

weather report



63°

10:30 a.m.
Monday

Today

- Sunset, 7:34 p.m.
- ### Wednesday
- Sunrise, 5:55 a.m.
 - Sunset, 7:35 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 53 degrees
- Humidity 41 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds south 10 mph
- Barometer 30.16 inches and steady
- Record High today 89° (1989)
- Record Low today 21° (1958)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	65°
Low Sunday	39°
Precipitation	none
This month	2.14
Year to date	3.25
Above normal	0.22 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy with a high near 91, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 55.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, winds out of the north at 15 mph and a low around 52.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, breezy, a high near 74 and a low around 52.
Friday: Partly sunny with a 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, a high near 70 and a low around 45.

(National Weather Service)

Last escapee caught Friday in Nebraska

The last of four inmates who escaped from an Ottawa County jail last week was finally caught in Omaha, Neb., on Friday.

The Kansas Department of Corrections said in a release that Eric James, 22, was taken into custody at 5:30 p.m. Friday. The 2002 Nissan Altima that he stole at knifepoint from a man in Minneapolis was also recovered.

James and four other inmates escaped the Ottawa County Jail early Wednesday morning after overpowering guards and opening the cell block doors.

One inmate, Alberto Jon Barrazalujan was recaptured that day. Another, Drew Edward Wade, was caught by police in North Platte, Neb., Wednesday afternoon.

Santos Carrera-Morales was apprehended in Russell at 10:38 p.m.

Thursday. *The Hays Daily News* reported that the Russell Police took him into custody without incident.

Officers were dispatched to a convenience store to investigate reports of a suspicious person. Carrera-Morales initially gave the officers a fake name, but they identified him as the escaped inmate and made the arrest.

James was the last escapee to be arrested. He and the other three were state inmates serving long sentences at Ellsworth, but they had been moved to the Ottawa County Jail because of overcrowding. The Corrections Department has since moved its other 18 inmates in Ottawa back to Ellsworth and told *The Associated Press* that it is reviewing its policy on inmate transfers. Ottawa is one of four county jails that takes state overflow prisoners.

District accepts security system bid

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board at its last meeting decided to accept the bid from S&T for a security system for the high school.

Superintendent Bill Biermann said that a security system had been on the wish list but got moved up in priority after the high school went through two bomb scares.

The S&T bid for 27 cameras and monitoring system was \$25,997. The monitor for the system would be in the high school office. The equipment would be in a locked closet. There would be five exterior cameras with one pointed toward the vocational building. The initial system would not include Max Jones but those can be added later. The cameras would have a seven to 10 day cycle, would be in color and could be motion censored.

When the issue was brought up board president Gary Slough, who works at S&T, excused himself because of conflict of interest.

The money would come out of

the Quality Zone Assurance Bond. Neighborhood Watch is also planning to make a donation toward the purchase.

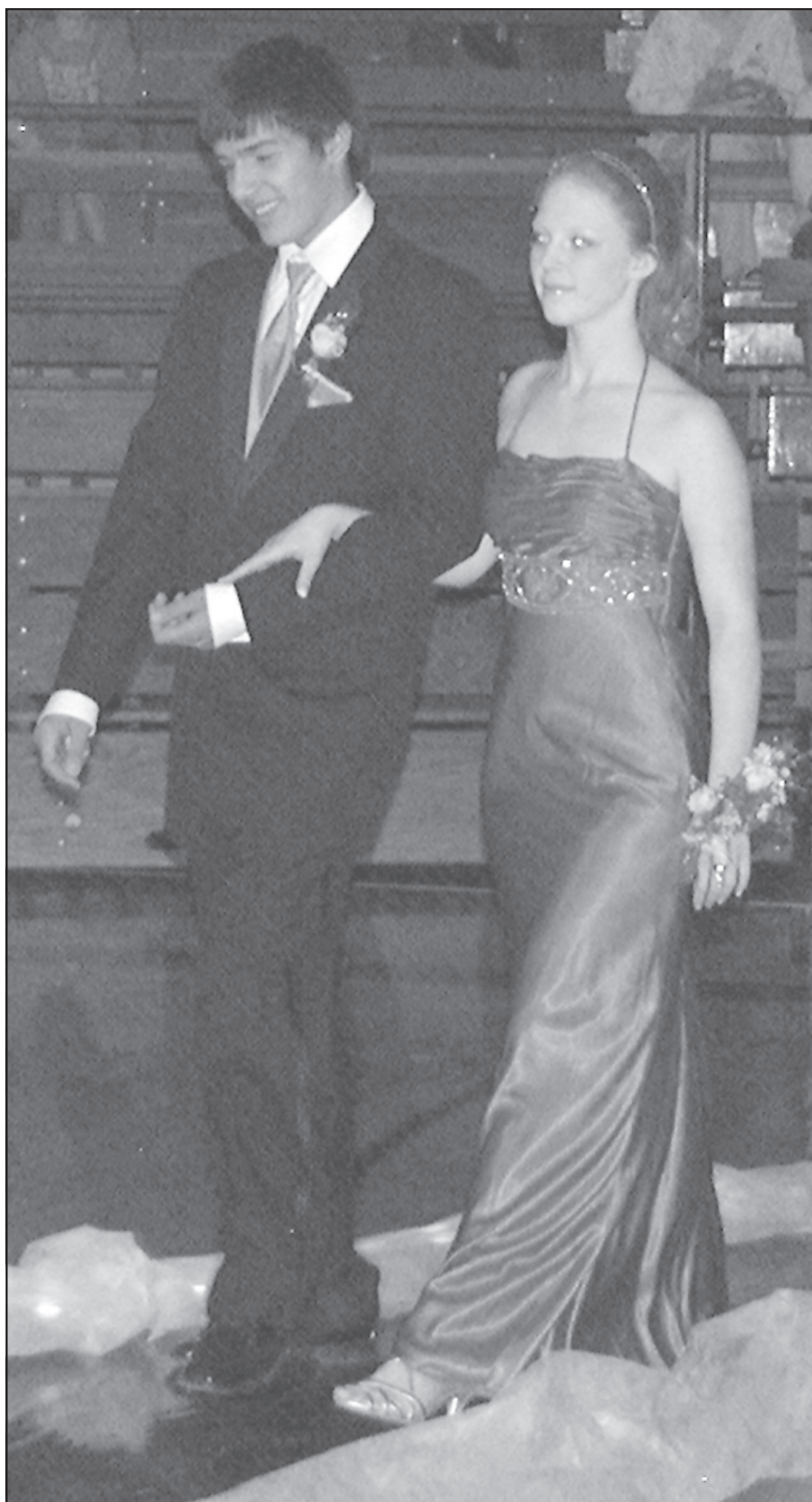
The board decided to purchase another activity bus from American Bus for \$53,750 with 45,000 miles. Biermann said it would be the third activity bus. The bus would be delivered on Tuesday.

