

weather
report

50°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:57 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:29 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:58 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 56 degrees
- Humidity 71 percent
- Sky overcast and cloudy
- Winds north 20-27 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.31 inches and rising

• Record High 98° (1934)

• Record Low 30° (1931)

Last 24 Hours*

High 72°

Low 54°

Precipitation trace

.02 since midnight

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: partly sunny and cool, high lower 60s, low near 40, winds northeast 10-15 m.p.h. Wednesday: partly sunny, high lower 70s, low upper 40s.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy, high upper 70s. Friday: mostly clear, high mid 80s, low lower 50s. Saturday: mostly clear, high upper 80s, low mid 50s. Sunday: mostly clear, high upper 80s, low mid 50s.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.37 bushel

New crop — \$3.00 bushel

Corn — \$2.55 bushel

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.25 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.90 bushel

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$6 hundredweight

New crop — \$5

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.50 cwt.

New crop — \$10.05 cwt.

NuSun — \$9.85 cwt.

NuSun new crop — \$10.40

Confection — \$17/\$7 cwt.

New crop — \$17/\$10 cwt.

Pinto beans — withdrawn

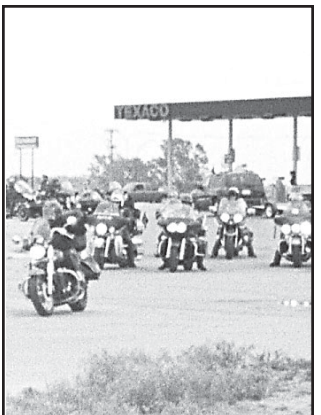
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun,

Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century

Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Run for Wall
in 15th year

The roar of motorcycles on I-70 Sunday morning marked the 15th year the Run for the Wall Veterans have been traveling the highways to remember those who served in Vietnam and the 2,000 still missing in action. See Photo on Page 10.

Graduation day!

85 receive diplomas

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Of the 85 students graduating from Goodland High School on Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse, there were three valedictorians. Timothy Kafka, Bill Linin and Tiffany Schwasinger tied for the honor, all with perfect 4.0 grade point averages.

Amanda Angelos was the salutatorian, and Laura Rice received a special award for 13 years of perfect attendance. Flags were traded with exchange students Benjamin Kluyskens of Belgium and Nopwakun Pholpho of Thailand.

Dr. Donald Topliff, head of the agriculture department at West Texas A&M University, and a 1971 Goodland High grad, gave the commencement address, and a nephew, Joshua Topliff, was among the graduates.

The graduating class chose Jackie Elliott, who teaches math, as the Educator of the Year.

In his address, Topliff said that although years have passed since he went to Goodland High School, some things have not changed: school still starts at 8:15, students still race to beat the bell, they still take a lot of English and math and they still have the opportunity to become whatever they want.

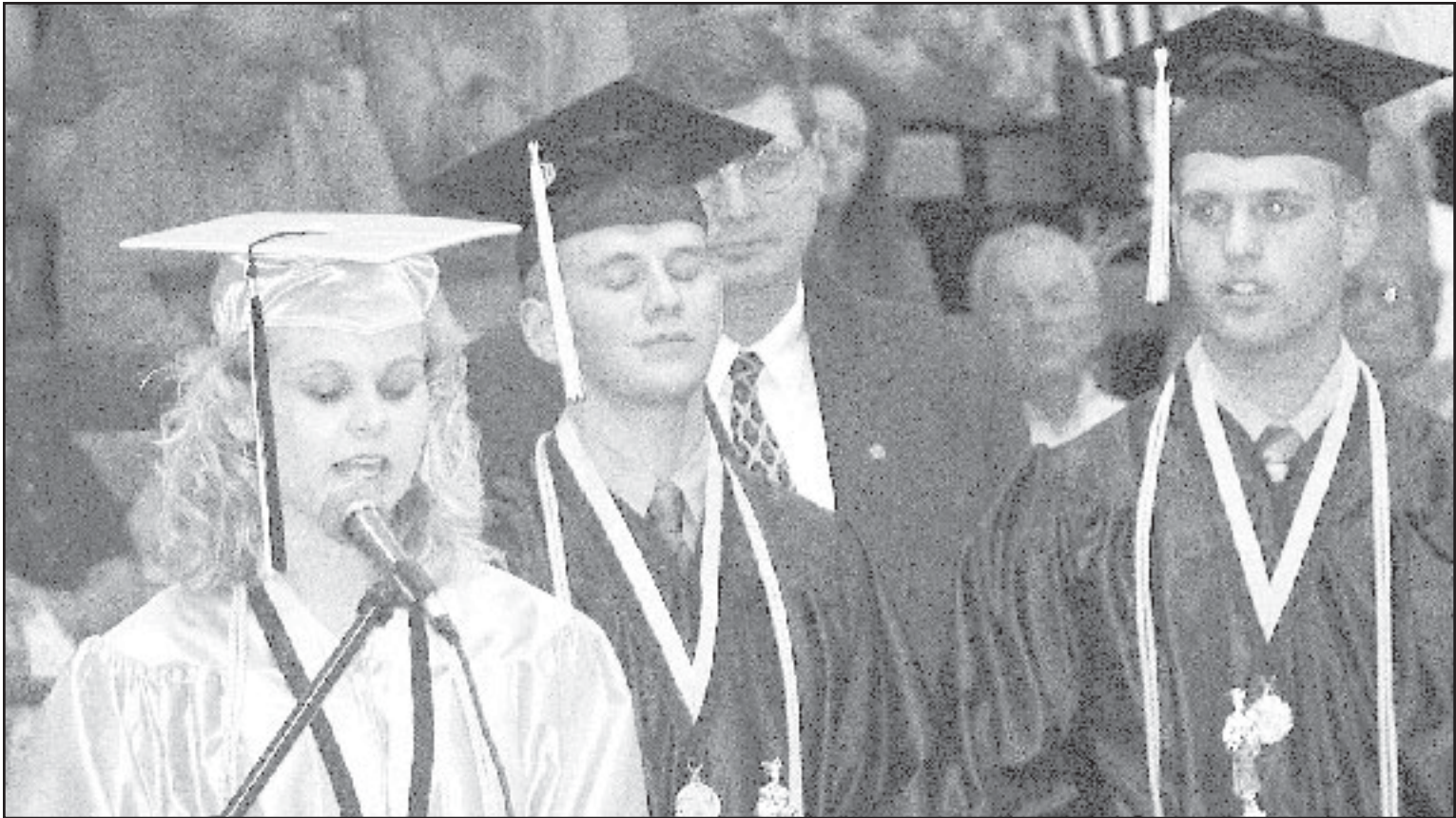
To become realize your dreams, Topliff told the graduates, you need to become a problem solver, become a leader and have perseverance.

