

weather  
report

60°

at noon



Today

- Sunset, 4:50 p.m.
- Tomorrow
- Sunrise, 7:04 a.m.
- Sunset, 4:51 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 37 degrees
- Humidity 33 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds northeast 10 mph
- Barometer 30.14 inches and falling
- Record High 71° (1923)
- Record Low -20° (1930)

Last 24 Hours\*

High	36°
Low	19°
Precipitation	none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy; low 25-30; winds northwest 10 mph. Tomorrow: Mostly cloudy; chance of snow; high 45; winds north 10-20 mph; low 30-35.

Extended Forecast

Wednesday through Friday. Wednesday: windy; high 60; low 15-20. Thursday: dry; high 40s; low 10-20. Friday: dry; high 30s, low 10-20. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. \* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets



Noon

Wheat — \$2.31 bushel  
Posted county price — \$2.07  
Loan deficiency payment — 38¢  
Corn — \$1.71 bushel  
Posted county price — \$1.82  
Loan deficiency payment — 17¢  
Milo — \$2.66 hundredweight  
Soybeans — \$4.16 bushel  
Posted county price — \$4.14  
Loan deficiency payment — 75¢  
Millet — \$3.80 hundredweight  
Sunflowers  
Oil current crop — \$6.15 cwt.  
Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.80  
Confection current — \$13/\$8 cwt.  
Pinto beans — \$13 (new crop)  
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon  
wire

Late news  
from the  
Associated  
Press



1 p.m.

Drug giants  
plan to merge

LONDON — British pharmaceutical giants Glaxo Wellcome PLC and SmithKline Beecham PLC have agreed to a merger that would create the world's largest drugmaker, the pair told the London Stock Exchange today. The merger would form a new holding company — to be called Glaxo SmithKline — valued at \$182.4 billion and holding a 7.3 percent share of the global pharmaceutical market. The companies said the merger would create \$1.6 billion in pretax cost savings after three years. They said job cuts were expected, but released no other details. "It is inevitable that redundancies will arise as a result of bringing the two companies together," the companies said in a statement. The Federal Trade Commission and the European Union still must approve the planned merger.

