



Workers leveled cement at the new tennis courts east of Steever Water Park on Thursday. The courts are being paid for jointly by the school district and the City of Goodland.
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Work begins on new courts

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The cement for the tennis courts west of the new Steever Water Park was poured on Thursday and Friday, and construction will continue with the painting of the cement, construction of a fence surrounding the courts and lights.
The lights will be put up by the city crew, said City Manager Ron Pickman. The new courts are for general use, but also will be used for Goodland High School tennis tournaments and practice.

The courts will be open to the public except for two hours in the afternoon, said school Superintendent Marvin Selby.
“The old courts just weren’t adequate,” Selby said. “Before, when we would host tournaments, the teams would have to be divided between the two courts across town, and the court was covered with a unique surface.
“It will be nice to play everything in one place.”
The city was glad to have some help paying for the new courts.
“We agreed to share the cost of the

tennis courts because it was much more feasible,” said Pickman. “It didn’t make sense to have the school build new courts and the city to build new courts.”
Pickman also said that the city and the school district have worked out a practice schedule and also a schedule of meets so that the courts are reserved for those times.
The courts are expected to be finished in July and Selby said he is optimistic that the school will be able to use them for girls’ tennis, which starts in the fall.

Royals lose seventh straight

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jeff Bagwell hit a three-run homer, and Lance Berkman extended his hitting streak to 21 games with a two-run single as the Houston Astros beat Kansas City 14-5 Sunday.
The Royals have lost seven straight games, their longest drought since a nine-gamer April 14-23, 2000.
Bagwell, who drove in seven runs Saturday, hit a full-count pitch from Chad Durbin (6-8) over the right-field fence in the third inning for his 21st home run.
Berkman went 3-for-6 to raise his league-leading average to .365. He has 14 multihit games in his hitting streak, the longest in the NL this season.
Houston’s Moises Alou had two hits

to extend his hitting streak to 16 games and is second in the NL with a .362 average.
Astros starter Scott Elarton and manager Larry Dierker were ejected in the first inning, which also included three hit batters and a player taken to the hospital — Royals second baseman Donnie Sadler, who was woozy after being upended by a sliding runner.
The game opened with Durbin hitting Craig Biggio and Julio Lugo. Plate umpire Jeff Nelson issued a warning to both dugouts after Lugo was hit.
Bagwell’s slide into second forced Sadler to leave the game with blurred vision and dizziness. Sadler was taken to St. Luke’s Hospital for observation, and the Royals said he should be able

to play after the All-Star break.
Rey Sanchez, the Royals’ regular shortstop who was supposed to get the day off, replaced Sadler in the lineup, but he, too, went to the hospital after fouling a pitch off his left foot in the fifth inning.
When Elarton hit Royals leadoff hitter Sanchez with his fifth pitch in the bottom of the inning, Nelson ejected Elarton and Dierker.
Both Biggio and Lugo scored to make it 2-0 as the first inning lasted 36 minutes.
Ron Villone (2-3), who had made six starts this season, replaced Elarton and worked five innings to pick up his first victory for the Astros since being acquired in a trade with Colorado.

baseball scoreboard

By The Associated Press

American League East Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
New York	52	34	.605	—	
Boston	51	36	.586	1 1/2	
Toronto	42	46	.477	11	
Baltimore	40	47	.460	12 1/2	
Tampa Bay	27	61	.307	26	
Central Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Minnesota	55	32	.632	—	
Cleveland	49	36	.576	5	
Chicago	41	44	.482	13	
Detroit	36	48	.429	17 1/2	
Kansas City	34	53	.391	21	
West Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Seattle	63	24	.724	—	
Oakland	44	43	.506	19	
Anaheim	42	45	.483	21	
Texas	35	52	.402	28	
Saturday's Games					
N.Y. Mets 3, N.Y. Yankees 0, 10 innings Cleveland 7, St. Louis 6, 10 innings Toronto 9, Montreal 8, 11 innings Los Angeles 2, Seattle 1 Tampa Bay 4, Florida 3 Boston 3, Atlanta 1 Chicago Cubs 10, Detroit 6 Minnesota 7, Cincinnati 6 Baltimore 4, Philadelphia 3 Chicago White Sox 4, Pittsburgh 1 Anaheim 10, Colorado 3 Houston 10, Kansas City 8 Texas 4, San Diego 3 Oakland 5, Arizona 1					
Sunday's Games					
Atlanta 8, Boston 0 Toronto 9, Montreal 3 Detroit 9, Chicago Cubs 6 St. Louis 4, Cleveland 3 Florida 6, Tampa Bay 1 Philadelphia 5, Baltimore 4 Minnesota 7, Cincinnati 1 Houston 14, Kansas City 5 Chicago White Sox 9, Pittsburgh 2 Anaheim 11, Colorado 3 Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 4, 13 innings Seattle 9, Los Angeles 2 Oakland 2, Arizona 1 San Diego 11, Texas 2 N.Y. Yankees 4, N.Y. Mets 1					
Tuesday's Game					
All-Star Game in Seattle, 8 p.m.					

