

weather report

66°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:21 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:10 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 54 degrees

• Humidity 56 percent

• Sky sunny

• Winds east 7 mph

• Barometer 29.98 inches

and steady

• Record High 98° (1956)

• Record Low 36° (1998)

Last 24 Hours*

High 55°

Low 48°

Precipitation 0.06 inch

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Mostly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, low 50-55, southeast wind 5-15 mph. Tomorrow: Partly cloudy, 20 percent chance of thunderstorms, high 80-85, low 50-55, east wind 5-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday and Friday: chance of thunderstorms, high 80, low 50s. Saturday: dry, high 85-90, low mid 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets



Noon

Current wheat — \$2.75 bushel

New Wheat — \$2.75 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.72

Corn — \$1.77 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.69

Loan deficiency payment — 30¢

Milo — \$2.90 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$4.01 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.92

Loan deficiency payment — \$1.00

Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$7.10 cwt.

Oil new crop — \$6.65 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$2.84

Confection currency — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$14 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, 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.

Curfew used to avert riots

KATMANDU, Nepal — Police moved to avert more riots against new King Gyanendra, imposing a 12-hour curfew today and warning Nepalese that anybody going out could be shot.

An investigation into the shooting spree that killed the king and queen and eight other royals failed to start by as planned. Members of the panel quarreled over how to proceed.

About two dozen people, their heads shaven in a traditional Hindu show of respect for the dead, were arrested as they marched toward the royal palace carrying flags and demanding answers about the Himalayan nation's tragedy.

Although there was no rioting reported today, police clamped down with a noon-to-midnight curfew, just six hours after an earlier curfew was lifted.

Runners step off for High Plains run

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

In the cool dark of the pre-dawn Saturday, 39 runners gathered on Eighth Street and at the word "Go," punched their stop watches and headed east to begin the sixth High Plains Marathon.

The open class and overall winner was Alfred McClodden of Tallulah, La., who crossed the finish line in the sunshine in 3 hours, 3 minutes and 37 seconds.

McClodden had said he thought he would do well in the race, but had hoped to run against two world class runners from Morocco who had said they would participate. The foreign visitors did not show, however.

Some of the 39 runners are part of a quest to run in marathons in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. Those who have already run in over 20 states wore a special shirt.

McClodden told race official Tracy Skipper that he had run 43 marathons over the past 19 months, and that he has run as much as 200 miles a day in training. McClodden led the pack, taking a quick lead, and continued to extend it throughout the race.

Talking runners as they prepared for the race, some said they picked the High Plains Marathon because of the location and others said it fit their schedule. Mike Herrin of Tremont, Ill., said it worked for him both because it was in early June and because he could visit his brother in Denver over the weekend. Herrin said he is a physical education teacher and enjoys running during the summer.

"It takes about 20 minutes to get ready," Herrin said. "There are the special socks and shoes and I rub lotion and sun screen on to help keep from burning. And it helps prevent chaffing and skin irritations."

Herrin said he has to put tape over his nipples.

"It may seem funny, but after 26 miles without the tape, they are very sore," he said.

Finally there is the stop watch, a swallow of water and a visit to the restroom just before the start. Herrin finished 28th at 4:25:25 in the men's masters 50-59 division.

Steve Pollock of Boulder, Colo., was the closest to the leader, finishing about seven minutes behind with a time of 3:10:31. He was only 20 seconds ahead of Don Woody of Lakewood, Colo., who had 3:10:51.

Pollock won the men's masters divi-



Simultaneous with the word "go," runners in the High Plains Marathon early Saturday punched their stop watches (above) to keep track of their progress around the 26.2-mile course. On the home stretch (right), Alfred McClodden reached for a final gulp of water as he passed the corner of Caldwell and 17th. Water and Gatorade were what Michael Skipper, the only Goodland runner, (far right) slowed up for at the 14-mile mark east of Edson.

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The Goodland Daily News

sion ages 40-49; Woody was the winner of the 50-59 division; and Dan Shuff of San Antonio won the senior masters division, for runners over 60, with a time of 3:60:32.

Linda Bosard of Sidney, Neb., was the top woman runner with 3:35:20. Loretta Ulibarri of Denver won the women's masters division with 3:41:17.

