

Students get new, exciting equipment

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watched as Rose Dominguez and Tika Hall, both 13, used the sensor and computer to find and graph the acceleration rate of different-sized weights. They placed the weights on a moveable device that the sensor was attached to, and the laptop, hooked up to the sensor, calculated each objects' rate of motion.

After doing the same with the big rock — the unknown mass — the young students compared the rock's acceleration rate with that of the other weights' to estimate the rock's mass at a little under 150 grams.

After the students' presentation, Hagerman said the new equipment has breathed life into an old exercise.

Though her students are primarily using instruments that sense motion and

distance, Hagerman said, she will introduce them to other e-measure instruments as they move into other subjects.

When teaching about force, she said, she will use the instrument that measures force, and when the class starts learning about thermal equilibrium, students will use the temperature sensor.

"What excites me most is the precision of the instruments," Hagerman said, adding that the school also has instruments to measure heart rate, pH and light and sound waves. She used the pH sensor and the laptop to show board members the difference in pH levels in vinegar and hydrogen peroxide.

The looks on the students' faces as they were giving the presentation was enough to say they were excited with the new equipment, though they were a little shy about saying it.

"We like it," Tika said.

"It works better than the old stuff," Rose said.

Hagerman said she likes the instruments because it gives students a chance at learning beyond reading a book or hearing her talk.

"It's easier to learn something when you do it," she said. "Hands on is always better."

In other business, the board:

- Decided not to sell a Quonset the district owns on west 8th Street, after Terry Richardson, owner of Homestead Realty, said he had someone who wanted to buy it. The board said the Quonset is used for storage, and they would rather not have to find a new home for the equipment.

- Held a 15-minute closed session, and then reconvened to hire Ric Schlosser, Goodland, as night custodian at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Man honored for loving Harleys

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riding motorcycles is the "feel of the breeze blowing by you, the vibration of the motor and the feel of the power."

However, he said, when he took up stock car racing, he gave up racing motorcycles.

In 1956 he put down his first irrigation well, he said, so after that he didn't have time to ride much.

"I was too busy trying to make a living and buy groceries," he added.

Since then, he has ridden motorcycles off and on. He thought the last time he had been on one was when his grandson, Josh, got a motorcycle about three or four years ago. He rode it to show him he could do it. Nowadays, he rides a four-wheeler quite a bit.

Back in the '50s, Topliff and his wife rode together on Sundays. They said the motorcycle club would take off Sunday morning for Limon or Akron, Colo., or sometimes for Colby or Atwood.

"That was before television, so you did other things for entertainment," he

said. "Instead of watching a football game on Sunday afternoon, we would go ride a motorcycle."

Myrna said that when the movie "Hell's Angels" came out in '52 or '53, the man who owned the theater in Goodland called the club members and asked if they would bring their bikes to the theater to promote the movie.

The reaction to the movie wasn't all positive, though. The couple recalled that on one of their Sunday rides after the movie had come out, they stopped at the city cafe in Sharon Springs with about seven or eight other motorcycle club members to get something to eat.

The sheriff came along and told them he didn't allow motorcycles in the town and gave them 15 minutes to get out. She said they didn't hang around to eat, but left right away.

Dean said he felt sure that if they hadn't been out of town in time, they would have been thrown in jail.

The club played games on their motorcycles. They played polo, drove through obstacle courses, and had

races to see who could go the slowest.

The Topliffs said they went to Sturgis, S.D., a yearly gathering place for motorcyclists, in 1953. Dean said he went one time before that by himself.

A national five-mile race was held there and Dean said all the big-name cycle racers went to it.

Today the Sturgis event lasts a week, but in the old days, it was a two- or three-day thing, he said. Even then, though, there were a couple thousand bikers jammed into the little town. Prizes were given for the oldest cycle, the fanciest cycle, and the cyclist who came the farthest, in addition to other awards.

The couple said they met a 65-year-old woman who rode a 165cc engine Triumph motorcycle from New York to South Dakota.