# Schools get mixed grades on report card

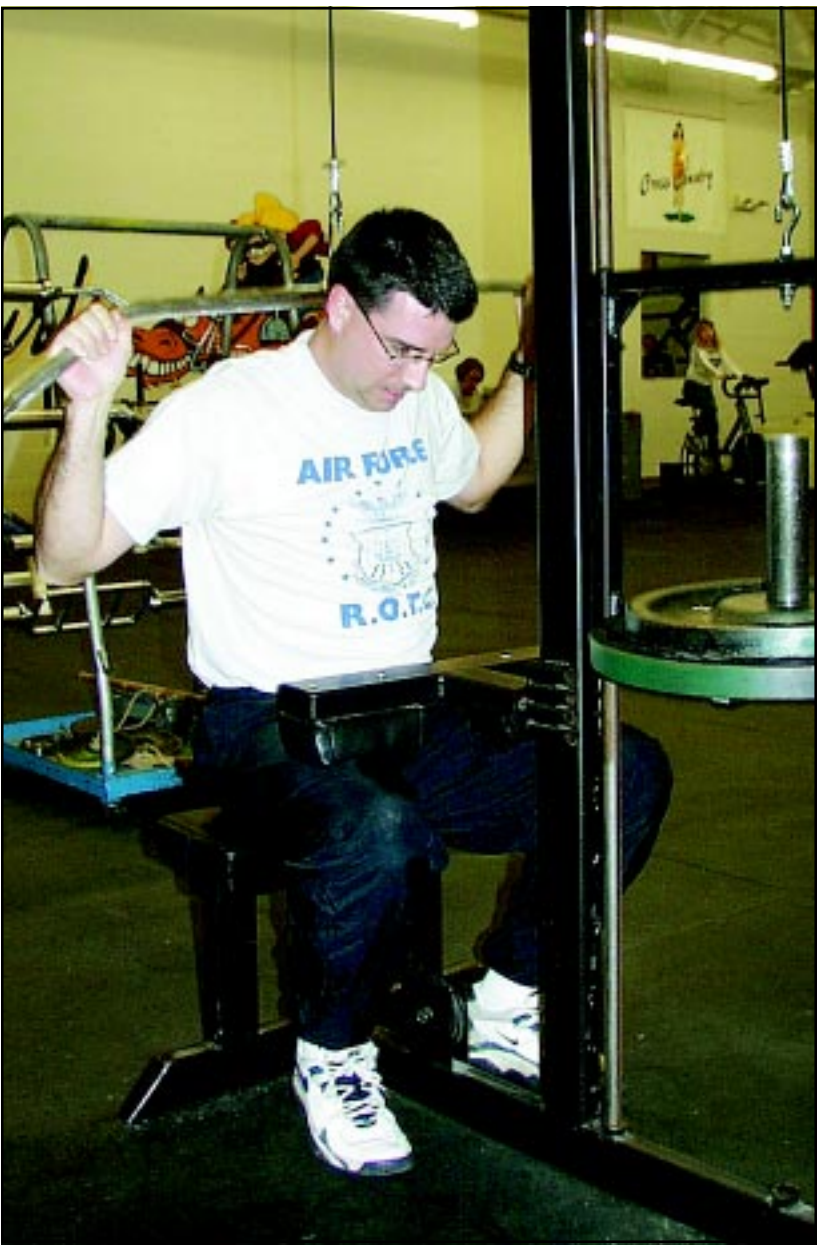
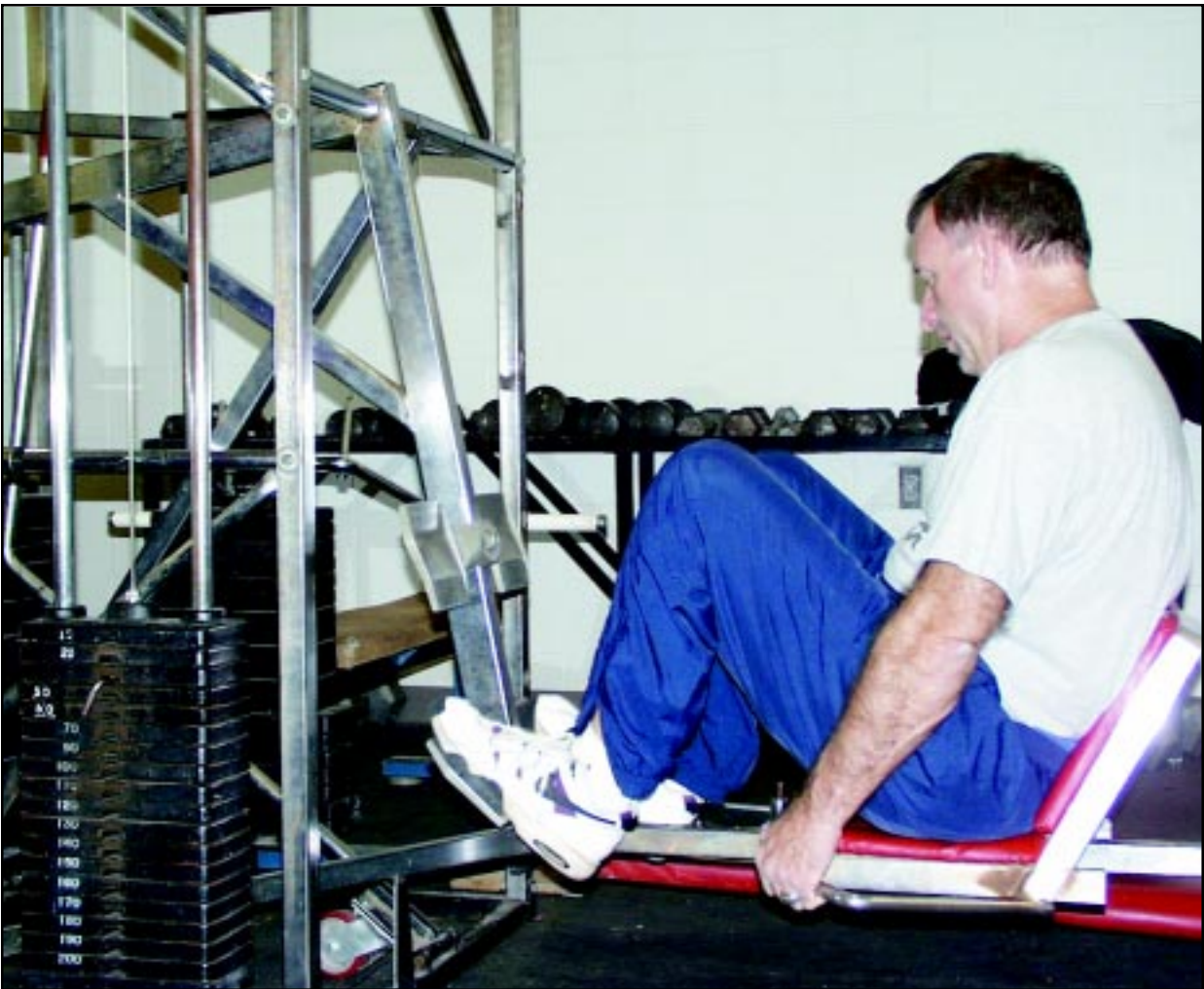
By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Attendance at Goodland schools is higher than the state average, the high school graduation rate and drop out rate lower, but within the district's Kansas School Report Cards, there quite a bit of room for improvement. Building report cards for Goodland High School, Grant Junior High and a combined report for the three elementary schools — North, Central and West — were presented by Central Principal Sharon Gregory at a Goodland School Board meeting Monday. This is the fifth year of the "report card" program in Kansas, and Gregory told the school board that the cards give a mixed message. On the whole, she said, the district is doing OK, but there is room for improvement. "We are not happy with where we are, especially on the high school math," Gregory said. "Our School Improvement Plan will address these specific areas, and the teaching staff has developed a strategy to improve those scores. "When this program began, is was as a measure of programs, not students, and it was meant to drive curriculum," she said. "The report cards are only one measure of how the schools are doing, and while they are important indicators, they should not be used as the sole source to judge the schools." "I am concerned about people outside looking at our schools" said Board member Gerald Franklin. "Are we below the state average, or do we have average schools?" Gregory said that with all the factors together, it is possible to tell if what the teachers are doing to improve district scores is working. She said this will take time, but she expects to see improvements in the local reports first, then in the statewide scores. Here is a recap of he building reports: **GOODLAND HIGH SCHOOL** Attendance and graduation rates are above the state average for Goodland High School, and the drop out rate is well below the state average. Attendance is at 94 percent for Goodland while the state average is 93 percent, but there is a dramatic difference

