

**weather report**

63°  
at noon



**Today**

- Sunset, 5:30 p.m.
- Tomorrow**
- Sunrise, 6:28 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:31 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 39 degrees
- Humidity 15 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds northwest 9 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.08 inches and falling
- Record High 77° (1982)
- Record Low -2° (1939)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High	53°
Low	23°
Precipitation	none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: partly cloudy, low lower 30s, winds southwest 10-15 m.p.h.  
Tomorrow: partly sunny breezy and warmer, record high temperature, high upper 70s, low near 30, winds 15-25 gusting to 35 m.p.h.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: partly sunny and colder, high mid 40s, low upper 10s. Monday: partly cloudy with chance of snow, high mid 20s, low 5-10.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.67 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.56
  - Corn — \$1.91 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.84
  - Loan deficiency payment — 15¢
  - Milo — \$1.63 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$3.83 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.81
  - Loan deficiency payment — \$1.11
  - Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$9.45 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 33¢
  - Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.
  - Pinto beans — \$26
- (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.

**U.S. reporter's death confirmed**

NEW YORK — A month after he was taken hostage in Pakistan, Wall Street Journal reporter Daniel Pearl has been confirmed dead — murdered by his Islamic extremist captors, Pakistani authorities say, the crime captured on videotape.  
The State Department confirmed Pearl's death, saying the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan received evidence of the murder on Thursday. Sources close to the investigation who had seen the tape said it showed Pearl dead, his throat cut.  
The announcement crushed the hopes of Pearl's colleagues and his pregnant wife, who had pleaded for the reporter's safe return ever since he was abducted in the Pakistani port city of Karachi on Jan. 23. The Journal said its staff was "heartbroken," and Pearl's parents and two sisters said they were "shocked and saddened" by the news.



Chelsie Gausman gave a try at spelling "geranium" at the district spelling bee Wednesday at Goodland High School.  
Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

## Corey Yarbrough wins district bee

By Doug Stephens  
The Goodland Daily News

Corey Yarbrough walked away the winner of the district spelling bee Wednesday at Goodland High School by correctly spelling "sombbrero" and "habitual."

Ten students from Grant Junior High and Central and North Elementary school competed to be Goodland's representative at the State Spelling Bee on April 6 in Topeka.

Central was represented by Chance Davis and Elaine Reiter, fourth graders; North sent Brad Geist, Cameron Morris and Chelsie Gausman, fifth graders and Aaron Deeds, a sixth grader, and Grant Junior High sent Chelsea Gray, Emily Boster, Brandon Zelfer and Yarbrough, all eighth graders.

Dick Liess, vice-principal and activities director at the high school, Marvin Selby, school district superintendent, and Karen Gillihan, librarian at the Goodland Public Library, served as judges, and Jim Mull, principal at Grant, acted as emcee. Mull said all three judges had served many times.

Shelly Angelos, co-owner of McDonald's here, volunteered to be announcer. It was her first year, Mull said, but she has a long history in education and had been a middle school principal in Utah.

In the practice round, Angelos didn't know students are no longer required to pronounce the word before and after they spell it, and later jumped the gun and told a student the spelling was correct before he was finished spelling it. "It's good we're having a practice round," she said. The pronouncer wasn't the only nervous one. Several knees were shaking and hands were clasped. Reiter got up to the microphone and misspelled "shoe."

With the practice round out of the way, and nerves hopefully calmed, the competition started. "Wish them luck, but remember, they are all already winners," Mull said.

All ten students got through the first two rounds. In the third, Zelfer slipped up on fortress (f-o-r-t-r-i-s). In the fourth, four students fell.

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## Coaches have opportunity to build character

By Doug Stephens  
The Goodland Daily News

Dr. Allen Bohl, the newest athletic director at the University of Kansas, opened with a joke when he spoke during a luncheon Thursday at the Sugar Hills Country Club.

"It actually took me longer to drive here than I thought it would. Along the way I saw signs with these purple things," Bohl said, referring to the colors of Kansas State University. "It wasn't too bad. With a chain saw it only took me a minute, zip, zip, they were gone."

