

**weather  
report****56°**noon  
Thursday**Today**

- Sunset, 5:17 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 6:44 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:18 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 37 degrees
- Humidity 20 percent
- Sky Partly Cloudy
- Winds North at 20 to 30 mph
- Barometer 00.00 inches and ????
- Record High today 76° (1972)
- Record Low today -17° (1981)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High Wednesday	49°
Low Thursday	21°
Precipitation	—
This month	.04
Year to date	1.55

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Scattered flurries. Mostly cloudy, with a high around 30, low around 9. North wind between 25 and 35 mph, with gusts as high as 50 mph.

**Extended Forecast**

Saturday: Mostly sunny, high near 31, low near 10. North wind at 25 to 35 mph. Wind gusts of 40 mph possible. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 49 low around 17. Monday: Partly cloudy, with a high near 48 with a low near 20. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local  
markets****Noon**

Wheat — \$3.97 bushel  
Posted county price — \$3.82  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Corn — \$1.96 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.92  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 2¢  
Milo — \$1.58 bushel  
Soybeans — \$4.98 bushel  
Posted county price — \$5.07  
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢  
Millet — \$5.55 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$6.75 cwt.  
NuSun crop — \$7.75  
Confection — Call  
Pinto beans — \$17 (new crop)  
(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**

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## Cowboys lose to Lakin

Cowboys coach Jon McLean discussed strategy with his team during a timeout in Tuesday's game against the Lakin Broncs at Max Jones. The Cowboys lost 78-65. Tonight the Cowboys face Oakley. See story, photos on Page 11a.



Second graders entertained the crowd at their music program on Tuesday. Singers included (top left) Braxton Redlin, Tanner Gastineau, Marissa Bustillos, Chandler Pettibone, Daniel Cepeda, Mikaila Blair, Calliste Garrett, Hunter Harkins,

(bottom left) Tiffani Benavides, Quinlen Withington, Jordan Siruta, Cienna Brannick, and Corie Scobee.

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## Second graders take audience on world tour

By Pat Schiefen

*The Goodland Star-News*

Second-grade classes from West Elementary entertained family and friends with a world tour at the High School Auditorium on Tuesday night, led by music teacher Linda Lucas.

The program was "Teach the World to Sing" by Cristi Cary Miller.

Students left on the tour with "Carnegie Hall, Here We Come!," followed by "Let's Make Some Music Today" and "It's a Small World".

The next stop was Mexico with the song "Los Pollitos," narrated by Alexis Bergquist, Braxton Redlin, Cienna Brannick, Cole Knitig and Christian Michaud with song leaders Daniel Cepeda, Ruby Smith, Mikaila Blair and Brannick. Ethan Black and Calliste Garrett were the mariachi band.

In Scotland, the song was "Did You Ever See a Lassie?" with Garrett, Koal Artzer, Hiram Hendrich and Mary Schnabel as narrators.

"London Bridges" was the song for England, with the narrators Kelby Smith, Riley Wilson and Amber Chaffman.

In France, the song was "Frere Jacques," narrated by Saige Vandiver, Quynnalynn Meyer, Dani Mangus, Sophia Williams, Kaitlyn Laue, Draven Buchanan and Macy McClain.

"Funiculi, Funicula" was the song of Italy with Jordan Siruta, Daniel Cepeda and Dayne Webring narrating.

Japan's song was "Sakura, Sakura" with narrators Grace Cole and Austin Shelley.

"Kumbaya" was the song of Africa with Ethan Black, Austin Hernandez, Luke Avila and Natalia Barrera.

Back to the U.S.A. with narrators Rheagen Hageman, Sasha Medrano, Drew House and Phillip Carver, the next song was "Zudio" with the lively street dancers Knitig, Brannick, Zachery Walls, Redlin, Kasey Troyer, Jovanna Nunez, Michaud, Williams, Bergquist, Geeseka, Cepeda, Artzer, Laue, Marissa Bustillos, Chandler Pettibone, Hunter Harkins, Giovany Rascon, Schnabel, Blair, Barrera, Sasha Medrano, Webring, Corie Scobee, Marco Magana, Mason Fritz, Brevin Gough, Katlyn Seeger, Avila, Buchanan, Mallory O'Brien, Brock Butts, Meyer, Hernandez, Mangus, McClain, Tristan Cooper, Carver, Takoda Turner, Black and Jacob Stasser.

Guest soloist Michael Smith, son of Celia Smith and a junior in high school, sang "America, I Hear You Singing" with the whole group.

Lucas invited the audience to join in on the last song, "I'd Like to Teach the World to Sing." Principal Shelly Angelos accompanied on the piano.

Second-grade teachers Sandy Jamison, Pat Pickett, Susan McCall and Kara Smith helped with the program.



Lindsey Geeseka and Sophia Williams were part of the street dancer for the song "Zudio" at the second grade music program on Tuesday night.

## Standing room only for hearing

### State decision in two weeks

By Tom Betz

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Over 110 people crowded into the city commission chambers Wednesday to support the Goodland Energy Center's air permit request for a coal-fired power plant to be built at Caruso, about five miles west of town.

The crowd began to gather about 6:30 p.m. for the 7 p.m. hearing by the State Department of Health and Environment. The hearing lasted about 40 minutes and there were rounds of applause for four of the five people who spoke.

A decision on the permit from Roderick L. Bremby, secretary of health and environment, should be released in about two weeks, staff members said.

Speaking in favor of the project were Norman House, chairman of Goodland Energy Resources, the firm building the plant; Ron Pickman, chief operating officer; Fred Osman of Osman Environmental Solutions, a consultant on the project who developed the permit application; and Lincoln Wilson, owner of the Howard Johnson's Hotel.

Written comments were handed in by City Manager Wayne Hill, who presented a proclamation from the city commission supporting the application, and Leonard Kashka Jr., who lives near Caruso and had ob-



Hearing Officer Rick Brunetti, district environmental administrator for the state department of health and environment from Salina, opened the public hearing on the air permit for the coal-

fired power plant, at 7:04 p.m., in front of a standing room only crowd of over 110 people in the city commission room.

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jected to construction of the plant to the city commission.

The last speaker was David Walker, a Goodland resident who has questioned development of the plant. He asked the hearing officer to be extra critical of the material coming from the company.

The hearing officer, Rick Brunetti, district environmental administrator for the department from Salina, opened the session at 7:04

p.m. and explained the rules. He said the hearing was being taped and comments would become part of the record.

He said there had been some confusion in the hearing notice the department had sent out and had published. The notice said people who wanted to speak at the hearing had to send a letter to the office in Topeka by noon on Tuesday.

"The error was in how it was writ-

ten," Brunetti said. "I will call on anyone who wants to speak or present written comments. I will also reopen the public comment period for 48 hours after this hearing to allow people to submit written comments."

"I wanted to clarify that, and any comments postmarked by midnight Friday will be included in the record of the permit request."

Brunetti said the first part of the

hearing would be a presentation by Dana Morris, environmental engineer from the department, who would present his report on the emissions proposed for the plant, and then he would open the floor for comments.

Morris said he was the engineer who had reviewed the permit request and had examined the pro-

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