

weather
report

43°

noon Thursday

Today
•Sunset, 6:10 p.m.
Saturday
•Sunrise, 5:30 a.m.
•Sunset, 6:11 p.m.

Midday Conditions
•Soil temperature 46 degrees
•Humidity 67 percent
•Sky cloudy and breezy
•Winds north 20-30 mph.
•Barometer 30.22 inches
and rising
•Record High today 86° (1940)
•Record Low today 10° (1949)

Last 24 Hours*
High Wednesday 61°
Low Wednesday 36°
Precipitation trace
This month .20
Year to date .54
Normal 2.03

The Topside Forecast
Today: Sunny, high near 60, low
near 32, winds west 6-11 mph.
Saturday: Mostly sunny, high
around 69, low around 37, winds
north northwest 8-11 switching to
west southwest.

Extended Forecast
Sunday: Partly cloudy, high
around 72, low around 40. Mon-
day: Mostly cloudy with a chance
of showers and thunderstorms
mainly before 5 a.m., high around
70, low near 38.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.04 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.08
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.89 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.86
Loan deficiency pmt. — 9¢
Milo — \$1.61 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.82 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.74
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.25 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10 cwt.
NuSun — \$11 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
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Cowboys
start baseball

Tyler Hillmer hit a single to
left center field during the
second inning, driving in a
run in the Goodland Cow-
boy's opening game Tues-
day. Story and Photos on
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Body found northwest of town

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Skeletal remains found Wednes-
day afternoon northwest of
Goodland may be those of Jim-
my McClelland, 44, who has been
missing for 16 months.

Sheriff Kevin
Butts said a
farmer found the
bones while
working a field, and called 911
about 3:30 p.m. He said he and
Deputy Jason Showalter went to the
scene.

"We could see there was a human
skeleton in the field," Butts said.
"We called in the KBI, and they
called in Dr. Michael Finnegan, a K-
State forensic anthropologist."

Dr. Finnegan arrived Thursday
morning and went to the field with
the sheriff and deputies to examine
the remains and gather them for fur-
ther examination.

Butts said his deputies staked out
the scene and flagged all the evidence
they could see. He said they worked
most of the afternoon, and had a
deputy guard the place overnight.

"There was so much traffic out
there we had to have the county road

department block the entrances,"
Butts said. "Some of the curious farm-
ers would drive around our vehicles."

Dr. Finnegan
said his exami-
nation deter-
mined the victim
was a male 40 to
50 years of age.
He said there
was no apparent
cause of death.
Further determi-
nation would
have to wait un-
til he had taken the remains back to
his lab.

Finnegan was complimentary of
how the sheriff's department had
handled the discovery.
"They did a very nice job at the
scene," Finnegan said. "They had
flagged the scene very well. They had
good eyes, because I crawled around
on the ground and did not find any-
thing they had not already flagged."

"This is an excellent law enforce-
ment group."
After the remains were recovered,
Butts said, they were taken to
Goodland Regional Medical Center
for x-rays.

Finnegan said he expects to have
a solid identification in the next day

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Sheriff Kevin Butts used an all-terrain vehicle as one of the 17 volunteers who searched along Beaver Creek for Jimmy McClelland in December 2003. Human remains found Wednesday were about a mile northwest of where the searchers walked and rode looking for the missing man.

Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News

Money stolen from four area hospitals

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Four area hospitals were broken
into over Easter weekend,
with the spree possibly
starting in Goodland and
heading east, hitting hospi-
tals in Colby, Oakley and
WaKeeney.

As they motored down
I-70, the criminals appar-
ently focused on hospi-
tals, and took only cash.
Goodland Police think,
though, that burglaries at
Goodland High School the same
weekend and at the Veterans of For-
eign Wars the previous weekend
may be related.

The burglar made off with only
about \$300, but caused several hun-
dred dollars' damage at the Good-

land Regional Medical Center
sometime between 12:30 p.m. Sat-
urday and 6:30 p.m. Sunday.

Returning from the
weekend, hospital officials
found doors to some offices
forced open, a safe broken
into and cash missing. The
Colby, Oakley and Wa-
Keeney hospitals were bro-
ken into over the weekend
as well, Goodland Admin-
istrator Jay Jolly said at the
hospital's board meeting
Monday, and some of the
details are similar.

The thief or thieves seemed to
know exactly where to look for cash,
Jolly said; they went right to it, even
where cash wasn't kept where you'd
think it would be.

Locks were damaged, he said.

They did several hundred dollars
damage to take an insignificant
amount of money, said board mem-
ber Larry McCants.

The burglary was reported at
12:30 p.m. Monday, but Goodland
Police estimate it happened Satur-
day or Sunday.

Reports from Colby and Wa-
Keeney indicate Colby's hospital
was broken into between 5 and 7
p.m. Mountain Time Sunday, and
WaKeeney's hospital was broken
into between 3 p.m. Mountain Time
Saturday and early Sunday morn-
ing. It isn't clear when Oakley's
hospital was broken into. Kyle
Hahn, administrator at the Logan
County Hospital, said all they know
is it happened sometime between
Friday evening and Monday morn-
ing.

