

weather
report

71°
at noon

Today

• Sunset, 7:48 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:37 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 57 degrees

• Humidity 37 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds east 15 mph

• Barometer 29.70 inches and falling

• Record High 94° (1962)

• Record Low 28° (1924)

Last 24 Hours*

High 69°

Low 44°

Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear, low 55, winds 15-25 mph.

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, dry, high 95, low 50, winds southwest 15-25 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: dry, high 75, low 40-45.

Saturday: dry, high 75-80, low 50.

Sunday: dry, high 85-90, low 50.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.28 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.12

Loan deficiency payment — 33¢

Corn — \$1.94 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.95

Loan deficiency payment — 4¢

Milo — \$2.93 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.90 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.77

Loan deficiency payment — 12¢

Millet — \$3.60 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.10 cwt.

Loan deficiency prmt. — \$3.44

Confection current — \$13/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$12 (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.

Ex-governor is ‘a racketeer’

BATON ROUGE, La. — Edwin Edwards, the former four-term governor who bragged about his ability to beat prosecutors, has been convicted of extorting hundreds of thousands of dollars from businessmen applying for riverboat casino licenses.

Edwards, who dominated state politics since first becoming governor in 1972, was found guilty Tuesday along with his son Stephen on charges of racketeering and fraud. The schemes took place during and after Edwards left office in 1996.

“I regret that it ended this way, but that is the system,” Edwards said outside court. “I have lived 72 years in the system and I will live the rest of my life in the system.”

Edwards was convicted of 17 of the 26 counts against him, including two racketeering charges that each carry 20 years in prison.

Teachers, board approve pact, cheer ‘new era’

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Daily News

The negotiated agreement between the Goodland School District and the National Education Association of Goodland became official Monday with approval by the board and ratification by the teachers.

Board member Jane Philbrick, a member of the negotiating team, made the motion to approve the agreement, and it passed the board unanimously 7-0. Before the vote, Superintendent Marvin Selby reported that the teachers had ratified the agreement.

Mary Porterfield, head of the teacher negotiating team, said the ratification vote was 68 in favor and one against.

Both sides agreed it had been a pleasant and cooperative negotiating season in comparison to past years, and expressed belief this marks the beginning of a new era.

The superintendent said the district cash balance was in pretty good shape. “This is the nervous time,” Selby said, “as you get close to the end of the year and are spending it down to the end.”

He reported that enrollment had gained by one in March, but that for the year the numbers were still down.

“The only really good thing about March is that it didn’t go down,” he said, “but we really don’t know what will happen until the fall.”

Barbara Fernandez and Chriss and Art Lovington told the board they could organize volunteers to help enroll Spanish-speaking students in the district.

Fernandez said the Hispanic Council would be willing to help translate the enrollment forms into Spanish, and would have people available at each school to help families with the enrollment process and answer questions.

Chriss Lovington said the group could also help translate the school building policy folders so they would be available in Spanish.

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“This is a great idea,” Short said, “and we thank you for your willingness to help.”

Marsha Smith, elementary and junior high librarian, told the board she had received her certification as a librarian, and thanked the members for their assistance in reaching this goal.

“How does it feel to be official?” asked Dick Short, board president.

“It feels great,” Smith replied.

The board approved paying \$34,758 to Rhoads Construction on the Max Jones expansion project. Selby said this appeared to be the last payment except for the five percent residual of about \$73,000 and \$12,000 in change orders which have not been billed yet. He said he would have a complete cost of the project put together in the near future, but estimated to be about \$1.7 million.

In other business the board:

- Appointed Gerald Franklin as the representative to the Northwest Kansas Technical School advisory board for the next year.

- Approved hiring Carrie Peters, school nurse; Tamra Bowen, secretary for school nurse; and Randy Beals, high school and junior high vocal music instructor for next year.

- Accepted resignations from Vickie White, high school English teacher; Gunner Whorton, high school science teacher; and Nikki Little, junior high English teacher.

- Approved a supplemental contract for Casey Veatch as assistant debate/forensics coach, making it retroactive to the beginning of the school year.

Two tickets split record \$363 million jackpot in ‘Big Game’

UTICA, Mich. (AP) — Winning tickets in the Big Game lottery were sold in Michigan and Illinois, officials announced today, dashing the hopes of millions whose frenzied buying in seven states pushed the jackpot to a record \$363 million.

Michigan Lottery officials said they were contacted today by a man they believe holds one of the winning tickets.

The man didn’t identify himself, but the validation numbers he recited from his ticket matched the winner, lottery spokeswoman Sarah Lapshan said.

