

weather report

35°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 5:00 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:58 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:00 p.m.

Middy Conditions

- Soil Temperature 36 degrees
- Humidity 56 percent
- Sky Mostly sunny
- Winds north 17-23 mph
- Barometer 30.16 inches and rising
- Record High 79° (1951)
- Record Low -14° (1963)

Last 24 Hours*

High 38°
Low 19°
Precipitation none

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Cloudy, 50 percent chance of snow, low 10-15, south-east wind 10 mph. Tomorrow: Cloudy, 50 percent chance of snow, high 35, low 15-20, south wind 10-20 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: chance of snow, high 30-35, low 15-20. Monday: chance of snow, high 35-45, low 15-25. Tuesday: dry, high 35-45, low 15-25.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.86 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.76

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$1.84 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.88

Loan deficiency pmt. — 11¢

Milo — \$3.03 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.06 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.02

Loan deficiency payment — 88¢

Millet — \$8.25 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.00 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.66

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$14

(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.

Earthquake shakes India

AHMEDABAD, India — The most powerful earthquake to strike India in more than half a century shook the subcontinent on Friday, killing 866 people and burying others in the rubble of toppled homes, schools and office towers.

The 7.9 magnitude temblor in western Gujarat state, close to the border with Pakistan, caused high-rise buildings to sway 600 miles away in the capital, New Delhi, and was felt 800 miles away in Nepal and 1,200 miles away in Bangladesh.

All the deaths in India were recorded in Gujarat state, where buildings shook for more than two minutes.

The quake struck at 8:50 a.m. as many cities were celebrating India's 51st Republic Day, which commemorates the adoption of the constitution.



TRIALS OF A GIRL

Quarterback

Cowgirl switched to volleyball after year on the freshman team

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

It seemed to Jayci Stone that everyone wanted her to quit playing football and join the volleyball team.

Her brothers thought she might get hurt. The coach said he couldn't build a program around a girl. A doctor warned her that girls are more prone to knee injuries.

After a while, the young quarterback said, she started to want it herself.

"I really liked playing football," Stone said, "but my brothers wanted me to play volleyball and the coach wasn't letting me in the game.

"I didn't feel necessarily like I was forced to quit, but I felt like I wasn't wanted."

With a football coach for a father and three older brothers who coached and played, Stone said it was only natural for her to be drawn to the game.

"I grew up around it," she said.

The 16-year-old Goodland

High School sophomore was quarterback for the Grant Junior High team when she was in the seventh and eighth grade and kept her position last year on the high school freshman team.

Stone would have played on this year's junior varsity team had she not decided to play volleyball instead.

Stone — 5 feet 9 inches, 140 pounds and the only girl anyone can remember playing high school football in Goodland — said it was her decision to quit, but pressure from others pushed her to it.

After a season away, she said, she's thought about joining the football team again, but thinks she'll probably stick with volleyball. She said it's frustrating being kept on the sidelines.

"It's not worth it to practice everyday after school," Stone said, "and get to play three games in a season."

If it was all up to her, she said, she would still be playing football. But, Stone said, she listened to her father, her coach, her brothers, her mother and her doctor.

Now, the teen-ager admits, she's probably the only one who's not happy with her decision.

"I wish I was still playing football," she said.

The Stones are a football family — with their father assistant coach of a team four of his five children have played for — but the men in the family say they were scared Jayci would get hurt if she continued to play.

Jayci's father, Dennis Stone, teaches accounting at Goodland High and is assistant coach for the Cowboys.



Jayci Stone

Her mother, Karen, teaches kindergarten at North Elementary School.

Her brother, Luke, was the senior quarterback for the Cowboys this year. Tige Stone, head coach of Oberlin's high school football team, is a former Cowboy who played and later coached at Kansas State, a perennial top-10 football program. And Seth Stone, a student at K-State, also played for Goodland.

Halli Stone, Jayci's younger sister and a fifth grader at North, has been bitten by the football bug, too. Dennis Stone called Halli the "cheerleader" of the family, but said sometimes she plays touch football with boys her age.

Dennis said he thinks Jayci made a good decision by quitting football. He said he would have supported Jayci either way, but would rather see her facing players of similar size and strength.

"She had always been able to handle herself," he said, "but everyone would get bigger and stronger, and she would too, but not at the same rate."