After joking with his audience, and holding a sports trivia contest, Bohl went to great lengths to stress his school is more than just sports.

"It is always a pleasure to talk about athletics," he said, "but we also care about academics, character and competition."

Bohl said over 50 percent of student-athletes have a grade-point average of 3 or better. "I'm not saying one football player got a 'B' on a test," he said, "I'm talking about 50 percent of over 500

students."  
He talked about how college sports can build character.

"Wouldn't you like your sons and daughters to learn about self-discipline, teamwork, morals and strength of character?" he asked.

"These coaches have an opportunity to help someone's character get stronger," he said. "When you have to get up early to get to class, to get to practice, it takes self-discipline."

Teamwork today is more important than ever, he said, when we think about how the country came together after the Sept. 11 attacks.

"What better place to practice teamwork than on a sports team?" he said. "Very few quarterbacks throw touchdown passes to themselves."

Competition is important in life, he said. "We are in the Big 12, as tough a conference there is in collegiate sports," he said. "I tell my coaches their attitude will be that they are in the Top 25, or they will be."

"I'd like to talk about every sport we have," Bohl said. "Every sport we have,

men's, women's, they're all important, but since time is limited, I'll talk about the two big ones, football and basketball."

Football is important because it can help fund other programs, he said. If the school had Nebraska football funding, the school wouldn't have had to cut the men's swimming program.

"We've had six losing seasons, he said. "It's not good. I'm not used to that. "Our new coach, Mark Mangino, understands winning," Bohl said. "Football will get good at Kansas."

Bohl said the first step to rebuilding the football program was hiring Mangino. The second was when Mangino hired his assistants. The third step, he said, is recruiting.

"If you look at our recruiting, where we were, caliber of who we've been, you'd be impressed," Bohl said.

"Of course," he said, "I know that everything I've said means nothing if we don't produce in the fall."

Bohl tried to convince those at the

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Dr. Allen Bohl talked with Dick Liess Thursday at Sugar Hills Country Club.  
Photo by Doug Stephens/The Goodland Daily News

## City approves repairing water well, closing two

By Doug Stephens  
The Goodland Daily News

The city commissioners met Tuesday and unanimously approved fixing one water well and closing down two more.

They approved repairs to well no. 7, and the closing of wells no. 2 and 4.

Well no. 7 has broken casing and it not holding as much water as it should said Ron Pickman, city manager. It has been holding 350 gallons, and it is estimated it could hold 450 if it is fixed. B's Pump and Well of Goodland gave the lowest proposal to fix it, \$28,885. The price includes relining the well,

acidizing the gravel and sand in it, and buying a new gravel pack and 6-inch submersible pump. The pump by itself costs \$15,000.

Pickman said they had the option of drilling a new well, but it would cost \$105,000. If repairing the well doesn't work, and they have to drill one, Pickman said, they would already have the new pump. He said the funding will come out of the water reserve fund. The price quote isn't firm, because it is based on an hourly rate, Pickman said.

The state is requiring the city to close well no. 2 at Gulick Park and no. 4 at

Memory Park, Pickman said. He said he checked with three companies and B's Pump and Well had the best price, \$1,400-\$1,600, but again, the quote isn't firm.

In other business the commission:  
• Rescheduled the date for the utility review workshop for 8 a.m. Tuesday. They will discuss the trash issues and other utility matters. Pickman said it will probably last at least four hours.

• Appointed Marsha Schilling to the Recreation Board for a three year term. Sherman County recommended Schilling to the city commissioners. The county makes recommendations for the

two board seats for non-Goodland residents, and the city decides whether or not to approve, Pickman said.

• Designated public funds to be kept at Bankwest, and investment of funds kept at Bankwest, Western State Bank and First National Bank. There was no discussion, and the resolution was typed and ready to be signed before the meeting. Pickman said it was really just a formality required by the state, and the commissioners had approved the same set-up as last year.