National League East Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Philadelphia	50	37	.575	—	
Atlanta	49	38	.563	1	
Florida	43	45	.489	7 1/2	
New York	38	51	.427	13	
Montreal	37	51	.421	13 1/2	
Central Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Chicago	51	35	.593	—	
Houston	48	38	.558	3	
St. Louis	43	43	.500	8	
Milwaukee	42	44	.488	9	
Pittsburgh	33	53	.384	18	
Cincinnati	33	54	.379	18 1/2	
West Division					
W	L	Pct	GB		
Arizona	51	36	.586	—	
Los Angeles	48	40	.545	3 1/2	
San Francisco	46	42	.523	5 1/2	
San Diego	41	47	.466	10 1/2	
Colorado	39	48	.448	12	
Saturday's Games					
N.Y. Mets 3, N.Y. Yankees 0, 10 innings Cleveland 7, St. Louis 6, 10 innings Toronto 9, Montreal 8, 11 innings Los Angeles 2, Seattle 1 Milwaukee 13, San Francisco 3 Tampa Bay 4, Florida 3 Boston 3, Atlanta 1					

Chicago Cubs 10, Detroit 6	St. Louis 4, Cleveland 3
Minnesota 7, Cincinnati 6	Florida 6, Tampa Bay 1
Baltimore 4, Philadelphia 3	Philadelphia 5, Baltimore 4
Chicago White Sox 4, Pittsburgh 1	Minnesota 7, Cincinnati 1
Anaheim 10, Colorado 3	Houston 14, Kansas City 5
Houston 10, Kansas City 8	Chicago White Sox 9, Pittsburgh 2
Texas 4, San Diego 3	Anaheim 11, Colorado 3
Oakland 5, Arizona 1	Milwaukee 6, San Francisco 4, 13 innings
Sunday's Games	
Atlanta 8, Boston 0	
Toronto 9, Montreal 3	
Detroit 9, Chicago Cubs 6	

sports briefs

Fallen driver's son wins Pepsi 400

DAYTONABEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dale Earnhardt Jr. raced to a storybook triumph at the scene of his father's death Saturday night, winning the Pepsi 400.
Driving a white car on the same track where Dale Earnhardt's famed black machine hit the wall five months ago, Earnhardt Jr. dominated Daytona the way his father used to, proving he may indeed be ready to step in for NASCAR's fallen hero.
Pushed back to seventh place after a late yellow flag, Earnhardt regained the lead with 4 1/2 laps remaining. A few laps later, teammate and Daytona 500 winner Michael Waltrip overtook Bobby Labonte for the second position, then protected Earnhardt as he closed out the dramatic victory.

Two new all-stars added to game

Cliff Floyd and Mike Cameron were added to the All-Star team due to injuries.
Floyd, the Florida Marlins outfielder who has been sniping with NL manager Bobby Valentine, replaced New York Mets pitcher Rick Reed, who has a sore neck and back.
Cameron replaced Tampa Bay's Greg Vaughn, giving the host Mariners eight players for Tuesday night's game, the most since Pittsburgh placed eight players on the NL team in 1960.
Floyd, who earlier this season called Valentine a "stupid manager," had said he was so certain he was on the team after talking with Valentine by telephone Tuesday that he purchased \$16,000 worth of plane tickets for family and friends. The following day, Valentine left him off the original reserves.

American wins second Wimbledon

WIMBLEDON, England (AP) — Venus Williams won her second consecutive Wimbledon title by beating Belgian Justine Henin 6-1, 3-6, 6-0.
In the men's final on Monday Goran Ivanisevic became one of Wimbledon's most improbable champions by beating Patrick Rafter in five sets after barely getting into the tournament.
Two points away from defeat, Ivanisevic rallied to beat Rafter 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 2-6, 9-7 and become the second player to win a Wimbledon title without being seeded. Boris Becker did it in 1985.