The next item the board discussed was the purchase of a new mower. The mower the district has planned to buy last spring and was not delivered to the dealer until fall was not purchased. Cochran Farm Supply bid two. One was a 72 inch demonstrator Hustler for \$8,631 and the other was a new Hustler for \$9,631. John Deere also submitted a bid for a mower for \$10,000 with a bagger.

The board decided to buy the demonstrator for \$8,631. Board member Mike Cochran excused himself from discussion and voting on the mower due to a conflict

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Promenade



Juniors and seniors of Goodland High School got to show off their finery for the prom on Saturday night at the promenade at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Couples and singles walked down a lit black walkway to a backdrop to have their pictures taken. Shown is Brooke Lockhart and her escort.
Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

local markets



10:30 a.m.

- Wheat — \$5.90 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.80
 - Corn — \$5.87 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$6.06
 - Milo — \$5.63 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$13.03 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$13.59
 - Millet — \$11.50 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$26.90 cwt.
 - Confection — no bid
 - Pinto beans — \$28
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Downtown project to include water line replacement

By Kevin Bottrell

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In addition to getting the bricks replaced on two blocks of Main Street this summer, the city will have the underlying water lines replaced.

The city commission approved the addition to the project at their April 16 meeting. The addition is to install a 10-inch main water line and 10-inch service lines between 11th and 13th Streets.

Gerber said the water line replacement got missed from the original project specifica-

tions, but it is a needed project. He and city staff had been working with the contractor, Smoky Hill, to get a bit of about \$180,000. He did not have a firm quote at the meeting, so he asked the commissioners to approve the contract as long as it didn't exceed \$180,000.

Gerber said the grant that is helping pay for the brick replacement wouldn't have covered the water lines even if they had been in the original projects specs.

The entire project — which is set to begin the week of May 7, will be done in two phases, which will take about eight weeks each.

Gerber said the work will start on the block from 11th to 12th Streets first. Once that is finished work will begin on the block from 12th to 13th Streets. The east-west streets should remain open.

In other business, the commission:

- Had an orientation for new Commissioner Jenifer Sanderson.
- Re-elected John Garcia and Annette Fairbanks as mayor and vice mayor.
- Recognized Power Plant Manager Rod Blake as employee of the quarter. Gerber said Blake has gone above and beyond, especially

on the recent long-term power contract and the catalytic converter project at the power plant.

- Voted to donate \$500 to the Run for the Wall motorcycle ride. Dave Daniels, a local representative, said it is one of the largest national media spotlights for Goodland. Goodland is also the only town that does a proclamation.

The donation, the same amount as last year, will go to help pay for fuel.

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Dinner theater cast ready for weekend performances

Cast members of "Collective Dating" by V.B. Longhorn have been getting ready for their performances coming up this weekend.

There will be two shows at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday and 2 p.m. Sunday at the Elk Lodge, 1523 Arcade. Saturday includes a dinner and Sunday a light buffet.

Tickets are available from the Goodland Arts Center at 890-6442.

"Collective Dating" showcases four romantic comedy mini-plays based on the world of dating. Two examples are speed dating were a two people get to meet each other for a short period and then move on to new people and a blind date literally at a golf course.

The cast for "Creative Dating" is Jessica Cole as Crystal, Carol

McClure as Megan, Frank Albert as Jordan, Terry Smith as a policeman and Dennie Sorwell and Joseph Dobbs as bank customers.

In "Blind Dating" Jim Alcorn plays Joe; Michael Solomon, Ted; Stephanie McGinley, Ashley; and Joyce Moore, Lauren.

"Internet Dating" includes Reina Branum as Janie, Joseph Dobbs as Jeff, Curt Goodwin as George, Jacque Schields as Julie, Randy Toppliff as Steve and Dale Schields as Harrison Gregory.

The cast for "Speed Dating" is Don McKenzie as man A, Dennie Sorwell as woman A, Linda Rummel as woman B, Marty Melia as man B, Mike Hamilton as man C, Krista Hamilton as woman C and Elwyn Vatcher as the guard.



Dennie Sorwell and Dale Schields rehearsed for "Speed Dating," one of the four romantic comedy mini-plays in "Collective Dating" by V.B. Longhorn being put on on Saturday night and Sunday afternoon at the Goodland Elks Lodge.
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Cowboys lose 9-1, 10-0

The Goodland High School baseball team was swept by the Monarchs from Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays on Friday.

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