

weather report

75°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 8:03 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:24 a.m.

• Sunset, 8:04 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 61 degrees
- Humidity 51 percent
- Sky clear
- Winds south southwest 18
- Barometer 30.21 inches and steady
- Record High 90° (1974)
- Record Low 29° (1950)

Last 24 Hours*

High 67°
Low 53°
Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Tonight: partly cloudy, low mid 50s, winds south 10 m.p.h.
Wednesday: partly sunny, high lower 80s, low mid 50s, winds northeast 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: mostly sunny and hot, high lower 90s, low lower 60s.
Friday: partly cloudy with slight chance of showers and thunderstorms, high mid 80s.
Saturday: mostly cloudy with chance of showers and thunderstorms, high near 80, low mid 50s.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.12 bushel
New crop — \$2.93
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.42 bushel
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$2.15 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.73 bushel
Millet — \$6 hundredweight
New Crop — \$5
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$9.40 cwt.
Oil new crop — \$9.95 cwt.
NuSun — \$9.75 cwt.
New Crop — \$10.30 cwt.
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Pinto beans — withdrawn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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160 graduate from college

More than 160 students graduated from the Northwest Kansas Technical College this spring, with commencement ceremonies at 1:30 p.m. Friday at Goodland's Max Jones Fieldhouse. See story and photo on Page 10.

Raymer has restless night on roof

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

North School Principal Steve Raymer went up the ladder a little after 3 p.m. Thursday after kissing his wife and telling her "good night."

Then the staff hauled the ladder away, cutting of any possibility of escape.

About 8 p.m., Raymer said there had been quite a few visitors come by, and a kindergartner had brought him a sundae from Dairy Queen.

"She had her father put a ladder in his pickup and brought it so she could give me the ice cream," Raymer said, "so I had my dessert."

The sky was clear until sometime after midnight when it started to cloud up and a heavy fog rolled in. The National Weather Service issued an advisory about 3:30 a.m.

Raymer said the damp began settling in about 2 a.m. and mist started about 4 a.m. He said his last visitor was about 12:30 to 1 a.m.

The next morning, he reported getting about two hours sleep, about 15 minutes here and 15 minutes there.

"I would doze off, and then wake up and look at my watch," he said. "I couldn't believe it had only been about 15 minutes."

"Then this morning, I thought it was going to be neat to watch the sun come up, but it got foggy and sort of wet."

He said it was not real wet, but there was water on the roof.

He started the afternoon in shorts, by 8 p.m. he had added a jacket and later a pair of warm-up pants.

"It is just about over," he said at 6:30 a.m. "I am looking forward to a shower, a large cup of coffee and some clean clothes."

About 6 a.m., Judy Harper, head cook at the school, took him up a cup of coffee, and then about 7 a.m. she brought him breakfast.

As the last minutes ticked by, Raymer was getting a bit ansy. He said he was glad to see the ladder finally arrive.

When he crawled off the roof and came down, the kids gave him a cheer and a round of applause. They then sang a verse of "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow."

The principal went out to do a radio show at 8:30 a.m., and then home to get a shower and clean clothes before heading back to the school for his day.

"It was fun," he said. "Once."



North Elementary Principal Steve Raymer (left) reached back to get the alarm clock from school secretary Yvonne Koehler on Thursday afternoon before he climbed up to the roof to spend the night. Raymer said it was a restless night, with plenty of visitors, and it got

As the kids arrived for school, they would wave up at the principal and ask how his night had been. Several said they were sorry it had not rained a lot more.

A few asked if he had been disturbed by any water balloons or fire crackers, and if there had been some spotlights shinned on him.

Raymer said he had received

some water balloons and a few fire crackers.

"How did you know about those?" he would ask the kids. "Was there some planning there? We'll have to talk about that later."

He congratulated the kids for their effort to collect the more than 5,000 boxtops and raise \$500 for the school, saying they will have to de-

cide what the money will be used for next year.

"I have plenty of witnesses that I was up here all night," he said.

A parent who was bringing her child to school said she had to take a picture for proof.

