

weather report

70°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:39 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:39 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:38 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil Temperature 53 degrees
- Humidity 20 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 10 mph
- Barometer 30.17 inches and falling
- Record High 94° (1938)
- Record Low 21° (1926)

Last 24 Hours*

High 64°
Low 30°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Clear, low 35-40, light winds. Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, high mid 70s, low 40s, northeast winds 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday through Saturday: dry, high mid 70s-80s, low 40s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$2.56 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.41
- Loan deficiency payment — 4¢
- Corn — \$1.59 bushel
- Posted county price — \$1.49
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 50¢
- Milo — \$2.40 hundredweight
- Soybeans — \$4.35 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.15
- Loan deficiency payment — 75¢
- Millet — ask
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$5.15 cwt.
- Loan deficiency pmt. — \$4.55
- Confection current — \$15/\$6 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

America wins in U.S. sports

SYDNEY, Australia — Americans won American games at the Olympics today — softball, baseball and volleyball.

Soccer, that's still the world's sport.

The U.S. softball team completed a comeback almost as amazing as the fact that it lost three Olympic tournament games in the first place, beating Japan 2-1 in eight innings to win its second straight gold.

In baseball, the Americans erased a two-run deficit and knocked off South Korea 3-2 to advance to the gold-medal game against Cuba. The United States also edged South Korea in volleyball, moving the U.S. team on to the semifinals.

Amen's soccer gold will have to wait. The U.S. team lost for the first time in Sydney.



Rose Rodriguez (right) and Tika Hall (left) used a sensor and laptop computer Monday to show the Goodland School Board how to find the acceleration rate of objects. The sensor (below) measures motion and displays results on the computer. The Grant Junior High students gave the presentation to show off new equipment their science teacher, Sue Hagerman, is using. Photos by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

Teacher uses high-tech tools

Students like new equipment

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Sue Hagerman is helping to move Grant Junior High into the 21st century.

The seventh-grade science teacher told the Goodland School Board Monday that she's always used the same exercise to teach about acceleration, inertia and velocity, but this year high-tech equipment has made it easier, more accurate and more fun.

Instead of using her old, homemade devices, Hagerman told the board, students now use electronic instruments, called e-measure, and laptop computers to measure motion. Before, she said, the students used a less-accurate wooden and metal device she made at home and a clock.

Board members moved their regular meeting from the administration building on Main Street to the junior high to give Hagerman a chance to



show off the new science equipment.

Using a high-tech sensor, a laptop computer and a big rock, two seventh graders showed the board how to find the mass of an object.

Sitting in students' chairs in a junior high science room, board members and Superintendent Marvin Selby

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Biker, Harley dealer honored at ceremony

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

Dean Topliff says he met his wife, Myrna, in 1951 when he rode his cycle up to her at Eighth and Main in Goodland.

She rolled down her window and he asked her for a date. "He came whizzing up on a cycle," she recalled, "and about scared me to death."

In the early days, Topliff, 69, spent a lot of time on motorcycles. He got his first bike when he was about 18, a Harley-Davidson. He said that all the motorcycles he's ever had were Harleys.

The aging biker said he was instrumental in starting the Flying Dukes Motorcycle Club in the early 1950s, that had up to 30 young men in it at one time.

Topliff was a Harley-Davidson dealer from 1952 to 1956. He had a shop on his farm which is a few miles from Goodland, where he still lives. He said he sold a few cycles and did body and fender work during the winter.

The group that organizes the Northwest Kansas Bike Show, which will be held Saturday on Main Street, will honor Dean as grand marshal at their supper and awards ceremony on Saturday night. The past year's grand marshal will present the award.

Dean said he was surprised to find out he was being honored.

"I don't know that I've done anything



Dean Topliff

outstanding," he said, adding that he thought his wife should be honored too.

"Without her, we wouldn't be able to do a lot of the things, that we do," he said.