• Vacated a utility easement at 211 North Main. The easement was supposed to be 10 feet into the property, but

the first legal description of the easement included the entire property. There was a second legal description which correctly stated 10 feet, and the council need to vacate the first.

• Granted \$2,000 to the arts council, down from \$5,000 last year.

• Pickman reported he had received a letter from federal government which said the railroad crossing at Cattletrail and 17th Street will be repaired with federal funds. There will be no cost to the city except putting up advanced warning signs and pavement markers.

• Approved requesting reimbursement from the Kansas Department of Transportation for the brick intersection project.

• Went into closed session to discuss a wage inquiry of a non-elected employee. The commission did not put anything to a vote.

## County approves health insurance changes

By Tom Betz  
The Goodland Daily News

Looking at the options and the money available to pay employee health insurance the Sherman County Commissioners agreed to changes which will keep the total cost below \$500,000.

The commissioners were told at the Feb. 12 meeting keeping the current plan through Blue Cross and Blue Shield would raise the cost to \$544,000. Charles Krull, area representative, suggested several changes which would cut the cost to \$491,290. He suggested raising the stop loss level to \$15,000 (currently at \$10,000); raising the shared pay to \$1,500 for a single person and \$3,000 for a family (currently \$750 and \$1,500); and raising the prescription card to \$10 for generic drugs and \$20 for name brand (currently \$5 and \$10).

The commissioners asked for an option that would only raise the stop loss, but the difference was not enough to bring the cost in line with available funds.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure said he did not like having to raise the costs to the employees, but the insurance plan remains one of the best available anywhere. He then made a motion to accept the proposed changes.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede agreed that he did not like changing the cost to the employees, but did not see a better option. He seconded the motion.

The motion passes 3-0 with Commissioner Chuck Frankenfeld voting in favor.

Steve Evert, of the ambulance service, was present to see if the commissioners had any questions about the request to purchase the 1999 box-type ambulance.

The commissioners said the price had been dropped to \$65,000, but wondered if the hospital board was able to help with the cost.

"Where does the money come from?" asked Tiede. "I believe there is definitely a need for the ambulance."

"We are inclined to help," said Rasure, "but we want to know if the hospital board can help."

"The money has always come out of the health care fund," Frankenfeld said. "Since it is under the direction of the hospital we would like to know what they are able to do towards the purchase."

Evert said he would do some finding out and that the next hospital board meeting which is Monday.

Bob Handle and Ruth Nichols, of Kanorado, appeared to ask about the status of the ambulance being housed in Kanorado. Handle said there is concern the ambulance is not being used because there are not enough emergency medical technicians or first responders in the Kanorado area to operate it.

"I have timed two recent requests for an ambulance and it took 50 minutes for one to come from Goodland," Handle said. "I think that saving a life is important and having the ambulance in Kanorado makes no sense if it cannot be used."

He said he was interested in getting the training to be an emergency medical technician or a first responder, but

the other people in Kanorado he has talked to do not want to spend the money out of their pocket to get the training.

Commissioner Frankenfeld suggested Handle contact Jeff Krall or Karen Hooker at the hospital. He said there has been a program where the county has assisted in paying for this training in the past and the hospital should have a copy of the contract.

William McKnight talked to the commissioners about having Dean Graber spray weeds at the fairgrounds. Commissioner Tiede said he had talked to Daryl West about spraying part of the area, and he had said he could spray the east half. The commissioners told McKnight to go back to Graber and get a bid for doing the west half only.

The commissioners agreed to allow McKnight to have Grass Roots power rake the courthouse lawn.

Sherryl Ketter asked the commissioners for permission to have SHARE registration at the county health office,

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## Ambulance, insurance cost face hospital

The board of the Goodland Regional Medical Center will be talking about buying a new ambulance and the hospital's liability insurance package at their regular meeting at 6:30 p.m. Monday.

The board will review the hospital's finances from January, and there will be new appointments to the medical staff.

The board will talk about a personnel training request and physician recruitment in an executive session.