

## weather report



**69°**  
noon  
Thursday

### Today

• Sunset, 8:01 p.m.  
**Saturday**  
• Sunrise, 5:26 a.m.  
• Sunset, 8:02 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 67 degrees  
• Humidity 73 percent  
• Sky cloudy  
• Winds east 26-40 mph  
• Barometer 29.37 inches and falling

• Record High today 96° (2000)  
• Record Low today 36° (1930)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday 85°  
Low Wednesday 50°  
Precipitation none  
This month 0.52  
Year to date 2.56  
Below normal 3.28 inches

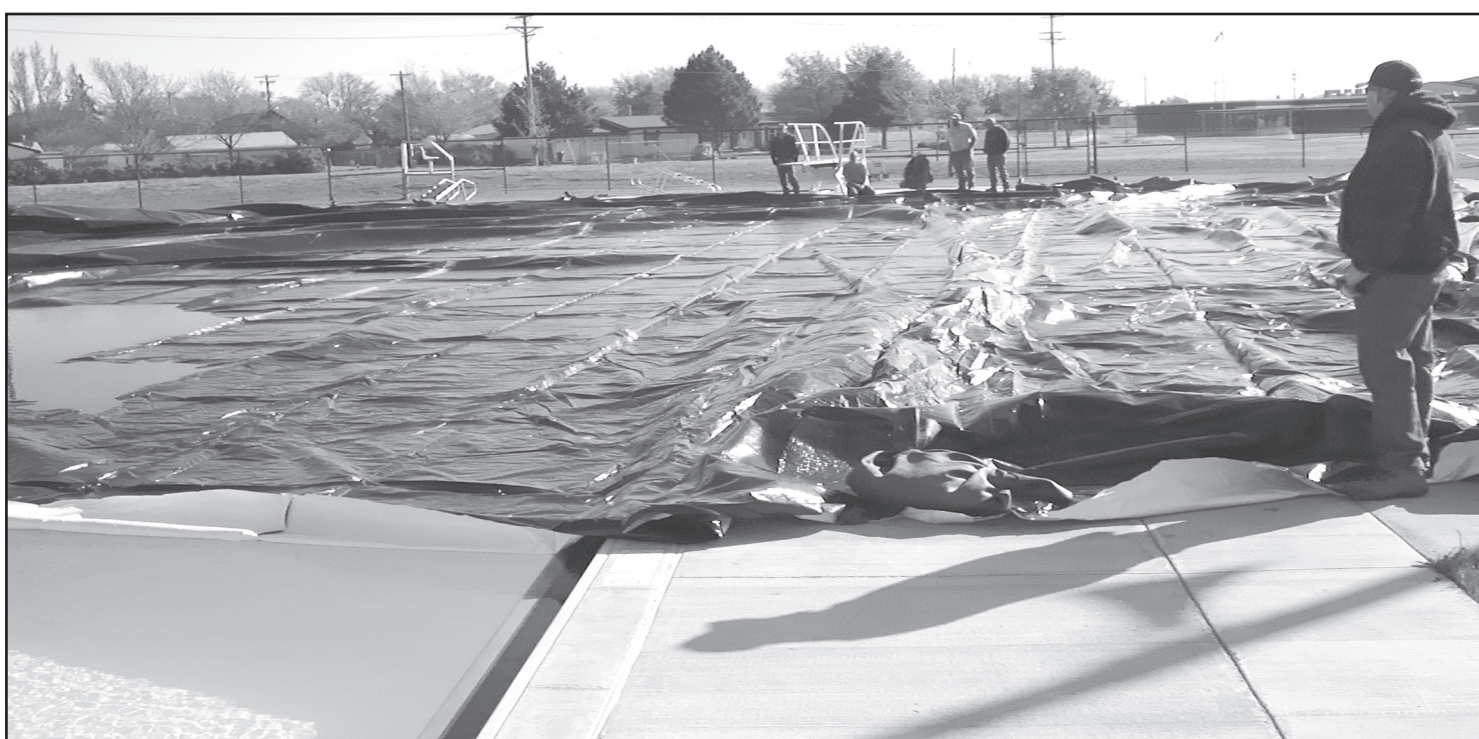
### The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon, a high near 82, winds out of south 20 to 30 mph and a low around 54.  
Saturday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 86, winds out of south 15 to 30 mph and a low around 55.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday and Monday: 20 percent chance of showers, highs near 86 and low around 55.  
(National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings take at 7 a.m.

## Heating up for summer



City workers worked for about two hours to spread a tarp over the water. The tarp was pulled back off on Wednesday, and the Steever Water Park after the pool was filled last week to help warm Water Park will open at 1 p.m. on Monday, Memorial Day.  
Photo by City Manager Wayne Hill

## College hands out diplomas

The Northwest Kansas Technical College will have its graduation ceremonies at 1:30 p.m. today at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

There will be 87 Associates of Applied Science degrees and 43 technical certificates given out.

The more than 130 students are in 15 education programs.

James R. Grier III will be the speaker. He is a member of the Kansas Board of Regents Post Secondary Technical Education Authority and is the chairman and chief executive officer of Martin K. Eby Construction Co., Inc. of Wichita.

The Technical College Student of the Year will be announced. Fifteen students have been nominated for this honor.

## City gives owners 90 days to clean up

By Tom Betz

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The city commission Monday held hearings on two fire damaged homes and in each case allowed the homeowner 90 days to begin repairs or demolish and remove the homes.