Thrilling race opens new track

KANSAS CITY, Kan. (AP) — It's hard to beat a man with a secret weapon.
"I had an advantage, and it wasn't superior driving skills," said Eddie Cheever Jr., the winner of Sunday's Ameristar Casino Indy 200. "It was an Infiniti plant in the back of my car."
"I had a secret weapon behind me."
In a thrilling Indy Racing League inaugural for Kansas Speedway, Cheever passed Sam Hornish Jr. with slightly more than two laps to go for his first victory of the season.
"The Infiniti engine is finally where we want it to be. We've worked hard for the past three years," Cheever said.
The 1998 Indianapolis 500 winner owns his own car and receives backing from Infiniti, but is racing without a major sponsor — "a situation that has to change," he said.
It was the third straight second-place finish for Hornish, the IRL points leader. He took the lead from Cheever on the 191st of 200 laps on the 1 1/2-mile oval, but Cheever regained it approaching the fourth turn on the 198th. His margin of victory of .1976 seconds was the fifth-closest in IRL history.
"It was side-by-side racing — he gave me room, I gave him room," said Hornish, who leads Buddy Lazier by 60 points in the standings. "I like racing with guys like Eddie, because you know they're not going to do something to put you into the wall."

Cheever called it "the funnest race I've run in a long time."
"What I love about racing with Sam is that Sam plays by the rules," Cheever said. "He understands that if you have a run on him, he'll give you a hard time but he'll hold his line. I did that with him and we reciprocated several times."
"He came up with nine laps to go. It would have been very easy for me to shut the door on him and start weaving. But he had treated me correctly the whole race and I did the same with him."
Cheever also won at Pikes Peak last year with an Infiniti-powered car, but a succession of crashes this season had kept him out of Victory Lane and out of the top 10 in the points standings.
"We've never been right there at the end," said Cheever, whose fifth IRL victory prevented series champion Lazier from becoming only the second driver to win three consecutive events on the circuit.
Donnie Beechler was third, followed by Felipe Giaffone, Lazier, Airton Dare, Eliseo Salazar, Shigeaki Hattori, and Billy Boat.
McGehee was racing for the first time since he broke his left leg, cracked a rib and got a concussion in a crash June 9 at Texas Motor Speedway.
Despite continued hot weather in Kansas City, the sold-out, 75,000-seat speedway was nearly full. The temperature was 93 degrees at the start, with a track temperature of 127.

Struggling Rockies lose series to Angels

DENVER (AP) — Garret Anderson hit his fifth career grand slam, and Darin Erstad and Scott Spiezio each homered twice for Anaheim as the Angels routed the Colorado Rockies 11-3 Sunday.
The game's 14 runs came on homers as Todd Walker hit a three-run shot for the Rockies, who have lost six straight to Anaheim and 16 of 19 overall heading into the All-Star break.
Walker's homer came minutes after Anderson's grand slam against Shawn Chacon (4-5) in the first inning and briefly gave Colorado hope of avoiding a three-game sweep.
Erstad responded with a three-run homer in the second, and Scott Spiezio followed three batters later with a two-run shot that gave starter Pat Rapp (3-9) a 9-3 lead. The Angels, who have won four straight, never trailed in the series.
The home-run display was nothing new for Coors Field. In the 524 games since the stadium opened in 1995, there have been 23 games without a homer, meaning fans have a 95.6 percent chance of seeing at least one ball sail

over the fence in Colorado.
Unfortunately for the Rockies, the Angels were doing most of the trotting Sunday, hitting five homers off Chacon, who had given up eight long balls in his first 12 starts.
Erstad's second homer made it 10-3, and Spiezio made it 11-3 with his third career two-homer game.
Angles 10 - Rockies 3
DENVER (AP) — Jarrod Washburn won his sixth straight decision and also had three hits as the Anaheim Angels took advantage of struggling Colorado with a 10-3 victory over the Rockies on Saturday night.
The Rockies were without All-Star outfielder Larry Walker, who has inflammation in his right elbow, and starter Denny Neagle pitched one inning before aggravating a strained right hamstring.
Washburn (7-4), 1-for-7 in his career entering the game, was equally effective on the mound, allowing two runs on three hits in six innings. He has not lost since May 8 when Anaheim Sox shutout 2-0 by the Chicago White Sox.

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