foot center features regulation size basketball and volleyball courts, two racquetball or handball courts, a weight room, an aerobics area, a lounge, men’s and women’s restrooms with showers and lockers and a manager’s office. There are six video cameras to monitor the activities in all the areas.

Special features of the building include a brick portal with a 36-inch clock and glass-walled racquetball courts, which will allow spectators to watch.

Keirns said the fitness center will officially open to students and staff on Tuesday. The hours of operation have tentatively been set for 5:30 to 7 a.m. and 4 to 9 p.m. Monday through Fri-

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Disabled protest at capital

Legislators struggle with state budget

TOPEKA (AP) — Legislators reconvened today to tackle budget problems and found the Statehouse filled with disabled Kansans, their relatives and advocates seeking more money.

The House and Senate scheduled four days of work to wrap up their business for the year, though they could meet into next week. They must close a \$206 million gap between expected revenues and spending already approved for the state’s 2002 fiscal year, which begins July 1.

About 1,000 physically and developmentally disabled Kansans, as well as parents, other relatives, advocates and people who provide services rallied at the Kansas Judicial Center, across the street from the Statehouse.

They marched onto the grounds and formed a human chain around the building, many of them wearing red shirts.

Their biggest concern is relatively low pay for workers who bathe, help feed, run errands and provide other services for the disabled.

Advocates contend that the state must spend another \$24 million a year on services to the disabled so that groups providing services can make those wages competitive and prevent employee turnover.

Mae Morris, of Winfield, who works for Twin Rivers Developmental Services, said some of her co-workers make \$7 an hour.

“The less turnover, the better care is,” she said. “Seven dollars an hour is not a whole lot to live on.”

Reaction to the lobbying was mixed. Senate Ways and Means Chairman Steve Morris said finding more money is “impossible” because of the state’s financial problems.

As for the protest, “I don’t know that it helps anything because we know what their problems are.”

But House Appropriations Chairman Kenny Wilk, R-Lansing, said he will

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Cleaning a city



Goodland High School students Andrea Fenner (left) and Megan Leonard picked up trash Monday along Cattletrail between the railroad tracks and Short and Son Trucking. The girls belong to Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America, whose members have done this as a community service project for 10 years.

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