



The main pool of the new Steever Water Park in Goodland was being filled with water this morning. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Coupon books available for water park

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guards have been hired.

The park will be open from 1 to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1-5 p.m. Sunday. The main pool will be available for lap swimming for adults 18 and older from noon to 1 p.m. and 7 to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday.

The water park will have a corporate swim night from 6 to 9 p.m. on Sundays when companies can rent the pool for their employees. For information, businesses should contact the pool manager.

Red Cross swimming lessons will be

offered during the summer and Lawson should be contacted for information on the times and dates, Pickman said.

Fees for this summer are \$1 for kids 5 or under, \$2 for kids 6 to 12 and \$3 for those 13 and over. The adult lap swim fee is \$1 per time.

An adult in street clothes who is accompanying a child 5 or under in the toddler pool and is not intending to get in the water will not be charged. If someone leaves the water park after paying admission, they will have to pay a new admission to get back in, Pickman said.

Coupon books will be available, in-

stead of season passes, Pickman said, for better control of abuse. They are available now at the city office and at the water park after its opening.

The coupons can be carried over to the next year if not used up, he said.

"We priced the coupon books at what we believed to be a fair price," Pickman said, "and it actually worked out to be a better deal than the season passes."

One ticket is worth \$1. Coupons books are available with five, 25, 50, 75 and 100 tickets. Five tickets for \$5, 25 for \$20, 50 for \$35, 75 for \$50 and 100 for \$65.

## Two students to skip last semester

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business and go into management.

Melissa Pottorff said after she moved to Goodland her sophomore year, she decided to drop out of school and instead started attending the district's STEP Lab, a program designed to help dropouts earn diplomas.

Later, Pottorff said, she decided to return to normal classes because she wanted to attend prom. She said she held down two jobs while attending school, and managed to keep her grades up.

Pottorff said she plans to attend the

Art Institute of Colorado in Denver next year. She said she has been accepted to the art school and will start classes in January.

Both of the students' parents said they approved and Harvey Swager, high school principal, said it will be a good move for the girls.

The board also heard monthly reports from the district's five principals, who said they are preparing for the end of the school year, and approved signing a three year contract with the White Corp., which broadcasts a news station into the high school.

Swager said the news is developed by kids for kids and is a great way to keep students informed of what's going on in the world. He said the company donated televisions to the school when the district first signed up for the free service.

While the principal said a few teachers have said they would rather not have the service in their rooms, the board approved extending the contract.

The board put off discussing a lease-purchase agreement with Larry McCants, president of First National Bank in Goodland.

## Kansas-based miniature solar system being planned

HAYS (AP) — Trying to put the solar system into a perspective to help people better grasp its size, physicist Tim Folkerts is planning a scale model centered in Hays and extending east to Topeka.

The project is the brainchild of Tim Folkerts, an assistant professor of physics at Fort Hays State University. The dome of the university's Sternberg Museum of Natural History would be the sun, with a scale model of Pluto, the planet farthest from the sun, situated 177 miles away in Topeka.

The main object of Folkerts' Kansas Solar System is to give people a better idea of the scale of the universe and Earth's place in it. He says nothing conveys the relative smallness of the planets and the distances that separate them like a scale model.

The one he has in mind would be the largest in the country.

The idea came to Folkerts on his

daily trips from the Sternberg Museum to his home.

"Every evening I would be driving home, and I would see this dome and it reminded me of a big, setting sun," he said. "One evening it just struck me: I could use it as the center of the solar system model."

The plan calls for a full-color, three-dimensional scale model of each planet, most of the moons and some asteroids and comets as well. Signs explaining the features and sizes of the various heavenly bodies have already

started going up.

Most of them will be located within about a half-mile of Interstate 70, Folkerts said.

By using the Sternberg dome, at 220 feet, as the sun, Folkerts came up with a scale model sized down by a ratio of approximately 20 million to one.

Folkerts hopes to have the project complete by the summer of next year. He's not sure how much it will cost because he's still nailing down sites and coordinating who will build what.

## Court could say 'no' to drug

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Yvonne Westbrook recalls when getting relief from the symptoms of multiple sclerosis meant venturing into seedy parks to buy bags of marijuana from drug dealers.

So she worries that the U.S. Supreme Court's unanimous ruling Monday could mean a return of those days. "Now they've opened us up to the street and all the perils involved," she said.

The high court said there is no exception in federal anti-drug laws for patients to use marijuana to ease their pain from cancer, AIDS or other illnesses.

Westbrook is fearful the ruling could mean the end for the dozens of distribution clubs that sprang up after California passed Proposition 215, the state law allowing people to grow and possess medical marijuana.

"With the clubs you're able to go to a clean, safe, secure environment," she said. On the street, "you never know what you're going to get. You never know who's lurking behind the bush to jump you."

Voters in Arizona, Alaska, Colorado, Maine, Nevada, Oregon and Washington also have approved ballot initiatives allowing the use of medical marijuana. In Hawaii, the Legislature passed a similar law and the governor

signed it last year.

Patients like Westbrook could still use marijuana for medical reasons in states that allow it, legal experts said. But it would be more difficult to obtain because distribution violates federal law.

Writing for the court, Justice Clarence Thomas said the Controlled Substances Act of 1970 "reflects a determination that marijuana has no medical benefits worthy of an exception." The only exemption is for government-funded research projects that involve some 200 people.

In Washington, Attorney General John Ashcroft called the ruling a "victory for enforcement of our nation's drug laws."

California Attorney General Bill Lockyer said it would be reviewed for its effect on California law.