Though his sister could compete with the other freshman football players, Tige Stone said, he and his brothers nagged Jayci to join the volleyball team. He said they thought an injury could hurt her performance in her "main sports," basketball and track.

"She was good," said Tige Stone, now a history teacher in Oberlin. "Don't get me wrong. She was just as good or better than the people she was playing against. But they would catch up to her."

He said his sister knew she would eventually have to quit football as other players would grow bigger and stronger. She joined the football team her freshman year, he said, because no one thought she could do it and because her brothers told her not to.

"She was kind of rebelling against us," he said. "We nagged her about it all of the time."

Karen Stone said she didn't nag her daughter — her first after three boys — because she knows what it's like to be told that you can't do something because you're a girl.

She attended high school, she said, before Title IX — the 1972 federal Civil Rights law that requires equality in boys' and girls' athletic programs. It covers the number of students participating, quality of facilities, number of male and female coaches and their salaries.

"My biggest thrill," Karen Stone said, "is watching

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Jayci Stone (black and gold uniform) looked to get hold of the ball during a basketball game earlier this year against the Lakin Broncos.

Photo by Roxie Yonkey/The Goodland Daily News

Athletic director says district keeps sports equal

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland High School's athletic director said administrators have tried to do the right thing when it comes to equality in boys' and girls' sports, avoiding civil rights complaints that could be expensive.

To keep things equal, Richard Liess said, the school has added girls' teams, built new girls' locker rooms and is always looking for women to coach. He said administrators want to correct a problem before it becomes a "Title

IX" complaint.

Title IX, a federal Civil Rights law passed in 1972, says no educational institution that receives federal money can discriminate against students or staff based on gender.

The law, which took effect in 1978, requires equality in all aspects of sports, including athletic positions available, money spent on equipment and supplies, coaches' salaries, facilities, playing fields and game scheduling.

A Title IX complaint against a school, made to the U.S. Office of Civil Rights, can mean an in-

vestigation of a district's athletic programs, loss of federal money and an expensive compliance order.

Liess said as long as administrators remain aware, he doesn't expect to have a complaint against the Goodland district. He said there are a proportional number of boys and girls involved in sports, the facilities are equal and the male and female coaches receive virtually the same pay.

Of course, Liess said, the district didn't get to that point without work and money. While girls should have as many opportunities to participate,

he said, it's the boys' sports that bring in the money.

Nonetheless, he said, the district started girls' golf, tennis and softball teams last year to increase the number of sports positions available to girls. He said the district also built new ladies' locker rooms at the district's Max Jones Fieldhouse.

It's tough to keep things equal, Liess said, because the football team — which sophomore

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Counselor begins job

Goodland District's new elementary counselor says she's excited about her job.

Theresa Riddle moved here from Salina, where she taught life science to eighth graders, to work with kids in pre-kindergarten through sixth grade. Though the job is permanent, right now she is doing an internship here to finish her master's degree in counseling. She started Jan. 15, and will work in all three elementary schools.

"Everyone's been real helpful and nice to work with," she said. "Everyone is working together as a team to benefit the students."

She said the principals at the elementary schools want the program to take off. Riddle said she thinks counseling

is important in elementary school.

"I enjoy what I'm doing," she said. "It was always my dream to be a counselor."

Before deciding three years ago to get her master's and become a counselor, she taught for 11 years in Salina. When she started teaching, she said, she taught first and fourth grades and was a long-term substitute for sixth grade. For the past 8 1/2 years, she has taught eighth grade life science.

Riddle said she was sad to leave the kids, the school district and teaching science, but she was happy because she was going to get to start in counseling.

"I'm excited getting to work with

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Theresa Riddle

Man, 21, suffocates in bean plant accident

A young Goodland man apparently suffocated Thursday afternoon after he was trapped under beans at the storage facility west of town.

Clay Howard, 21, an employee of Prairie Pea and Bean, was helping move beans from one building to another when he lost his life in the process.

Sheriff Doug Whitson said his office received the call around 4 p.m. Howard was pronounced dead at the scene by Sherman County Deputy Coroner Tom Hellerud around 4:40

p.m.

Whitson said employees were moving beans from one building to another with a conveyor belt and somehow Howard got sucked down under the beans.

"We don't know what happened," Whitson said.

Whitson said Howard apparently must have got down on top of the beans and was then sucked down.

Bateman Funeral Home in Goodland is handling the arrangements. Service times had not been set.