The world's problems have been identified, he said, but the world lacks people with the fortitude to tackle them. People spend their time cussing and discussing the same problems, he said.

Bill Gates is the richest person in the world, Topliff said, because he devised a system to do everyday work for everyday people.

Without leadership, Topliff said, an organization is like a ship without a rudder. It probably won't sink, but it won't reach its destination.

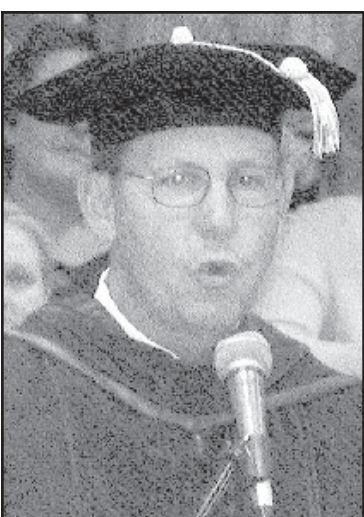
Topliff quoted Winston



Churchill, emphasizing the need to "never, ever, ever give up."



Dale Schields, president of the alumni association, said the group had nominated Sarah Short, Jackie Elliott and Don Smith for Educator of the Year. The senior class voted on the winner, and Elliott was chosen for the honor. she received \$250



and an engraved plaque.

Among the criteria Schields listed for the award were length of service, success in teaching methods and concern for students.

Elliott told the students she is a golfer as well as a mathematician, and that life is like golf.

"I wish you very few sand bun-

kers and no water hazards," she said. "If you do end up there, you must pay the penalty and start over."

In the salutatorian's address, Angelos said in Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland," Alice came to a place where the road splits. She had to make a choice.

Alice asked the Cheshire Cat



which way she should go, Angelos said, and the cat said if she didn't know where she wanted to go, it didn't matter. Angelos encouraged her classmates to choose a good destination and to always strive to be better.

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Trash decision to be today

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Today the Sherman County commissioners will review the four proposals from contractors interested in handling the city trash collection.

The four proposals are from Chuck Redlin and Kevin Butts of Goodland, Justin Comer of Haysville and Waste Management of Colorado Springs.

Sherman County Commissioner Kevin Rasure said that Friday morning the commissioners talked about the four proposals and since Redlin was there, they asked him some questions and called Butts and Comer to ask them some.

"We took them home and are planning to make a decision today," Rasure said. "If the city approves the contract tonight, we will approve it Tuesday so we can get this program rolling.

"We were pleased to have these good proposals," he said. "We will choose one, but I believe any one of the three we are looking at."

All four of the proposals including picking up the trash and hauling it to the Sherman County transfer station at the old dump north of town. Proposals from Redlin, Butts and Waste Management propose to use the existing dumpsters for household trash and for yard waste. The proposal from Comer would provide individual roll-out containers for residential customers and for yard waste.

In The Can

Redlin's service would be called "In The Can" with headquarters at 1007 E. Business U.S. 24. The current rates would continue with an assessment at the end of the year. If fuel costs were to go up and stay

high, there would probably have to increase.

In his proposal, Redlin said there would be two special sites for collecting wood, metal, tree limbs and small quantities of construction debris. These would be at his office and at the county shop on West Eighth Street. The site on U.S. 24 would have a special drop off for furniture, appliances and tires at current county fees. These could be dropped off during office hours.

The proposal includes special pickups for refrigerators, stoves, washers, dryers, microwaves, couches and chairs. There would be a \$10 fee for each.