"This decision is not the end of the line by any means," said Robert Raich, an attorney who represented the Oakland Cannabis Buyers' Cooperative, one of six marijuana distributors challenged by the federal government.

Raich said the issue of medical necessity was just one of several legal arguments they are ready to make in the future in favor of cannabis distribution clubs.

"We feel we have many other defenses left," said Jeff Jones, executive director of the club. The club was pro-

hibited from distributing pot but has remained open to issue identification cards to verified medical marijuana patients.

Mendocino County District Attorney Norm Vroman said the ruling would not change the way his office prosecutes drug crimes. In Mendocino, people are permitted up to six mature plants and 2 pounds of dry marijuana.

"If the feds want to prosecute these people they can," he said. "In California, the law has not changed one iota."

Joel Karlin, a spokesman for Coloradoans Against Legalizing Marijuana, cheered the court decision, saying the narcotic in marijuana is already available in a tablet and will soon be available in a patch.

Karlin added that people who obtain marijuana illegally run the risk of impurities, dosage regulation and adverse effects from smoking it. "It's right that the Supreme Court ruled the way it did. I don't think there is any good need for it."

But Westbrook, 48, who lives in an east San Francisco Bay suburb, says she uses marijuana for pain relief and to control the spasticity that is part of her disease.

"It's not about getting high. I'm too old for that. What it does is provide me with the necessary relief I need in order to live a functional life," she said.

## High school seniors earn piano awards

Each year the family of Margaret Martin, a long-time piano teacher here, gives an award to a graduating senior at Goodland High School who has achieved distinction as a pianist.

The Goodland Federated Music Club evaluates nominations and recommends to Martin's family which senior should receive the award.

This year the award is shared by Erinn Hardy, daughter of David and Pam Hardy of Goodland, and Jill Sowers, daughter of Rue and Marilyn Sowers of Goodland. Both piano students of GERALYN PARKER of Goodland.

The award was presented during the Junior-Senior Recital, which was hosted by the music club on May 6 at the Goodland United Methodist Church. Both young women performed.

Hardy has accompanied choirs, classes, solos and concerts for four years. She participated in the regional contest for four years and the state con-



Erinn Hardy



Jill Sowers

test for one. She played for her church for four years.

She participated with honors for three years in the Northwest Kansas Piano Clinic; four years in piano studio recitals; four years in the Kansas Music Teacher's League Music Progressions Auditions, achieving level 10; and four years in the Northwest Kansas Piano Teacher's League Multi-KeyBoard Recital.

Sowers accompanied solos for a

year at the school and participated in regional contest for four years and state contest for two.

She played for her church for four years and played solos for the Family, Careers and Community Leaders of America senior citizens' dinner for three.

She participated for four years in the Northwest Kansas Piano Clinic with honors for one; four years in piano studio recitals; four years in the Kansas Music Teacher's League Music Progressions Auditions, achieving level 10; and four years in the Northwest Kansas Piano Teacher's League Multi-KeyBoard Recital.

Others Goodland students who performed at the recital were Mandi Bellamy, trumpet; Bart McCoy, vocal; Laura Miles, vocal; Darin Richardson, vocal; Andra Townsend, vocal; Emily Langness, piano; and Brad Larson, piano.

## Delinquent tax sale to be held in September

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eras. The commissioner meetings may be moved upstairs to the jury room while the project is underway.

Dean said he can do about 19 books a day, and that it will take at least two weeks to do the 212 books in the register of deeds office, and that does not include all the records in the clerk, treasurer or appraiser's offices which are included in the project.

It was felt the main floor location

would be the best so the books and equipment don't have to be hauled upstairs.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby talked to the commissioners about the timing and plans for a delinquent tax sale to be held in September.

She said there are between 120 and 170 parcels which could be included in the sale, and that the list will be established at the end of June. The list will be published for three times in August before the sale, she said.

The delinquent tax sale was in 1993, Rumpel said.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked for a short closed session dealing with a personnel matter. No action was taken after the commissioners returned to open session.

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 a.m. The next regular meeting will be 8 a.m. on Thursday, May 31 in the commission room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, Eighth and Broadway.

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- '90 Lincoln Continental. 4 puertas, 147,000 milas, blanco
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- '93 Ford Ranger Ext. Cab ..... 92,000 milas, 5 spd.
- '92 Ford Aerostar ..... 150,000 milas, cafe
- '90 Ford Ranger Ext. Cab ..... 100,000 milas, negro
- '89 Ford Reg. Cab 4x4. 106,000 milas, cafe, para trabajo
- '97 Ford Taurus Wagon ..... 59k, green
- '96 Ford Taurus Wagon ..... 79,000 milas, blanco
- '93 Dodge Dakota Ext. Cab ..... V-6, 5 spd., 107k, rojo
- '92 Dodge Dakota Ext. Cab... V-8, auto., 182,000 mi., azul/gris
- '83 Dodge 150 4x4 Reg. Cab... 5 spd., 318 V-8, 187k, azul/gris
- '94 Dodge Grand Caravan AWD ..... 176,000 milas, blanco
- '94 Dodge Grand Caravan ..... 118,000 milas, azul
- '94 Dodge Grand Caravan Sport ..... 83,000 milas, maroon
- '89 Dodge Dynasty ..... 4 puertas, 179 milas, cafe, bueno
- '84 Dodge Diplomat ..... 4 puertas, 75,000 milas, cafe
- '93 Chevy Suburban 4x4 ... 145,000 milas, maroon, tiene todo
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