

**weather report**

73°

noon Monday



**Today**

- Sunset, 7:59 p.m.
- Wednesday**
- Sunrise, 5:27 a.m.
- Sunset, 8 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 70 degrees
- Humidity 57 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds southeast at 15 mph
- Barometer 29.72 inches and falling

- Record High today 97° (1939)
- Record Low today 30° (1945)

**Last 24 Hours\***

- High Sunday 82°
- Low Monday 49°
- Precipitation —
- This month .02
- Year to date 5.67
- Below Normal .05 of an inch

**The Topside Forecast**

Today: Windy, isolated thunderstorms. High near 73, low around 46.

**Extended Forecast**

Wednesday: Mix of sun and clouds, high in the upper 60s and lows in the low 40s. Thursday: Mix of sun and clouds. Highs in the mid 70s and lows in the 50s. Friday: Isolated thunderstorms, high in the upper 70s and lows in the 50s. Saturday: Isolated thunderstorms, high in lower 70s and low in mid 40s.

(National Weather Service)  
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\*Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$4.40 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.25
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Corn — \$3.71 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.47
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Milo — \$3.41 bushel
- Soybeans — \$7 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.69
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- NuSun crop — \$16.30 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
- (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

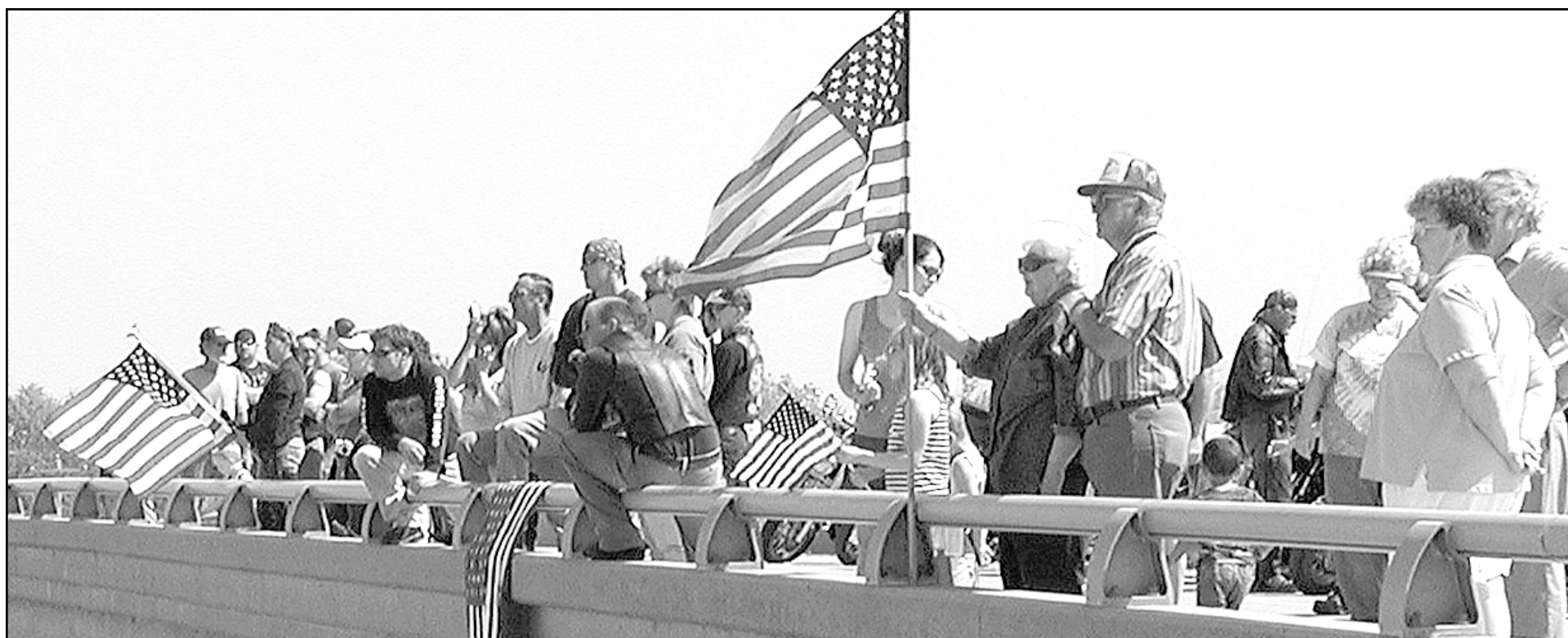
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**Three going to state track**

Senior Stephanie Sheldon cleared the bar to place fourth in pole vault at the regional track meet Friday. She is one of three Goodland seniors going to the state track meet in Wichita on Friday. See photos, story on Page 12.



**Crowds line rail over I-70**

Day five of the 19th annual Run for the Wall about 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning found about 50 people from Goodland (top) gathered on the Caldwell Avenue overpass south of town to wave hands and flags (right) as more than 200 motorcycles rolled east on I-70. The ride starts in California, and bikers on two routes travel across the southern and central parts of the country honoring Vietnam veterans, soldiers missing in action and prisoners of war. The run will end on Memorial Day in Washington with the Rolling Thunder ride to the Vietnam Memorial, known as "the Wall."

