

weather  
report

74°

noon Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 4:49 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:13 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:48 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 58 degrees
- Humidity 30 percent
- Sky mostly sunny
- Winds southwest 20 mph.
- Barometer 29.81 inches and falling
- Record High today 90° (2003)
- Record Low today 11° (1993)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	75°
Low Wednesday	51°
Precipitation	none
This month	2.08
Year to date	19.26
Normal	18.42

The Topside Forecast

Today: mostly sunny and breezy, high near 66, low near 32, winds northwest 17-39 mph. Saturday: mostly sunny, high around 64, low around 35, winds northwest 9-32 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: partly cloudy and breezy with a slight chance of rain and snow showers, high near 60, low around 33. Monday: partly cloudy, breezy with a slight chance of rain and snow showers, high near 46, low near 26. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.05 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.16  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.96 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.73  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 22¢  
Milo — \$1.59 bushel  
Soybeans — \$4.63 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.60  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 8¢  
Millet — \$5 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$11.40 cwt.  
NuSun — \$11.50 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$25  
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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today

More local  
news and  
views from  
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Cross Country  
state Saturday

Goodland's Kerek Mason and Junior Medina of Ulysses were neck-and-neck at Saturday's Class 4A regional cross country meet. Medina edged Mason to place fourth. Both advanced to the state championships Saturday in Wamego. Story on Page 10.

# Woman will be tried for murder

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

A 28-year-old Colorado woman whose blood alcohol was more than three times over the legal limit was bound over for trial on three counts of second-degree murder after a preliminary hearing Wednesday.

Jennifer Adams allegedly was driving fast and recklessly June 11 when her car struck a Ford Explorer from behind, knocking it out of control and killing three Goodland women.

At an arraignment following the hearing in Sherman County District Court, her attorney entered a plea of not guilty for his client on all six counts against her.

About 35 people attended the hearing, which lasted a little over three hours, including many wearing buttons for those who died

or were injured in the accident. Adams' parents, who live in Bartlesville, Okla., came with her.

Adams faces three counts of second-degree murder, and one each of aggravated battery, driving while under the influence of alcohol and transporting an open container. The three murder counts include alternate charges of involuntary manslaughter.

The accident on I-70, east of mile marker 33 between Brewster and Edson, killed Christine Williams, her mother Mary Wyatt and her grandmother Aline Becker, and injured Williams' children, Garrett and Caylee.

Williams was a science teacher at Goodland High School, and Wyatt was an aide at West Elementary.

District Court Judge Jack Burr ruled

Wednesday that the prosecution had shown probable cause for three counts of second degree murder, and bound the case over for trial.

Testimony revealed that Adams has been stopped and ticketed twice that day for speeding on I-70 west of WaKeeney, and that her car was moving fast and nearly out of control just before the wreck.

The hearing started about 9:20 a.m., after a closed-door session in Judge Burr's office with Sherman County Attorney Bonnie Selby, her deputy Scott Showalter, and Chris McHugh, who is representing Adams.

Neither Selby nor McHugh chose to make an opening statement.

The first witness called was Patty Eckhardt of Goodland, who said she was traveling with

friends in the westbound lane of I-70 about 4:30 p.m. that Friday when the accident unfolded in front of them.

She testified that they were traveling between 70-75 mph when a four-door sedan passed them and almost clipped the left front of the van she was riding in as it moved back into the right lane. Eckhardt then said the car ran off the pavement to the right, throwing up dirt, then passed a semi-trailer ahead, running off the pavement to the left.

Eckhardt said she saw dirt fly up again on the right in front of the truck, indicating the car had gone off the pavement again. Almost immediately after that, she saw Wyatt's Ford Explorer rolling off into the north ditch.

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## Workers begin training

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

There were four cars in the parking lot of the Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp. plant here Wednesday, and the training process started with the first two employees.

Roy Dixon, director of special projects for the firm, said the first two employees were getting their paperwork done and beginning to learn about the assembly process.