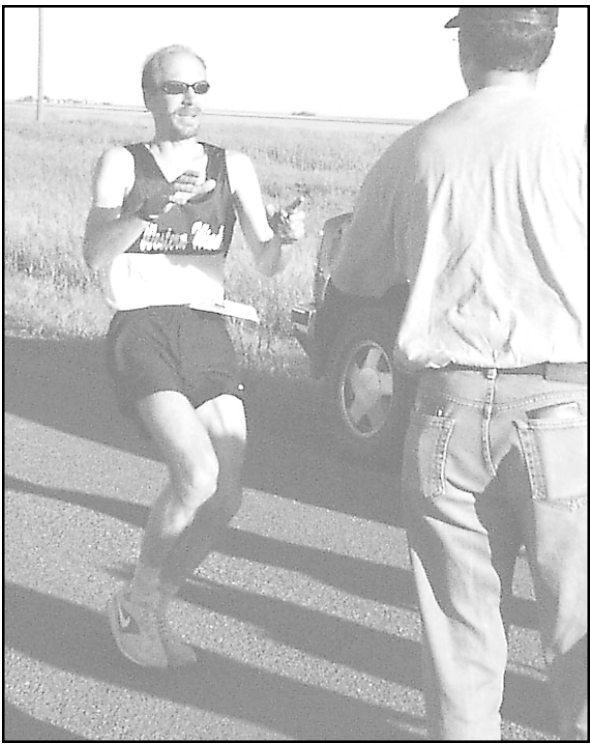
Michael Skipper, the only Goodland runner this years, finished sixth at 3:17:11.

Kansas runners made up about a quarter of the field, with runners coming from Great Bend, Hoisington, Emporia, Burns, Norton, St. Francis and Weskan.

Kelly Frewen of St. Francis was 31st



with 4:09:19; Jake Befort of Weskan 35th at 5:15:01; Gary Teske, Great Bend, 14th, 3:55:42; David Wahlgren, Hoisington, 15th, 3:57:27; Steve Streck, Norton, 17th, 3:59:26; Chad Buck, Emporia, 24th, 4:09:58; Jeff Strobel, Great Bend, 25th, 4:14:57; and Jim Davis, Burns, 26th, 4:23:42.



The runner who came the furthest for the race was Edwin Roth of Cologne, Germany, who finished 11th at 3:49:44. He was sixth in the men's masters 40-49 division.

The Sunflower Amateur Radio Club of Goodland provided communications along the route and volunteers

from the Goodland Boy and Girl Scouts helped provided water, Gatorade and slices of fruit to the runners along the 26.2 mile route. When the runners returned to the Goodland Athletic Center, where the start and finish lines were, they were greeted by the Goodland Ambassadors.

Insurance cost may doom high diving board

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The Goodland City Commission decided to stay with the city's present liability insurance, through Eklund Insurance Agency of Goodland, for the new Steever Water Park when it met Monday evening.

To save money, however, the city may remove the park's high diving board. The commission also decided to consider raising electric rates because the city's cost for natural gas is up, and agreed to stick with current prices at the new pool despite complaints about the lack of a season pass.

The commissioners purchased a 12-month liability policy for over \$25,000 through Scottsdale Insurance (which is rated A++) before the water park

opened. The city had to pay the first quarter premium of \$7,000 to lock in that price; the policy is in effect through Aug. 29 with that payment.

On Friday, Jack Eklund received a quote from another insurance company, Colorado Western, which has a B+ rating, and thought the commissioners might want to consider using them as their premium was quite a bit less. But Eklund said that they wouldn't provide coverage for any accidents involving the 3-meter or high diving boards, whereas Scottsdale would.

EMC Insurance, which the city has insurance through now, provides coverage for the water park, but wouldn't provide liability insurance covering employees or patrons.

Eklund said if the commissioners

wanted to take out the high diving board, they could go with Colorado Western for 15 months of insurance at \$10,000, compared to Scottsdale's premium of over \$25,000 for a 12-month policy.

The commissioners decided to leave the insurance with Scottsdale for now since they have coverage through August, but they asked Eklund to see if Scottsdale would lower their premium if they change the high board to a low board.

