

weather  
report

76°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:20 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:11 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 60 degrees  
• Humidity 57 percent  
• Sky sunny  
• Winds southwest 13 mph  
• Barometer 30.03 inches  
and falling  
• Record High 100° (1969)  
• Record Low 36° (1998)

Last 24 Hours\*

High 75°  
Low 46°  
Precipitation 0.02 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, low 55-60,  
east wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow:  
Partly sunny, 20 percent chance of  
thunderstorms, high mid 80s, low  
upper 50s, east wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday and Saturday: chance of  
thunderstorms, high near 90, low 55-  
60. Sunday: dry, high 85-90, low 60s.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Current wheat — \$2.72 bushel  
New wheat — \$2.72 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.66  
Corn — \$1.84 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.69  
Loan deficiency payment — 30¢  
Milo — \$2.97 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.11 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.93  
Loan deficiency payment — 99¢  
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$7.15 cwt.  
Oil new crop — \$6.15 cwt.  
Loan deficiency prmt. — \$2.84  
Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$14 (new crop)  
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigo  
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.

Dems take  
Senate reins

WASHINGTON — In a historic  
midsession change of command,  
the Senate convened today under  
Democratic control as new Major-  
ity Leader Tom Daschle called for  
bipartisanship. He said, though, he  
would also use his party's new  
muscle to stop President Bush on  
areas where they disagree.

"We need to prove to the Ameri-  
can people we can overcome the  
lines that too often divide us,"  
Daschle said in his first speech as  
majority leader. "We need to prove  
we can do the work the American  
people have sent us to do."

Democrats took over a Senate  
they last led in 1994. With Republi-  
cans still controlling the House and  
White House, the transition gives  
Democrats their only opportunity  
for setting Congress' agenda and  
has made the 53-year-old Daschle  
the government's most powerful  
Democrat.

# Judge refuses to stay McVeigh's execution

DENVER (AP) — The judge in the Oklahoma City bombing case refused today to delay the execution of Timothy McVeigh, saying newly released documents do not change the fact that he is guilty.

U.S. District Richard Matsch issued the ruling even though he had commented to lawyers that he found it "shocking" that documents had been withheld in the case until last month. He said the findings of the jury still stood.

"As the 12 jurors believe it (the ver-

dict) is justified under all circumstances and executed their moral judgment as a conscience of the community, whatever may in time be discovered about the possible involvement of others does not change the fact that Timothy McVeigh was the instrument of death and destruction," Matsch said.

The execution is scheduled for Monday. Attorneys for McVeigh, 33, said they would appeal Matsch's ruling to the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals.

"We are extremely disappointed in

the court's ruling today," McVeigh attorney Rob Nigh told reporters.

But Attorney General John Ashcroft, who had fought to keep the execution from being postponed a second time, said, "The ruling of the court in Denver today is a ruling for justice."

In his ruling, Matsch said that whatever role others may have played, "it is clear Timothy McVeigh committed murder and mayhem as charged."

He said McVeigh was at war against the United States government, "but the

United States government is not some abstraction, not some alien force. It is the American people, people in the Murrah Building who were there in service to their fellow American people."

In Oklahoma City, Martha Ridley, whose daughter Kathy died in the bombing, said she had expected the judge to deny the request.

"He is a very fair man," she said. "And Mr. McVeigh is an admitted and printed and convicted murderer. I just

want to get this thing over with and be done with it. It's time for him to go."

Matsch's ruling came after the defense told him documents revealed last month could have helped McVeigh and the prosecution urged that the execution go on as planned.

At the hearing Nigh contended federal officials knew six months ago there were documents being withheld but failed to begin turning them over until six days before McVeigh's original execution date, May 16.

## Mammography unit being tested

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland Regional Medical Center is testing a new mammography unit, Administrator Jay Jolly told the hospital board Monday night.

He said the certification testing should be completed and the unit in use later in June. The new machine was ordered when the old one failed a certification test, and the hospital has been using a mobile service over the past month to handle the mammograms, X-rays done to check for breast cancer.

The board went into closed session to consider personnel matters and items required to be reviewed in confidence.

