

# Youth pool gone, will be replaced

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Pickman said the umbrella will cost about \$5,000 and part of the money Sullivan Palmer is paying will be used to purchase the new umbrella. Associated Pools, at its cost, is to be sure the pool heater, automatic chemical control, auto fill, spray fountain and chlorine alarm system are fully operational. If the heat exchanger needs to be replaced, the cost will be shared by Associated Pools and the city, but Associated's cost cannot exceed \$2,000. Pickman said Thursday the heat exchanger does not need to be replaced, but Associated Pools has to make sure the boiler is working properly. Areas where there has been settlement around the drains will be filled, compacted and re-sodded by Glassman, at its cost. Areas of the perimeter fence where there has been settling will be filled, compacted and re-sodded by Rhoads, at

its cost, including restoration of the fence. The \$50,000 to be paid to the city will be split four ways, with Associated, Rhoads and Glassman each paying \$15,000 and Sullivan Palmer/Fred Bohl paying \$5,000. City Attorney Perry Warren wrote to the City Commission on April 18, saying the last mediation session was on March 29, and that all parties had agreed to the settlement. "Had the matter not been successfully mediated, it would have proceeded to arbitration," Warren wrote. "I suspect the arbitration would have taken place in Dallas, since that is the headquarters of the American Arbitration Association. "It is my opinion the mediation was extremely successful, especially as it pertains to finally having an aquatic park that meets with our expectations and the various contracts entered into with the builders." Warren wrote that he realized the

\$50,000 would not cover the city's expenses, but said he took several things into consideration when he recommended approval. The factors included the risk of getting less in arbitration and the expense involved, including providing in-person expert testimony, attorney's fees and associated costs. "The ... law of the case would be Kansas law, and therefore the chances of being reimbursed for attorney's fees are very remote," Warren wrote. Problems with the youth pool began showing up almost from the opening of the water park in May of 2001. Pickman said the fountain to the east of the youth pool quit working within a month. "We know the fountain doesn't work," Pickman said, "and there was a crack in the youth pool which we believed was caused by a broken waterline, but ... neither of the contractors wanted to take responsibility."

Pickman said Warren, First National Bank attorney Jerry Fairbanks and Bankwest attorney Mike Foust attended the three mediation hearings with him. The city built the water park under a lease/purchase agreement with the banks. Pickman said he and the three lawyers were not privy to what was discussed by the contractors during the mediation sessions, but were presented with the outline of what the contractors had agreed to do to solve the problems. Last May, the city commission, at the recommendation of Fairbanks and Foust, hired Building Tech Consultants of Niwot, Colo., as the construction consultant and Merlo Consulting Engineers of Englewood, Colo., as the consulting forensic engineers. They did an investigation of the pool problems to give the city evidence to take to the mediation and arbitration hearings.

# Ambulance stopped; sparks hospital debate

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Larry McCants, you want the lights on; it's ridiculous to have to do this because of one guy. Cheyenne County should talk to the county attorney where the ticket was written, McCants said; it's up to him whether to prosecute or not. They should fight the ticket, he said. Several board members wondered if it was really necessary to apply that to trips to Denver, since it was a Kansas patrolman who gave the ticket. Some wondered if it might be better for crews to just risk the ticket rather than transport patients at the speed limit. Jolly agreed it was not good for an ambulance to go without lights because of one officer but said that may be what has to be done unless the law changes. If the driver has to listen to the siren all the way to Hays, Jolly joked, he might need to be hospitalized. In the case of the Cheyenne County ambulance, McGuire said, there was a question about whether or not it was even an emergency. It was transporting a patient, he said, but it may not have been a critical situation; it may have just been that they only have one ambulance and needed to make the trip quickly. The ambulance was not stopped for having lights on but no siren, he said, but rather because a trooper had pulled another car over and had his lights on, and the ambulance driver did not move away from the trooper. That is required by state law, McGuire said, since Trooper Dean Goodheart was killed near Colby in 1995 by a car that did not pull to the other side of the road while he was stopped with his lights on.

More troopers have been killed by cars than by shootings, he said. The ambulance went right up beside the trooper, he said; there was a conversation between the ambulance driver and the trooper, and it was blown out of proportion. It could have been easily remedied by a conversation, McGuire said; the troopers are not trying to tell ambulance drivers how to do their jobs, just trying to keep people safe. Emergency vehicles can drive over the speed limit with their lights and siren on or just their lights, McGuire said, but that does not alleviate the driver from obeying the law. The law allows emergency vehicles to speed, to run stop signs as long as they slow to check for traffic and to pass toll booths, he said, but the drivers are required to consider safety. The law says they can "exceed the speed limit so long as they are not endangering life and property," McGuire said; they have to drive with due regard of all persons. "We're just trying to keep all people safe on the road," he said. Besides, he said, there was a question of whether the ambulance really had an emergency. "We understand that," McGuire said, "but if ambulances are running red lights when it's not necessary, people won't pay attention."