Commissioner Rick Billinger said he had received calls from residents about the admission prices at the water park and said he would like to see if an amendment could be made to issue season passes. He said he understood that the citizen's committee and the City

Manager Ron Pickman had come up with the prices, but felt the water park should be used by everyone and that it was difficult for single moms with several kids to pay the cost.

"The committee had put a lot of time and effort into coming up with a price that is fair," said Annette Fairbanks, chairman of the committee.

She said in the past there was abuse by daycare providers, families who let other kids in on their passes or visitors from out-of-town getting in on the passes.

"When there is a change, people have

a hard time dealing with it," she said.

Fairbanks said the city has sold all the coupon books that were printed and feels that this says that the majority of people don't have a problem with the prices.

She said the committee tried to come up with prices that would be fair for the average family and that the main reason they didn't want to go with a season pass was to eliminate the abuse.

She said if the commissioners wanted to go with the season pass, that

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Car chases keep lawmen on the go

By Patty Decker

The Colby Free Press

COLBY — A nurse who told deputies she was on her way to help with an emergency at the hospital wound up in jail Sunday after refusing to pull over. City police had to use road spikes to stop her car after a seven-mile chase.

In another chase, a deputy had to shoot at a man wanted for a gas skip in Goodland in what turned out to be a stolen car.

Sheriff Tom Jones identified the nurse as Margaret Staats, 35, Menlo. He said she was driving west on U.S. 24 from Menlo at 10:38 p.m. when Deputy Jim Engle clocked her at 85 mph in a 65 mph zone.

"The deputy tried to stop her by using his warning lights," he said, "but she refused to yield."

Attimes, Jones said, the chase topped 90 mph. Jones said Deputy Engle

chased the car for six or seven miles. As the chase entered Colby, near the Stop-2-Shop Total station, Colby police officers placed "stopsticks" out to deflate the tires.

After the vehicle was stopped, Jones said that Staats said she had been called in by the hospital on an emergency from Stratton, Colo. She was arrested on charges of eluding authorities and speeding.

"In order for this to have been legal," Jones said, "a person would need to approach ... county commissioners and ask for a license permitting them to carry a red light on their vehicle. Otherwise, the authorities must act on speeding vehicles, regardless of the reason."

Jones said it would have made matters much less complicated had Staats stopped and told the officer what was going on.

"She might still have gotten a speeding ticket," he said, "but the incident wouldn't have escalated as far as it did."

Earlier in the evening, said Jones, a man driving a stolen car tried to run from a deputy, who shot out a tire after the man allegedly tried to run the officer's car off the road.

The sheriff said Deputy Ken Patton saw a vehicle that matched the description of the one involved in a gas skip at a Goodland station.

The 1983 white Buick had been reported stolen from Canyon County, Idaho, driven by 27-year-old Angel Horne of Roanoke, Va.

"Patton pulled the car over at mile marker 57 in the eastbound lane of I-70," Jones said.

Patton reported that the driver put his hands on his head and asked if he was

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As wheat harvest nears, guessing contest begins

Guess when the first load of Sherman County wheat will be hauled into a grain elevator in Kanorado, Ruleton, Goodland or Brewster, and you could win \$50.

It's part of the Harvest Countdown contest, sponsored by *The Goodland Daily News*, participating elevators and areas businesses each year. Three people with the closest guesses will win scrip to spend at participating businesses.

This year, the winner will receive \$50, and the second and third closest guesses will win \$35 and \$15 respectively.

Participating elevators include Mueller Grain, Kanorado Co-op and Frontier Equity Exchange elevators at Ruleton, Goodland and Brewster. Only Sherman County wheat will count, however.

It's simple to enter.

Fill out an entry form at any par-

ticipating business, writing down the day, hour and minute you think the first load of wheat will be accepted at the participating elevators. The participating businesses include Grassroots Lawn Care, Aten Department Store, the Feed Bunk, Mueller Grain, Kanorado Co-op, and Frontier Equity locations in Ruleton, Goodland and Brewster.

And then wait for the wheat to roll in.

There are some rules.

The load will only count if its moisture content is below 14 percent. The entry deadline is June 21 or sooner if the first load of wheat comes in before that. You must be at least 18 to enter. No purchase is required to win.

The Daily News will run an advertisement on Tuesdays detailing contest rules and participating businesses.