in the graduation rate where Goodland shows 99 percent as compared to 83 percent for the state average. The graduation rate is figured by dividing the number of seniors who graduate by the total of graduates and all dropouts since the class entered the school as freshmen. Transfers are included in the total graduates. The dropout rate for Goodland is just .6 of 1 percent, which is about 3 points below the state average (3.7). The dropout rate is figured by taking the total of dropouts reported by each grade (7-12) and dividing that by the total number of students enrolled in grades 7-12. The reported state dropout rate is for similar rural schools. The 10th grade reading reports show the Goodland students within 1 percent of the state average. The reading index for Goodland is 63 percent while the state average is 64 percent. The "standard of excellence," the goal set by the state these are measured against is a top of 81 percent. On the 10th grade math reports, Goodland students were 6 percent below the state average on problem solving, 4 percent below in communicating mathematical information to others, 6 percent below the state average in mathematical reasoning and 5 percent below the state average in the math "power score," the average of the three areas measured. This is the area where Gregory says the teaching staff is concentrating on as part of the /school Improvement Plan for this year and into next year. In the writing section, the Goodland students were just .1 of 1 percent below the state average. Areas which are below the state average were in organization, word choice, sentence fluency and conventions. Student essays were scored based on ideas and content; organization; voice (using natural, appropriate language); word choice; sentence fluency; and conventions (spelling, punctuation and grammar). Five (5.0) is the highest possible rating. The state standard of excellence is 3.7 and the state average composite is 3.5. The other measure of achievement at