Following the closed door session, the board approved a new disability insurance plan for volunteer emergency medical technicians.

"There has been a question about coverage while they are on an ambulance run," Jolly said. "and working with Gardener and White Insurance Co., they had Signa put together a special plan. It is for total disability and a 26-week benefit."

"It is a unique plan for the EMTs, and as far as we know Kansas is the only place where it is currently available. We are trying to provide security for our workers."

In another move to help the volunteers, the hospital board approved an increase in the per run pay for local

ambulance runs from \$11 to \$15, and for long distance trips, to Denver from \$60 to \$90; to Hays from \$60 to \$80; and Colby from \$30 to \$40.

"This brings us up to what other area services are paying," Jolly said. "It recognizes the fact that an ambulance crew that goes to Denver or Hays will be gone for a significant number of hours, and we hope it will encourage the volunteers to continue to provide their valuable service to our hospital."

Roger Johnson of Wendling, Noe, Nelson and Johnson, from Topeka, presented the audit report for 2000, and gave a "clean" opinion for all the accounting.

Jolly said he has not had time to study the audit, but believes the hospital is moving ahead.

"It was a loss year, and that is not desirable," he said. "We are seeing a slowdown in payment from private insurance companies, which is causing an increase in our accounts receivable."

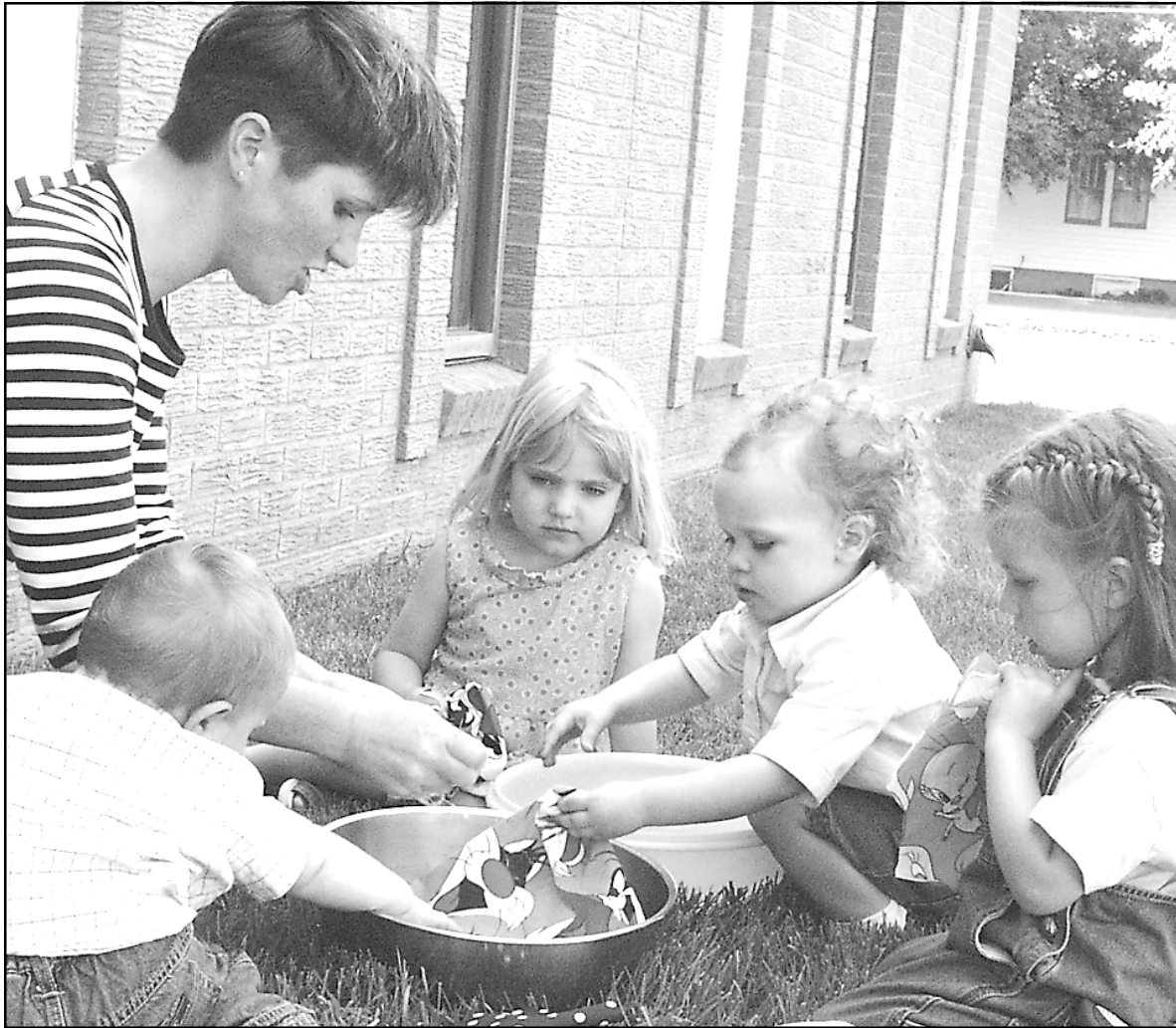
Looking at the figures for 2000, Jolly said he feels the worst may be over, and believes the hospital is doing much better.

