

**weather report**

**31°**

noon Thursday



**Today**

- Sunset, 7:37 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:50 a.m.
- Sunset, 7:38 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 42 degrees
- Humidity 92 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds east 15 mph.
- Barometer 29.99 inches and rising

- Record High today 88° (1967)
- Record Low today 25° (1956)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Wednesday	64°
Low Wednesday	34°
Precipitation	.35
This month	1.91
Year to date	2.50
Normal	3.35

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Mostly cloudy with a 50 percent chance of showers, high near 44, low near 28, winds north northeast 11-16 mph. Saturday: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high around 57, low around 33, winds north northwest 8-11 mph.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of showers at night, high around 56, low around 37. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings compiled ending at midnight

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.96 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.15
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Corn — \$1.77 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.89
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 6¢
  - Milo — \$1.49 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$5.43 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$5.75
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Millet — \$5 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$9.60 cwt.
  - NuSun — \$10.60 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Confection — Ask
  - 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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**Girls split doubleheader**

Junior Melissa Swager hit a triple off Ulysses pitcher Amy Billinger in the sixth inning of the Cowgirls second game against the Lady Bulldogs on Tuesday in Centennial Park. Story, photo on Page 10a.

## Youth pool gone, will be replaced

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Bulldozers removed the youth pool at Steever Water Park about two weeks ago, and it will be replaced under an agreement reached with the architect and contractors who built the facility four years ago.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the repairs on the water park and replacement of the youth pool are supposed to be completed before the facility opens at the end of May.

"The plan is to have everything ready for the opening on Memorial Day weekend," he said, "but the main pool and splash pool will not be effected and will open on schedule. If there is a weather delay on the youth pool, it may not be ready until the middle of June."

Pickman said the city will receive \$50,000, which will cover about half of the city's costs in the dispute. That's not enough, he said, but it

## Commission starts search for manager

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The city commission members spent an hour in closed session Wednesday morning discussing the replacement of City Manager Ron Pickman.

Pickman announced his retirement at the April 18 meeting, and his last day of work will be Friday, May 27.

Mayor Rick Billinger called the special meeting for 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, and the commission immediately went into closed session with Pickman to discuss the replacement process, and to consider a contract with the Kansas League of Municipalities to assist with the search process.

Because the search process could take several

months, the commission is expected to appoint an interim city manager to work with Pickman before he leaves in four weeks.

After the two 30 minute closed sessions the commission adjourned without taking any action.

The commission meets at 5 p.m. on Monday, and will discuss the Steever Water Park repairs and the mediation settlement.

Other items on the agenda are replacement of Jerry Fairbanks on the Library Board. He submitted his resignation, and the library is expected to recommend a replacement.

Appointments to the Shade Tree Board with the

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might be the best the city can expect.

In the agreement, signed by Pickman on behalf of the city, the youth pool is to be rebuilt, with Associated

Pools of Bismarck, N.D., Glassman Corp. of Hays and Rhoads Construction of Goodland sharing the cost. The estimated cost to remove

the old pool was \$10,500, to be shared by the three contractors.

Glassman, at its own cost, is to dig up the corners of the main drain lines

to find where the problem is.

Darin Neufeld of Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates, is overseeing the work on behalf of the city. The cost of the engineer, up to \$7,500, is to be shared by Associated Pools, Glassman and Sullivan and Palmer of Lenexa, the architects for the water park.

Once the lines have been tested and the problem located, the bad pipe is to be removed, and Glassman, with the assistance of Tiede Construction, will replace the pipe.

Tiede did the original excavation and Glassman was responsible for installing the main drain line and the under-drain system.

The city is to purchase a new Coolbrella umbrella to fit the sleeve installed by Associated Pools, and Sullivan Palmer is to assist in getting the best price for the umbrella. Pick-

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## Home and garden show this weekend

Looking for tips to fix up your home or garden?

There should be something to grab your interest at the annual Home and Garden Show this weekend at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

The free event will feature booths by 28 businesses. Marty Melia, owner of KLOE/KKCI/KWGB radio, which organizes the show, said it should be entertaining.

The show will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and from noon to 4 p.m. on Sunday.

Each year, more than 5,000 people come to the show, Melia said. They'll find furniture, household appliances, trees and plants, all kinds of home improvement items, and area businesses with their products and services on display.

The show has been going for about 28 years, he said, and there is something new every year. This will be the 18th year it has been held in the fieldhouse. It started at the Elks building, Melia said.

"This is an area show," he said. "We get people from all over the area, both exhibitors and attendees."