Redlin proposes holding informational meetings to educate the public as to what can and cannot be put in the containers. Printed brochures would be sent out with the monthly utility bills, and handed out to new residents.

Redlin said he wants to see recycling expanded, and he would provide special containers to commercial customers for cardboard, metal, plastic and others as needed. He would like to see yard waste recycling expanded by looking into composting more than just leaves and grass clippings.

"We are longtime Sherman County residents and we would like to see tax dollars and income revenue stay in our community," he said. "Goodland is our home and instead of seeing business after business leave out town or shut down, we would like to see it grow.

"This is a necessary service in our community, and we feel that we could do a good job. We think there is an opportunity for expansion and growth, and in that a better service

for our community."

Redlin's residential rates would be \$10 plus the \$3.25 tipping fee per month. Commercial customers would be charged \$12 per month for one container plus a \$2.10 pickup fee for one pickup per week. Additional containers would be \$12. Yard waste fees would be \$4 per month for a roll-out container and \$12 a month for a 3 cubic yard container.

His proposal is for a 10-year lease/buyout of the city's equipment with a total price of \$525,000 over the 10 years.

ECS Trash Removal

Butts' proposal from ECS Trash Removal would leave the existing system in place, and would not change the rates.

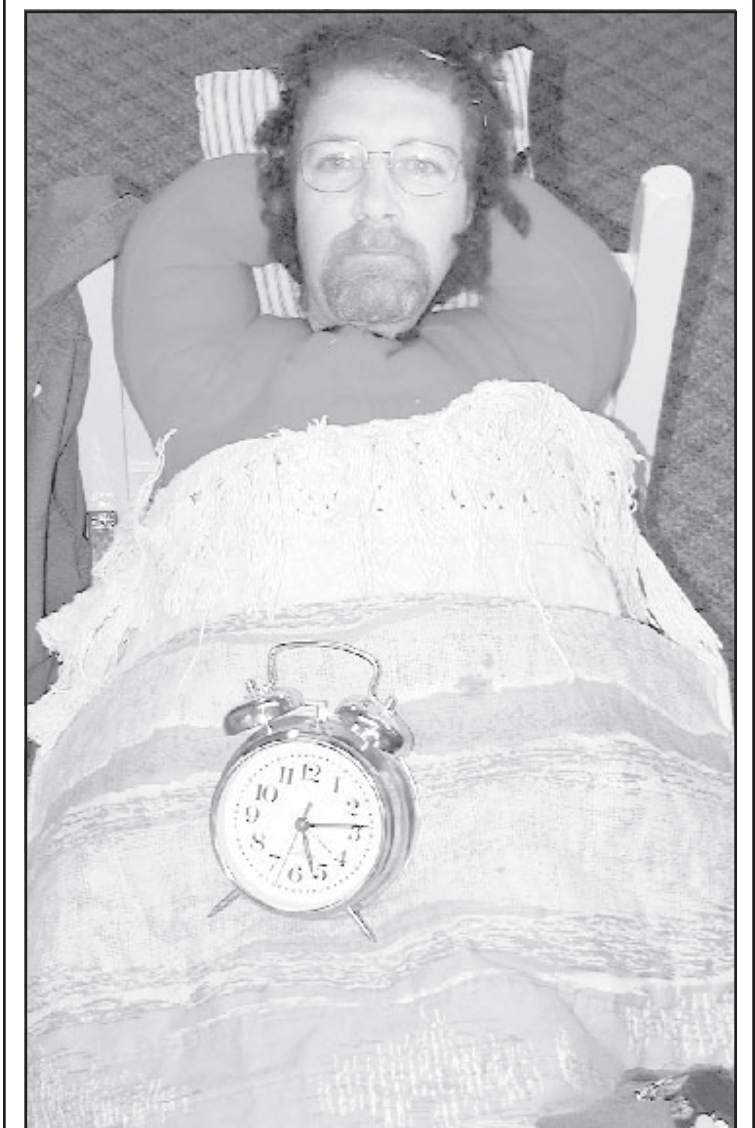
"We feel that by lowering the rates in order to attract the 'best proposal' will only backfire in a year of two, thus having to increase rates," Butts wrote.

"We agree that construction debris and small appliances are a problem. We realize that it is not feasible for residents to drive to the landfill to dispose of a toaster. Therefore, we plan to work with the city to set up several sites where residents can dispose of their appliances, wood, metal, etc. Our intention is to have this system remain permanent, however, if residents abuse this concession, another system will have to be established."

Butts would maintain the same collection schedule as the city currently has to make the transition as easy as possible. For commercial customers, Butts proposed replacing the current containers with larger ones equipped with a latch

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Mini-Raymer is ready



The students at North Elementary met their goal of collecting Boxtops for Education with a total of 5,788, and that means that Principal Steve Raymer will be spending Thursday night on the roof. North secretary Yvonne Koehler said "Mini-Raymer" has his pajamas on and has climbed into bed for the trip to the roof. She said Raymer and his mini companion will climb to the roof at 3 p.m. Thursday and will come back down at 8 a.m. Friday after the students arrive for the day.

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