In his cover letter, Johnson discussed financial aspects of the hospital being classified as a critical access hospital under federal regulations.

Of the three factors considered, he

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## Learning by doing...



Youngsters received instruction on how to do laundry during the "Born to Read" program Tuesday at the Goodland Public Library. Gen Gibson (left) showed the kids how to wash clothes after singing "Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush" to them. Braelyn Hoelting, 2, (second from right) washed a shirt in a bowl of soapy water and Darian Gibson, 3, (right) and Amber Chaffman, 3, (center) watched, while Gage Gibson, 17 months, played in the water.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Dumpsters for trash, yard waste jammed with junk

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

City workers just shake their heads at some of the stuff they find in trash and yard waste dumpsters.

One day this week, it was a big roll of old carpet. Other days there have been couches, chairs, tables, car windshields, fencing, manure, wood, shingles and sheet rock. Even dead animals.

And maybe the champion of champion, one time last year, a whole engine block.

It's no joke to the city, though.

The county requires city workers to separate trash properly before dumping it at the transfer station. Household waste in one pile. Yard waste in another. Metal, appliances, tires, furniture, construction debris, each in its own pile.

And the yard waste is supposed to be composted so gardeners can recycle it, but lately it has so much trash in it that

most people won't use it.

It's expensive for the city to get this stuff out of the trash, and it can be expensive for anyone who dumps the wrong stuff, too.

Cindy Crutcher, solid waste scheduling coordinator, said a city ordinance says people can be fined up to \$1,000 for putting the wrong trash in city dumpsters, which is a misdemeanor.

The green solid dumpsters, she said, are for household trash, such as cardboard, plastic, cans and bottles. Yellow yard waste dumpsters are for grass clippings, leaves, garden waste and weeds only.



City workers pulled junk out of a yard waste dumpster this morning near Grant Junior High. Travis Gillihan (in dumpster) handed branches to Robert Reed (second from right), while Harvey Larm watched. Larm

put in the trash dumpsters because of the weight.

When dumpsters are overloaded, she said, city employees have to take time out from other jobs to clean out the dumpsters, she said. A lot of times, they have to use a tractor to pick up the dumpster and carry it back to the city shop to clean it out. It just depends, she said, on how heavy the items are.

The city has to separate the trash before the landfill will accept it because yard waste goes into a different pit than household trash.

Crutcher said the city will pick up most things which can't be put in the

dumpsters, except for hazardous materials like poison, motor oil, chemicals, paint thinners, rags soaked in flammable liquids or pesticides. She said large items can be left in the alley by the dumpsters or put by the curb.

The first Tuesday and Wednesday of each month, the city will pick up appliances, like refrigerators, freezers and ovens, and metal; the second week, it's tree branches; the third week, it's unfinished wood; and the fourth week, it's furniture and tires.

Crutcher said the city doesn't charge

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handed a wooden pallet to Reed (above right) to be put on the back of a city truck. The pallet was taken out of a trash truck this morning after being put in a solid waste dumpster. Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News