They stayed in a motel while there, which cost \$3.50 a night, but a lot of people camped out, they said. Gasoline was 14 or 15 cents a gallon. They ate in restaurants and recalled that a hamburger and coke cost 25 cents.

Race raises money for worthy cause

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Lisa Hickman, a Goodland High School student who was killed in 1989 on her way to school, was on the cross-country and track teams, he said.

Schwasinger said though temperatures took a dive and dark clouds hung around Goodland most of the weekend, dropping rain and snow, the race was a relative success. It drew people from around the northwest Kansas region.

"We didn't have a large number of participants," he said, "but overall it was a fun event."

The morning air was cold and wet, but runners and walkers gathered at the activities center on Main Street early Saturday morning. The event, which included five races, was finished by noon.

Michael Skipper, Goodland, out ran four other racers in the men's five-mile race, with a time of 31:38. Raymond Tetter, Wray, Colo., came in first in the 40-49-year-old class, with a time of 36:08. He beat Schwasinger, who ran five miles in 38:23.

With a time of 35:27, Wayne Bossert, Colby, was first in the 50 and over class, beating out Mike Mersch, Goodland, who ended with a time of 39:38.

Cody Barnhart, St. Francis, won the men's one-mile race with a time of

7:01, out running Tim Lee, Goodland, 7:10, and Delbert Barnhart, St. Francis, 8:17.

Julie Rus, Eckley, Colo., the only participant in the women's five-mile race, ended with a time of 40:36. Elaine Felver, Goodland, was the only participant in the women's one-mile race, with a time of 8:23.

Linda Garrett, Gem, and Penny Nemechek, Goodland, tied for first in the women's two-mile walk, each with a time of 32:30. No one entered in the men's two-mile walk.

The Grant Junior High cross-country team raced against runners from Lakin in a competition that was added to the series.

The last race was a half-mile kids' fun run. Katie Lammers, Goodland, came in first in the girl's race, with a

time of 4:18. Lupe Rodriguez came in second, with a time of 4:32, and Caitlyn McGinley third with a time of 5:23.

Kerek Mason won the boy's race with 3:30, beating Zelfer, with a time of 3:26.

Sponsors of the race included Mr. Jim's His Shop, First National Bank of Goodland, Garcia's Home Furnishings and Appliances, Topside Office Products, Alco Discount Store, Goodland Cable TV, Coca-Cola Bottling Co., The Goodland Daily News, The Sherman County Star, KLOE/KKCI Radio, the Goodland Activities Center, the Goodland Police Department, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Goodland High School DECA Chapters, the Prairie Pacers Running Club and Julie Schock with the Cheyenne County Clinic-Hospital.

Registering to vote



Dolly Irvin, support manager, handed Mark Flanders a voter registration form at Wal-Mart on Thursday. She and Viola Jacobs, another Wal-Mart associate, manned a table at the entrance of the store Thursday and Friday, trying to increase the number of people in Sherman County who register to vote. Wal-Marts across the country are doing the same, she said, with the general election coming in November. Photo by Rachel Miscall/The Goodland Daily News

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student of the week



Name: Jill Sowers
Parents: Rue and Marilyn Sowers

Grade: Senior
Age: 18

We've nominated this student because: Her great leadership, attitude, and work ethic. She is an example for other students to follow.

Student Comment: My favorite aspect of school life is the friendly learning environment provided by the teachers. My best liked sub-

jects are Chemistry and Physics. I will always remember the lifelong memories and friendships I have established at GHS.

Activities involved in at school: Volleyball, Track, Peer Counseling, NHS, GAA, FCCLA

My choice of movies, books, and game: My favorite choice of movies are Suspense/Dramas. I listen to all kinds of music, my favorite being country. I enjoy reading a wide variety of books.

After I leave Goodland High School I intend to ...: attend K-State University and major in Chemistry or Biology.

And 10 years from now, I think I'll be ...: happily married and starting my career.

Favorite Quote: "People change and forget to tell each other."

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