Ambulances can go over the speed limit with just the lights on, he said; when it's better for the patient not to run the lights, then don't. If it's not an emergency, he said, they shouldn't be running their lights, but if it's the only ambulance in the area, it may be an emergency. "I'm not telling them how to operate," he said.

# City begins search for manager

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terms of Christie Rasure and Dale Hayden expiring. Rasure has agreed to serve another term, but Hayden is resigning. The board is recommending Gary Coon to replace Hayden. The commission will receive information from Kin Huang of the Sherman Community Foundation about the future plans. Review a resolution and ordinance cleaning up the city codes dealing with personnel policies. The resolution adopts changes in the policy to conform with current laws, and the ordinance repeals a section dealing with personnel policies. Pickman will talk about plans for the Arbor Day celebration to be held at 10 a.m. next Friday at Steever Park. An executive session is on the agenda to discuss acquisition of property. Review a resolution and ordinance cleaning up the city codes dealing with personnel policies. The resolution adopts changes in the policy to conform with current laws, and the ordinance repeals a section dealing with personnel policies. Pickman will talk about plans for the Arbor Day celebration to be held at 10 a.m. next Friday at Steever Park. An executive session is on the agenda to discuss acquisition of property.

# Kids show off math knowledge

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split the groups into 25 students for one teacher and two aids. The board unanimously approved a motion by member Dick Short to allow Angelos to pursue the program. "I think it's excellent," said Superintendent Marvin Selby. Students will take the test again sometime this spring. The writer's workshop would

# Adronics to open soon

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plant. Helton has experience in the travel industry and in management, she said. She has started training and has helped with job interviews. The company is still taking applications, available at Garcia's, to fill a few remaining jobs. Robinson said eight people will start training in Hays next week. Later, those eight people will be in charge of training the next group here in town. The company plans to hire 30 to start out with and maybe more later, Robinson said. The Hays plant employs 265 people. Company representatives were in town for interviews from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Thursday and will be here

from 8 a.m. to noon today at the Economic Development office. Adronics will offer employees full-time work and full benefits after 90 days, Robinson said. The benefits include medical, dental, life insurance, a drug card, vacation after one year, a raise in six months and bonuses for perfect attendance. Robinson said he is happy to have the chance to expand the operation. "We're out of space in Hays," he said. The company gets new contracts every year, he said, and they need more room to work. Adronics produces 100,000 antennas per week and 8 million feet of coaxial cable per year, Robinson said.


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<b>MONDAY / THURSDAY</b>							
EN 176	English Composition I	L. VanLoenen	3	\$171	Murray Center	6:00-9:00 pm	5/26
SO 176	Intro. to Sociology --- ITV	L. Koon	3	\$186	Murray Center	5:00-9:30 pm	5/23
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>							
SP 176	Public Speaking --- ITV	L. Koon	3	\$186	Murray Center	5:00-9:30 pm	5/25
<b>TO BE ANNOUNCED (TBA)</b>							
EN 108	Personal / Technical Writing	Staff	3	\$171	Murray Center	TBA	TBA
ED 106	Beginning Signing Exact English I --- ITV	A. Plummer	2	\$124	Murray Center	TBA	TBA
ED 107	Advanced Signing Exact English II --- ITV	A. Plummer	2	\$124	Murray Center	TBA	TBA
EN 110	Medical Terminology	L. VanLoenen	1	\$57	Murray Center	TBA	TBA
EC 276	Principles of Macroeconomics	M. Frank	3	\$171	TBA	TBA	TBA
EC 277	Principles of Microeconomics	M. Frank	3	\$171	TBA	TBA	TBA
EN 217	The Bible as Literature	C. Johnson	3	\$171	TBA	TBA	TBA

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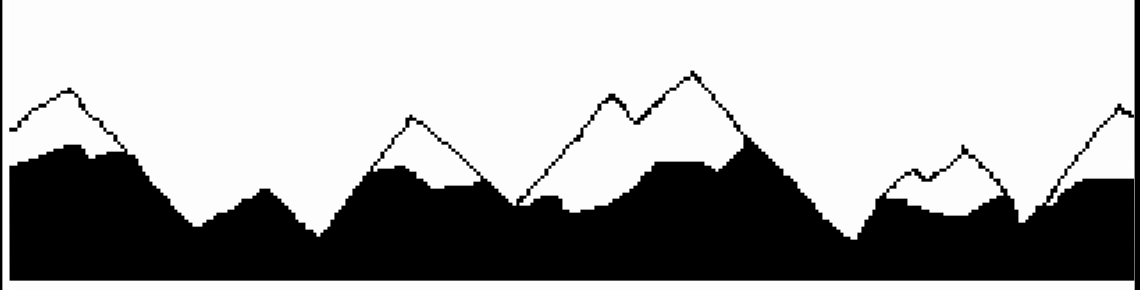
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Dr. Wahlmeier is pictured with is wife Amanda, daughter Kellyn and youngest son Peyton. His son Jordan is not pictured.

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