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**Graduates told 'we can do what we want'**

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland High School graduating Class of 2007 will get a chance to "do what we want," the top student told 65 fellow seniors graduating in a nearly full Max Jones Fieldhouse on Saturday afternoon.

Jena McCall said the class motto has always been "we do what we want," adding that she wanted everyone to promise each other to do that.

"We might fall and make mistakes big and small," she said, "but we are ready for the future."

"It's sad to leave it all behind,



Billinger



Lee



Morgan



McClung

never put the quadratic formula to song again or get married at recess." Salutatorian Nathan Linin said he has learned determination and dedication from his years at Goodland High School.

"It has been a great time to grow

up with my classmates," he said. "I thank God for everything and thank my family."

He said as a golfer, his final words to the class were, "Tee high and watch it fly."

Student Council president Kaylee

Billinger introduced the foreign exchange students, Leeanoora Kekalainen from Finland and Chanuntuch Anutrapibal from Thailand. Billinger, Kekalainen and Anutrapibal exchanged flags.

Anutrapibal, who lived with Scott and Tracey Waugh, said, "I want to show what I have learned here at home."

Kekalainen lived with Mark and Jackie Buller.

"I have had a good experience," she said, "and I found out I can do anything I want to, even play softball."

Dale Schields, president of the Sherman County High School

Alumni Association, congratulated the class as he gave the Outstanding Educator Award to English teacher Linda Van Loenen, who started here in 1973.

"It's been a great place to develop the art of teaching," she said.

He said the award was started in 1982. The other two finalists were Coach Jon McLean and art teacher Mark Hagerman.

The commencement speaker, Professor Bill Havice, a 1973 graduate, praised his experience at Goodland High School.

Havice was in the top 25 percent

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**Tech college hands out 160 degrees, certificates**

By Pat Schiefen

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Max Jones Fieldhouse was mostly full Friday afternoon for the 160 members of the Northwest Kansas Technical College's 43rd graduating class.

Robert Loftin of Weskan, chairman of the college board, welcomed the audience.

Ryan Kraft of Ransom was named Student of the Year and received a plaque. He was in the auto body repair department. He was chosen from



Sen. Lee

among nominees from each of the 16 departments by a committee of area citizens.

State Sen. Janis Lee of Kensington talked about positive changes in the Legislature for the future of technical and vocational education in the last year.

Technical and vocational education will now be under the control of the Post Secondary Technical Education Commission rather than the Board of Regents, she said. That will encourage standardization of education and, perhaps, more money, she said.

"The fastest growing job sector is in the service area," Lee said. "Seven out of 10 workers are in the service sector. Present workers are more valuable in an aging population."

The college honored two retiring teachers, Nita McClung in cosmetology and Ray Morgan in electronics. McClung has taught for 32 years and Morgan 15.

Among the graduates were five instructors in college programs who completed requirements for their associate's degrees. They did not don gowns or march with the others, but were recognized in the program.

Graduates by department:

**Auto body repair:** Associate of Applied Science degrees: Donald Lee Boucher, Larned (National Technical Honor Society member), and Dylan Middleton Shoemaker, Colby.

Technical certificates: Cody Randall

Harms, Chappell, Neb.; Brady Hill of Joes, Colo. (Honor Society); Clayton Charles Hoss, Goodland; Ryan Kraft, Ransom (Student of the Year and Honor Society); Derek William Lawson, Manhattan; Nate Newport, Lakin; Tyler Novack, Holcomb; and Adam Werth, Hays.

**Automotive technology:** Associates: Shawn Jones, Lakin (Honor Society); Logan Pickerill, Ordway, Colo.; Jacob Van Hall, Loveland, Colo. (Honor Society); Rick Jorgensen and instructor Curt Goodwin, Goodland; Lucas Paul Michael, Hill City; Jorge R. Santos, Holyoke, Colo. (Honor Society); Jarod

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**School district asked to pay for all state competitions**

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland High School Site Council recommended at the last school board meeting that the high school pay for all activities to go to state competitions.

Presently getting the district to pay for state competition is hit or miss for Science Olympiad, DECA and Future Family, Career and

Community Leaders of America. The district pays for trips to state competitions for athletes and musicians.

The Goodland School Board heard the recommendation from the council's president lawyer Jeff Mason. Some groups, he said, have to raise their own money for trips, including Science Olympiad, DECA and Future Family, Career and

Community Leaders of America.

The second recommendation was that there needed to be good communication about changes that may come up at the high school as Sharon Gregory from Central Elementary takes over as principal next year. The groups said several had heard rumors, he said, and they'd like to know what is going on.

Mason said the council met six

times during the year and had the best participation from parents and students since he joined in 1999. Mason said the math scores were higher at the high school this year, but the group was still concerned.

Principal Jim Mull gave the report for Kris Cowan on the North Elementary Site Council, saying they met every month. The group sponsored parenting classes and an out-

door education day, he said.

The council bought hand sanitizers for each room and had Karen Hooker, director of respiratory therapy at Goodland Regional Medical Center, give programs on hand washing and smoking.

Carrie Peter reported that the West council had three or four people at

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