After 1956, when the government took the tariff off of foreign motorcycles, he said, he couldn't sell the Harleys. It wasn't until the last 10 years, Harleys have started to come back.

The last new Harley he bought was a 1953 or 1954 model and had a 165cc engine. He still has it.

Dean said the thing he likes about

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Two-part race raises \$1,000

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Besides giving runners, joggers and walkers of all ages a chance to compete, Goodland's annual Flatlander 5 Race series raised over \$1,000 this year to help fight a chronic disease that attacks the muscles.

Rich Schwasinger, high school DECA teacher and cross-country coach who organizes the two-part series, said the goal this year was to raise \$1,000 for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Runners did a little better than that, he said, raising \$1,057, when all was said and done.

"The money part of it was great," he said. "That's as good as we've done in many years."

Those who participated in the Flatlander races, Schwasinger said, raised \$601 before the first race on July 15, and \$456 before the second race in the series, which started at the Goodland Activities Center on Saturday.

He said Dustin Zelfer, a fifth grader at North Elementary, raised the most money for the second race. He collected \$181 to go towards finding a cure for the neuromuscular disease, characterized by a slow wasting of the muscles.

The race isn't just about raising money, Schwasinger said, as the second part is dedicated each year to remembering a teen-age runner who died in a car accident.

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Farmers exchange ideas to save farm

SCOTT CITY (AP) — Ulysses farmer David Pucket sells cattle, chickens, vegetables and other farm products directly from the land to the consumer.

Pucket, who has farmed all his life, told a gathering of his farmers in Scott City on Saturday that he had to diversify to survive.

"It's been a real learning experience," he told farmers at the Stewards of the Land picnic.

Pucket, his wife Terri and their five children carved out a niche for themselves by marketing their farm products to the consumer through a newsletter. Customers can order beef, chicken, pork, turkey, eggs and vegetables directly from the farm.

"People are willing to pay a little more for a fresh and clean product," he said. "You have to stick with it because customers come and go."

Pucket said he feels he has more control of his farm and his future than ever before, but perhaps the greatest reward is catering to his clientele personally.

"I wanted more consumer contact and to be more involved with the community," Pucket said. "I have no regrets."

Offering better products than the grocery store has been a real key to success,

he said.

Success stories like his were part of the exchange at the picnic at Scott Lake State Park.

Organizer Cliff Smedley said the group tries to gather at least three times a year and look for ways to strengthen the family farm.

Marylou Figgins and her husband, Robert, have lived off their Stanton County land for nearly 40 years.

But dwindling groundwater levels, low commodity prices and rising fuel costs have put the future of family farms in doubt, she said.

"If something doesn't happen," Marylou Figgins said, "I don't see how anyone will be able to stay in business."

Among those there to help Kansas farmers process their crops into consumer-ready products was Tom Lindquist, extension associate at Kansas State University's Value-Added Food Lab.

"If a farmer grows crops, feeds them to his cattle, then sells the cattle that adds value," he said.

At the food lab, farmers get help developing ideas and a test kitchen is available.



Dean Topliff (above, left) presented Darrel Anderson with a bone as his prize for pulling the biggest boner in a motorcycle endurance run. The men were members of a 1950s Goodland group, the Flying Dukes Motorcycle Club.

Bad plane interrupts tryout

By Dana Sulsberger

The Goodland Daily News

A former Goodland High School football star may have missed a shot at a tryout with a National Football League team by a flight.

After a long wait, Tinker Keck, a 1995 Goodland graduate, received a call last Monday to report to the North Carolina Panthers, but when he got to the airport that day, mechanical problems with the plane prevented him from getting to practice.

Keck was told that he would be able to report to a workout session this Monday, said his mom, Jane Reitz, but as of today, she didn't believe that he had been recalled yet.

"He is pursuing some other options right now," she added. Keck played football in Goodland, and at the University of Cincinnati.

He was signed on as a free agent with the New York Giants this summer after graduating from college, but didn't make the team.