He said they will be working a three-day week for the next couple of weeks, and he expects three employees from Wichita to arrive by Friday.

Joe Garcia, from the California plant, is to arrive this week to do the training, and another person from California will be coming in a couple of weeks to help when there are more employees to train.

"I expect it to take at least two weeks for these people to get comfortable," Dixon said. "When they are comfortable, we will add two more, and when they are comfortable we will then add more."

"This process will probably take 12 weeks, but we should have 15 employees over the next three to six months."

Dixon said workers will be learning to assemble pieces for a Boeing 737 rear door seal about 19 feet long and it takes about seven pieces to make.

"We are working in conjunction with the Wichita office," Dixon said, "and there will be more employees coming from there over the next 12 weeks."

When asked about the building insurance, which had lapsed last month forcing the city to step in, Dixon said the matter should be solved soon.

Aircraft Seal got a \$50,000 training grant from the Kansas Department of Commerce in August to train up to 44 employees.

## Kids learn how to cope with fire



Thatcher Jones and Tanner Schmidt tested the door, as D.J. Glassman watched over their shoulders, to see if it was hot as part of a fire safety program held by the Sherman County Rural Fire Department on Friday at West Elementary. The special Fire Safety House was brought down from McCook, Neb., as part of Fire Prevention Month. More photos on Page 8.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News

# Doctor retiring after 45 years, 37 working in Goodland

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

The walls are bare, the furniture has been hauled off, the medical equipment given away.

All that remains in Dr. Robert McCullough's offices are the daily necessities and some piles of odds and ends to show that a family has lived and practiced medicine in the house for 15 years.

McCullough, 79, is retiring, at least as much as a doctor who has made medicine his life can, and his home and office at 1122 Center are being cleared out so he can move to eastern Kansas to be near family.

McCullough, a doctor for 45 years, 37 of them in Goodland, said even though he is "theoretically" retiring, he will keep his license for a while.

He said he might practice medicine in some capacity and will, at the very least, attend to the minor

"ouchies" of his grandchildren.

"If I find nothing," he said, "I think I've worked long enough."

He said he is moving to a rural area five miles from Lawrence, where he will be near four of his children and most of his grandchildren. Though he had planned to retire this fall anyway, McCullough said, the death of his wife Mary, who was one of his nurses, brought the decision to a head.

"She was a registered nurse for over 60 years," he said. "We thought we'd have some time for ourselves. That's not the way it turned out."

Even though Mary had chronic problems with circulation, he said, she continued working as an office nurse. She had to take quite a bit of time off, he said, but she didn't want to give it up.

That rubbed off on the children, he said; four of them are nurses, and

all of them are in some phase of the medical field, including pharmacy, psychiatry and crisis prevention. He said they had nine children, and eight are still alive.

The doctor said he was born with medicine in his blood — his mother was a nurse, and his grandmother a midwife. His sister became a nurse, and he always knew he wanted to be a doctor.

"I've planned this since I was 12 years old," he said. "I went into the Navy when I was 18 like everyone else at that time."

He served as a combat medic in World War II from 1943 to 1946. He said he served in an amphibious corps in the South Pacific, and as a combat medic, went with the troops. After the war, he went to the University of Kansas and then taught general science and math in Oakley and then biology for two years in Denver.

He was called up for the Korean War, but the war ended before he was sent to the front. After that, he

went to graduate school for a year at the University of Denver, then medical school at the University of Colorado.

McCullough said he needed time to pay for medical school — it takes 10-20 years, besides having eight to 10 kids at home.

The doctor said his children also had to work to help pay for their education. There aren't a lot of scholarships available for the medical field, he said, and what is available has

strings attached.

But that is all behind him, and now he looks forward to a quiet life without a telephone to answer. His new number will be unlisted, he said.

"I used to talk about the tyranny of the telephone," McCullough said, not because he was on call at all hours for patients, but rather because salesmen called at the most inconvenient times. If patients need

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Daylight  
Saving Time  
ends Sunday.  
Fall back one hour  
to Mountain Standard.