City Building Inspector Steve Criswell said he had notified the owners of the homes at 1310 College Ave. and 1606 Texas Ave., and said in both cases the houses had been fire damaged.

Erika Perez Soto, co-owner of the house at 1310 College Ave., said her family was cleaning up the property, and wanted more time to fix it up.

City Manager Wayne Hill, who lives across the alley, said he had seen a trailer in the yard and that some of the debris had been removed.

Soto said she and her family have been working on the property for the past three weeks.

Josh Dechant, vice-mayor who was handling

the meeting, asked Soto what her plans were.

She said the plan is to repair the home, but they will need more time.

Commissioner John Garcia asked if Soto was going to clean up the property.

She said they want to remodel the house and make it livable.

Hill asked if after the fire the house is structurally sound.

Soto said she did not know, but that her family wanted to rebuild the home.

Criswell said with the fire damage the house would have to be rewired, have new plumbing and have a new roof over the burned area.

He said the father came in and pulled a remodel permit last fall, but then said he did not think it was worth doing and said it should be changed to a demolish permit.

Garcia said Soto needed to determine if they are going to remodel or demolish.

She said she had found someone who said they could fix the house.

"How soon can you start," Garcia asked.

She said the people will start working in the next few weeks, and will be gutting the house.

Dechant asked Criswell if Soto would need a new permit.

Criswell said he would honor the existing permit, but said the person who is to do the work has to be a family member or has to be licensed.

Soto said it was her brother-in-law who would do the work, and Criswell said he considered that to be family.

Garcia said the city would need to see that the remodeling is going to be started soon.

City Commissioner Annette Fairbanks said the commission needs to establish a time limit to get something started.

Criswell said the commission would set that time in a resolution.

Dechant said he thought the city should stick with the 90 days they set on the previ-

ous houses.

"I think that would be fair," he said.

Garcia asked Soto if she would be able to show some progress in the 90 days.

She said they should be able to do that.

On the second home at 1606 Texas Ave., Criswell said the owner Marilyn I. Bohl, had sold the manufactured home to Alex West to have it hauled out of town.

"West came in and pulled a permit to pull the home out of the city limits," Criswell said. "He said it should be gone within a couple of weeks."

Criswell asked the commission to give Bohl 90 days to get the property cleaned up because there is a wood frame garage and a carport that has fallen down.

"I do not know who is responsible for the carport and garage," he said.

The commissioners agreed to the 90 days, and Criswell said he would have the resolutions ready for the next meeting on Monday, June 2.

## local markets



### Noon

Wheat — \$7.43 bushel  
Posted county price — \$7.51  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c  
Corn — \$5.52 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.54  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c  
Milo — \$5.11 bushel  
Soybeans — \$11.83 bushel  
Posted county price — \$12.41  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c  
Millet — \$7 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$17.90 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c  
Confection — \$30/\$20 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)  
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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## Cowboy sets discus record

Senior T.J. Hawkins threw the discus 169 feet, 4.5 inches, at the regional track tournament in Colby last Friday, breaking a Goodland High School record and qualifying for state competition starting today. See photo, story on Page 11.



## Saluting Vietnam Vets ride to D.C.

Day five of the 20th annual Run for the Wall on Sunday morning found about 30 people from Goodland (above), gathered on the Caldwell Avenue overpass south of town, to wave hands and flags as more than 200 motorcycles rolled east on I-70.

The ride starts in California, and two routes travel across the southern and central parts of the country honoring Vietnam veterans, soldiers missing in action and prisoners of war.

Members of the ride this year spent Saturday night in Burlington before heading east at 8 a.m. on Sunday.

The run will end on Memorial Day in Washington with the Rolling Thunder ride to the Vietnam Memorial, known as "the Wall."

Photos by Pat Schiefen  
The Goodland Star-News



## Memorial programs begin with placing flags

The American Legion plans to place flags on the graves of veterans at the Goodland Cemetery starting at 5:30 a.m. on Monday, Memorial Day.

Post Commander Mary Lycett said the cemetery will open at 5 a.m. and volunteers will start placing flags about 30 minutes later. She said it usually takes about an hour. Anyone who would like to help can meet at the cemetery at 5:30. At 4 p.m. the flags will be retrieved.

About 700 flags are placed at gravesides for this event and groups and individuals are invited to help with the effort, said Lycett. The flags are to honor our fallen veterans.

The Goodland Veteran of Foreign Wars and its Auxiliary, along with the American Legion, plan Memorial Day services at the cemetery starting at 10 a.m.

The services will begin with posting of the colors by the VFW Color Guard, accompanied by a rifle squad from the Kansas Army National Guard. Rev. Chet Ross, retired air force chaplain, will speak.

Music for the day will be done by Danny, Dani and Devin Mangus. With Devin Mangus and Michael Mangus playing taps in Goodland and Kanorado.

A balloon release sponsored by Koons Funeral Home and Jacque's Hallmark store.

Services at the Brewster Cemetery should begin at 8:30 a.m. with Pastor Mike Pinkelman of Brewster Community Church speaking. Rev. Ross will speak at Kanorado. At Brewster taps will be played by Eva Lou Selby.

In case of bad weather, services in Goodland will be at the VFW Hall, 824 Main; in Brewster at the school, 127 Kansas Ave.; and in Kanorado at the United Methodist Church, 307 Main.