“I’m pretty confident this is the winning ticket. I just don’t like to say this is the winner until they’re here,” Lapshan said. “We don’t consider it validated until it’s in our hands.”

That winning ticket was sold at Mr. K’s Party Shoppe near Utica, 20 miles north of Detroit. Owner George Kassab and four sons were so thrilled, they opened at 6 a.m., three hours early.

“I’m very excited—I’m happy for the winner,” Kassab said. “I was hoping it was me. I bought a few tickets.”

The other winning ticket was sold at Sweeney’s

Citgo in the northwest Chicago suburb of Lake Zurich, Ill. Assistant manager Ginny Gallagher said lottery officials called her at 7 a.m.

“I screamed at the girl on the phone, I was so excited,” Gallagher said. The store has sold about \$100,000 worth of Big Game tickets in the past few weeks.

Illinois Lottery officials said they had not been contacted by anyone claiming to be the winner, who purchased the ticket Tuesday and let the computer select the number.

The gas station owner also was a big winner.

Lori Montana, director of the Illinois Lottery, presented John Sweeney with an oversized check for \$1.81 million, representing a 1 percent commission on half the jackpot.

Because rules vary by state, Michigan Lottery officials will give Kassab only \$2,000.

Michigan Lottery Commissioner Don Gilmer called that amount “very fair,” given the “enormous amount of publicity” the store will get.

The winning numbers drawn Tuesday night in Atlanta were 1, 2, 12, 33, 37 and Big Money Ball 4. To win, a ticket had to match all six numbers.



Today was Settlement Day in Goodland, the first time the town has celebrated the day it became the county seat in 1888. Everywhere you looked on Main, there were icons of the past: A boy (above) checked out the underside of a two-seat buggy in front of J.C. Penney. Leslie Perry, who came to Goodland in 1966, relaxed outside Alco (left). A 1979 Ford Model T Replica owned by Dick Short sat right in front of Elliott’s. Photos by Debra Turner and Doug Jackson/The Goodland Daily News



Eighth-grade students checked out each others’ projects at the science fair on Friday afternoon in the Grant Junior High gym. Lane Winter (right) played with an electric guitar at one of the project displays.
Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

Eighth graders show their skills in annual science fair presentation

By Janet Craft
The Goodland Daily News

The Grant Junior High gym swarmed with people Friday afternoon as eighth grade students presented their science fair projects.

Display boards were lined up in rows, with students waiting by their spot to explain their projects to viewers or talking with other kids. There was quite a range of ideas. Several projects involved sound and many had to do with animals.

As an assignment from their teacher, Terry Daise, the students had to choose a project that they were interested in.

They searched the Internet for ideas, then came up with a question that they wanted to find an answer to, what is called the problem.

Then they made a guess as to what they thought the answer to the problem might be, which is the hypothesis.

From there they put together an experiment to test if their hypothesis was true. There are two parts to the experiment, the materials and the procedures.

As the students did the testing in the experiments, they collected their results. The results were put into a graph or chart, which is usually done on a computer. They also had to make a display board to present their hypothesis and results.

The students then had to interpret what they found in their results in order to write a conclusion and determine if their hypothesis was correct.

If their hypothesis was wrong, then by doing the project, the students had learned to adjust their way of thinking, a

teacher said.

The project is incorporated into the students’ English classes, as they have to write a report about what they have done.

They also have to show their display board and present the findings from their project in science class.

First-place winner in the competition was Michael Larson with his project of “Hydroponics.” Winner of second place was Amy Anderson with her display of “Vigorous Vernalization.”

The third-place winner was Jared Doke for his project called “Muscle Mice.” Coming in fourth was Portia Perez with her project, “Starch That Produces Sugar.” The fifth-place winner was Ian Scherling with his display of “Big Bacteria.”

Honorable mention in the competition went to 21 students: Lacey Stephens, Brittney Redlin, Janae McKee, Ashley Cook, Alisha McKee, Hailey Murray, Blayne Bahe, Dustin Baker, T.J. Hellerud, Kayla Rasure, Kelsey Herl, Josef Felver, Kris Krayca, Mike Zimmerman, Megan McCall, Lance Tedford, Trista Lalicker, Maggie Witzel, Brock Abbey, Michael Mangus and Kristen Lammers.

For “best display board,” there was a tie between Lacey Stephens and Brittney Redlin. The top 12 display board winners chosen were Kristi Hawkins, Ashelei Furtado, Jocelyn Lucas, Lauren Gray, Kristi Boyce, Megan Leonard, Lea Acuff, Laurie Redlin, Mandra Peters, Chelsea Phillips, Courtney Schields, and Brittany Hildreth.

All of the winners will get certificates, but the first, second, and third winners will also get medals.