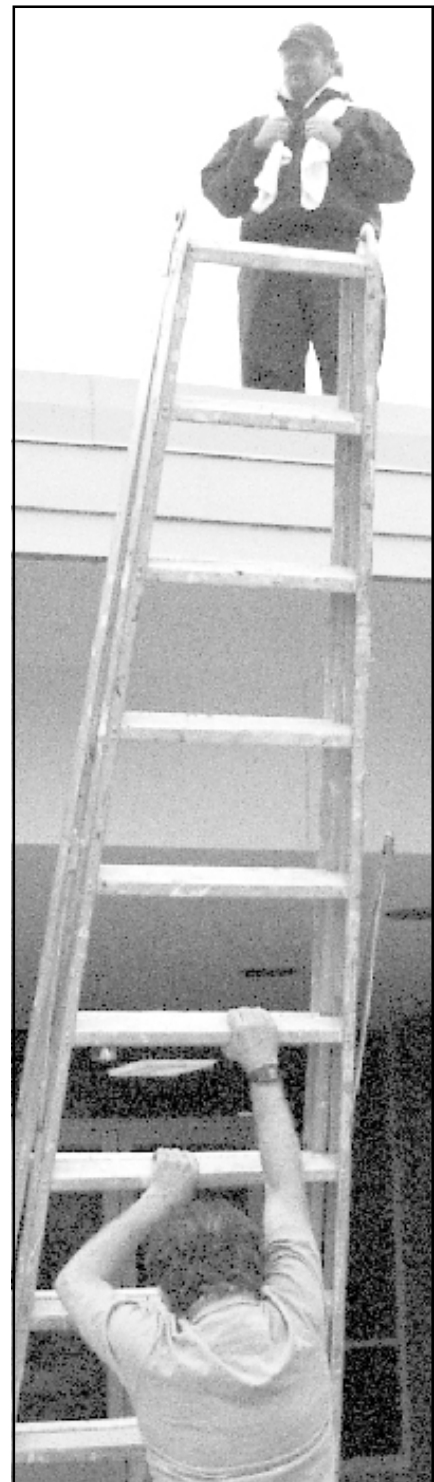
"I am proud of you for doing what you said you would do," she told the principal.

"It is all about honesty and integrity," Raymer replied.

This is his last year as the principal at North, because he is moving to the high school as activity director.

(He has been doing the job part-time since Dick Liess left in December.)

Next year, Jim Mull, principal at Grant Junior High, will split his time and handle the duties.



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Gray sky doesn't dampen Memorial Day crowd

By Tom Betz

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About 200 people gathered at the Goodland Cemetery Monday morning to pause and remember those who served and died in military service and family and friends.

The sky was gray and a stiff west wind made the flags stand out in salute as the speakers talked about the importance of Memorial Day.

At dawn, Boys Scouts and Cub Scouts had gathered to help raise the 54 American flags that have been donated to the Goodland Veterans of Foreign Wars post by families of service men who have died.

William Fulcher, a Goodland police officer and Scout master, said he had 20 boys ready, and Marvin Cullens, Veterans of Foreign War post commander, said it took them about 20 minutes to get all the flags raised.

Mazie Sutton said the smaller flags were placed at each veteran's grave in the cemetery, and that there were 720 flag holders in the cemetery.

Memorial services were held in Brewster and Kanorado as well as the one in Goodland.

Amanda Hoffman sang the Star Spangled Banner to open the ceremony, and JoAnn Wahrman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary laid a wreath on the Veterans Memorial in tribute to all those who have served and fallen in the defense of their country.

Speaker at the Goodland service was Pastor Janet Hernandez of the United Methodist Church, who talked about the meaning of Memorial Day and remembering those who have died.

She said that while Memorial Day first was dedicated to the memory of those who have served and died in military service, it is a day to remember others who we have loved and who had died.

Talking about the wars of the past, Hernandez said she was born at the end of World War II and so the first war she really remembered was Vietnam.

"That was not a popular war at home," she said. "Since then, we have been involved in a number of conflicts, and today we have soldiers in harm's way in the Middle East."

Following her speech, the Veterans of Foreign Wars squad fired a traditional 21-gun salute and Bryan Russell played "Taps," echoed by Isabelle Hellerud.

At the end of the ceremony, Linda Koons of Koons Funeral Home and Jacque Cooper of Jacque's Hallmark released red, white and blue balloons into the air in remembrance for everyone who has lost a loved one.



JoAnn Wahrman of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary placed a wreath on the Veterans Memorial at the Goodland Cemetery as part of services Monday morn-



ing. At the end of the service, Linda Koons and Jacque Cooper released balloons in remembrance of all lost loved ones.

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