Booths registered so far are: Rasure's Do It Center, New York Life Insurance, S&T Communications, Tri-State Lumber, the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, Oakley Redi Mix, Electrolux, Goodell's Greenhouse, Jane Keck-Reliv, Carefree Gardener, Fotogirl Photography, Discount Siding, Goodland Greenline, NWKS Technical College, Eagle Cable TV & Internet, Cal Spas, Curbing by DJ, Just Ponds, Nancy Dietz Interiors, Heartland Interiors, Grinnell Furniture, Mobile Connections, Nature's Sparkle, The Goodland Star-News, Sears, Birds Alternatives, Grand Crown Travel and Victorian House

Melia said the station started the show to give businesses a way to show off products to people in the area and to attract new business.

"People can see that everything they need is here in our area," he said

## Patrol stops ambulance; sparks hospital debate

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Imagine you're in an ambulance, badly injured, on your way to the hospital. But your ride is delayed—a highway patrolman pulls the ambulance over for not running its siren while the lights were on.

The possibility fired a discussion at the Goodland Regional Medical Center's board meeting Monday. But Kansas Highway Patrol Captain Kelly McGuire said the event that triggered the discussion was a misunderstanding that got blown out of proportion. He said troopers will not normally pull over an ambulance on an emergency run.

Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly said Bruce Gleason, director of emergency medical services, told him that Cheyenne County Emergency Medical Service said their

ambulance was pulled over by a highway patrolman near WaKeeney for running its lights without its siren.

State law says ambulances have to run their sirens if they are running their lights, Jolly said, but crews don't like to run the sirens on long trips because it disturbs the patients.

Jolly said he contacted the Highway Patrol and spoke to the officer's supervisor. He said the supervisor told him he wouldn't have pulled the ambulance over, but he couldn't tell the officer not to enforce state law.

Jolly said Gleason decided if a transfer is not critical, Goodland ambulances will run without lights, which means they will have to go the speed limit.

For safety, said board member

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## Sixth grade rocks audience



Kaitlyn Lammers and Christopher Bustillos played french horns during North Elementary's sixth grade band and vocal concert Monday at the high school auditorium. Story and more photos on Page 1b.

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## Adronics continues interviews

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

So far, so good in Goodland for an antenna manufacturing company out of Hays.

Troy A. Robinson, vice president of Adronics/Elrob Manufacturing Corp., was in town last week to attend a Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours at Garcia's Home Furnishings.

The company sealed a deal last month to take over the city-owned plant at 1006 Center formerly occu-

pied by Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp.

Robinson said they are looking forward to moving in.

"We moved a little bit of stuff in there," he said, adding they have already put a sign on the building.

The move has been held up, partly because of a legal problem with Aircraft Seal, which vacated its lease in March.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the city is still working with lawyers from the state, People's State Bank and the company.

When the problems are cleared up and the aircraft firm's equipment is moved, he said, Adronics will finish moving in.

Robinson said if all goes well, they plan to be in production by the third week in May. The company makes car antennas and will use the Goodland plant to make coaxial cable.

"We'll have six lines total," he said, adding they may move into antenna production in the future.

Robinson said they have hired Laurie Helton as supervisor for the

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## Tiny tikes show off math knowledge

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

From a poetry reading to a math demonstration, students at West Elementary wowed the Goodland School Board when it met Monday at the school.

Proud parents watched as the students started their program with the song "Saddle Sore" by first graders. Music teacher Linda Lucas said the song was from their program "Lighten Up" last month.

Next a group of second graders recited poems, from Robert Frost to Shel Silverstein.

"One," a short poem by Silverstein, told the story of a child who traded a dollar bill for coins. He ended up trading the dollar for five pennies and was so proud of himself.

The next group gave a math presentation about borrowing and carrying. Each student teamed up with a board member and used beans in little cups to demonstrate mathematical concepts.

For the next program, students Jonathan Stevens and Silem Lopez from Susan McCall's second-grade class told board members a story. McCall used her laptop computer and digital camera to make a slide show presentation with photos from a book.

For each slide, Stevens and Lopez recited a portion of the story.

When the students finished, the crowd applauded the presentations. "Good program," said board member Fritz Duke.

The final West presentation was

from principal Shelly Angelos, who described a new reading program for students.

Because scores for some students were lower than expected on the Jerry John's Diagnostic Reading Test this fall, she said, the school has developed a plan to help improve reading.

Angelos said the plan would help students with reading, writing and literacy. A daily "literacy rotation" has been developed, she said, that would put students in different groups to work on their needs.

For reading, students would be grouped together on instruction levels. Angelos said they will develop a writer's workshop and a literacy

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Sabre Yarborough, second-grader at West Elementary, used beans to show math carrying and borrowing to Superintendent Marvin Selby and School Board President Jane Philbrick at a board meeting Monday.

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