There was \$367 taken from the
main office at the WaKeeney hospi-
tal, said Police Chief Terry Eberle,
\$245 from the gift shop and a neck-
lace and ring valued at \$300 from an
office.

No locks were broken at the
Oakley hospital, Hahn said; thieves
used a lever device to open the door
and pried open some cabinets. They
ruined a couple of file cabinets, he
said, and took \$150-\$200.

Janice McCart, chief executive
officer at Citizens Medical Center,
said \$400 was taken from the Colby
hospital.

Gary Shull, police investigator in
Colby, said, someone broke into the
business offices at the hospital and
stole money and checks. Since it
happened during visiting hours, the
front doors were still open.

Shull said whoever took the
money left a trail of checks across
College Drive and in ditches near
the residential area of Summer Sun
Ave.

McCart told the Colby Free Press
that the checks recovered were not
from patients, but rather employees
who had written them to the cafete-
ria.

"It appears he was traveling
northeast across the hospital park-
ing lot and tearing open envelopes,
and when it was discovered no
money was inside," McCart said,
"checks were either torn in half or
wadded up."

The trail of checks had the burglar
traveling east on College Drive to-
ward Country Club Drive, which

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Volunteers ready for clean-up this weekend

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Volunteers, city residents and or-
ganizers are gearing up for this
weekend's big push as Goodland
starts Cleanup Month in April.

Saturday, volunteers will meet at
8 a.m. to make final plans, then fan
out over the city from 9 a.m. to noon
to pick up construction debris.

Ken Clouse, chairman of the
Goodland Area Chamber of Com-

merce Beautification and Revital-
ization committee and president of
the Northwest Kansas Technical
College, is planning the battle.

Clouse asked people who can to
haul their own junk to the county
transfer station for free. Everyone
else is encouraged to take items to the
curb and sort the trash, putting wood,
concrete and metal into different
piles, for the volunteers to pick up.

Anyone who can't move their

junk can call Clouse at 899-3641, he
said, and volunteers will come do
the heavy lifting.

Although they could still use
more help, he said, at least five
teams and several truck and trailer
combinations are ready and orga-
nized for their attack on trash.

Clouse said he has asked the
Goodland Rotary Club to turn out,
and he expects a few people from the
sheriff's department. College stu-

dents from the auto body depart-
ment and some from the welding
department will be on hand, too.

He said the city has agreed to man
one truck, making a couple more
available. The county pitched in
with three men and one truck. Curt
Way, public works director, said the
city crew will operate the truck and
have access to a front end loader, a
tractor with a bucket on the front to
lift heavy items.

All of the regular fees for dump-
ing construction debris at the
Sherman County Landfill have been
waived by the county except for tires.

In the Can, the county's trash con-
tractor, is donating trucks to the
project to help get items from town
to the landfill. Alex's Radiator and
Repair has volunteered a truck,
Clouse said.

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Man fleeing patrol tries to hit officers

A Denver man trying to outrun the
law Tuesday narrowly missed three
officers on I-70 before rolling his
truck.

The man was rushed to the Good-
land hospital, then flown to Wichita,
where officials refused to discuss his
condition. By Thursday, though, he
was back in jail in Goodland.

A call came at 11:40 a.m. that a
chase had broken out on I-70 east-
bound near the Colorado boarder.

Kansas Highway Patrol Trooper
Joe Greene reported later that
Trooper Richard Hageman was chas-
ing Anthony Jose Martinez, 19, when
police set out spikes about 11 miles
east of Goodland to stop the car.

Sherman County Sheriff Kevin
Butts said Hageman tried to stop the
car because Martinez was speeding.
He said during the chase, dispatch-
ers discovered the 2003 Ford pickup
had been stolen.

After rolling over the spikes,
Greene reported, Martinez tried to
hit three officers with his vehicle.
Then, he said, Martinez hit the

brakes and slid into the median, roll-
ing the pickup once.

Although the report said Martinez
was wearing a seat belt, he was listed
as disabled at the scene and taken to
Goodland Regional Medical Center.
From there he was flown by
Eagle Med to Via Christi St. Fran-
cis Campus in Wichita with a pos-
sible back injury.

A hospital spokesman said they
would not release any information
about Martinez on Thursday, saying
his status could only be obtained
through "public sources."

Butts said Thursday that Martinez
had never been admitted to the hospi-
tal. He was held in the Sedgwick
County jail until a Sherman County
deputy picked him up on Thursday
to bring him back to the Bastille.

Officers said the man was arrested
at the scene and an officer accompa-
nied him to the hospital. He was
shackled in custody on the way to
Wichita.

The pickup was towed by McB's
Motor Co. in Goodland.

Move clocks forward

Sunday is the beginning of
Daylight Saving Time, when the
clocks are to be moved ahead one
hour.

Officially, daylight time begins
at 2 a.m. on Sunday, and will con-
tinue until the last Sunday in Oc-
tober.

Most people set their clocks
ahead before going to bed Satur-
day to be sure they don't miss
church or an important game the
next day.