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## Working up a sweat at the Max

Dave Hardy (above) worked out on the leg press machine and Darin Neufeld (left) used the lateral pull machine in the new weight room at the Max Jones Fieldhouse on Thursday. The weight room is now open for public use from 4:30-6:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and has pieces of equipment to work out all parts of the body. Photos by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News



Casey Campbell, Bryan Russell and Alex Evert (left to right) received congratulations from well wishers in the United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall after their Eagle Scout Court of Honor ceremony Sunday afternoon. Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

## Three youths rewarded for work as Scouts

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Alex Evert, Bryan Russell, and Casey Campbell, members of Boy Scout Troop 142, received their Eagle Scout badges during a Court of Honor ceremony on Sunday afternoon at the United Methodist Church in Goodland. The young men stood facing the audience at the front of the church throughout most of the ceremony. Their mothers placed a pin over their hearts, after which their fathers put a neckerchief on each of them.

The Scouts in turn gave their mothers a pin and their fathers a tie clasp. Their badges were presented to them by Scoutmaster Dennis Saint. The event was attended by District Scout Executive Ed Evans, who said the Eagle Scout Pledge and gave the Charge. Eagle Scouts Rick Stramel, Jeff Mason, Bill Mehling and Gerald Franklin stated the four Eagle obligations. Curt Russell, father of Bryan, sang the song "On Eagle's Wings"

## Even in fan's home, primary fails to score

By Carl Manning

Associated Press Writer

BURLINGAME, (AP) — Lots of folks in Secretary of State Ron Thornburgh's hometown question the wisdom of Kansas having a second-string presidential primary at a time the state is counting its pennies. Thornburgh, the state's chief elections officer, is the main cheerleader for the April 4 primary. But lawmakers in Topeka have all but killed it, saying the \$1.5 million it would cost could be better spent on other things. "Get out the toe tag. All that is left is the autopsy," House Appropriations Chairman David Adkins, R-Leawood, said of the primary. Last week, the House and Senate cut the \$1.5 million that Gov. Bill Graves included, and abolished the primary until Kansas can be part of a regional primary system. Adkins' committee on Wednesday will start drafting a bill to put Kansas back in the presidential primary business, if it and at least five other Midwestern states agree on a common date. Kansas conducted presidential primaries in 1980 and 1992. Absent a primary, Democrats will select national convention delegates by caucuses; Republican state committee members would pick their delegates. Adkins said a regional primary would force candidates to campaign in the area and discuss common issues. "It would elevate Kansas in the nomi-

nating process. Standing alone, we don't attract much attention," he said. Adkins wouldn't find much disagreement at the Bell Mine No. 17 Cafe on the wide brick main street of his small Santa Fe Trail town, 20 miles south of the Capitol. "I think it's ridiculous to have a primary after 70 percent of the delegates are chosen. If we are so short of money, it's a good place to start," farmer John Quamey said between bites of apple pie with ice cream. "If you were going to have it when Iowa and New Hampshire has theirs, it might count for something." Beneath the white Stetson across the table, Dave Jellison listened before offering his succinct conclusion: "Another waste of taxpayers' money." Not everyone in the cafe agreed with Jellison. Three tables over, retired railroad worker Gene Taylor said, "I think we should have it. We should have a choice." Some in the cafe felt an open primary would be a better way to do things. Down the street and around the corner, Dennis Klumpe, senior vice president of the First State Bank of Burlingame, sat behind his desk and talked about his friend Thornburgh. "I can understand his viewpoint of being a promoter of the primary, but I don't know if I would feel cheated if we didn't have a primary," he said. "But if there was a primary, I would vote, absolutely."