

weather report

81°

noon
Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 8:14 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:32 a.m.
- Sunset, 8:14 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 81 degrees
- Humidity 50 percent
- Sky partly sunny
- Winds southeast at 7 mph
- Barometer 30.13 inches and falling

- Record High today 108° (1934)
- Record Low today 43° (1990)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 83°
- Low Thursday 59°
- Precipitation —
- This month tr
- Year to date 7.44
- Below normal 4.17 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high near 85, low around 58.

Extended Forecast

Saturday - Wednesday: Mostly sunny. Highs around mid 90s, low around 60.

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

Virginia students tour elevator

By Pat Schiefen

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Twenty-eight Harrisonburg, Va., high school students got a chance to see how a grain elevator works Wednesday when Lynn Hoelting and Kyle Sorensen of the Scoular Co., formerly Mueller Grain, gave the students a tour.

"This is a great place and has really welcomed us," said Myron E. Blosser, a science teacher and leader of the trip which included 28 high school boys and girls and six instructors.

A truck loaded with wheat arrived during the tour and the kids got to see how the wheat was graded and sampled. Sorensen told them that particular load had a test weight of 62 pounds per bushel and protein content of 16.2 percent.

The men weighed the students and sponsors on the truck scale, a total of 5,340 pounds. That's more than 2 1/2 tons, or about 157 pounds apiece. Then they went on to where the grain is dumped out of trucks into pits. From the pits, Hoelting told them, the grain is carried to the top of the elevator and out into the bins.

Hoelting told students that the concrete elevator extends two feet below ground. The walls of the tubes are two feet thick at the bottom and thin out to one foot at the top. Elevators are not built like that today because of labor costs.

A tube holds 33 semitrailer loads of grain, he said, and the entire cement elevator holds 2 million bushels, while the metal building behind it holds another 600,000.

"We fill the elevator on one side and then another," Hoelting said. "Our grain comes from a 50-mile radius. We handle wheat, corn, millet and sunflowers."

Sorensen explained that the elevator is really in the freight busi-



Lynn Hoelting (above right) of The Scoular Company talked about the grain business and farming in northwest Kansas to a group of Harrisonburg, Va., high school students. Students (above left) got to look at a sample of different varieties of sunflowers that

the Goodland elevator handles. The bus (below) is what the 28 students and six teachers are traveling in during their trip which started Monday and lasts until Tuesday, July 31.

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local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$5.39 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$5.49
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
 - Corn — \$3.39 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.17
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
 - Milo — \$3.04 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$8.06 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$7.69
 - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0c
 - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - NuSun crop — \$17.95
 - Pinto beans — \$25 (new crop)
- (Markets by The Scoular Co., Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

Brick Top Cruisers to sponsor Rod Run

A small group of enthusiasts stepped forward on Monday to organize a new car club — the Brick Top Cruisers — to sponsor the annual Flatlander Rod Run scheduled for Sept. 28-30.

Ten people attended the first meeting at the Super 8 Motel. Matt Murray said the Early Iron Car Club, which has organized the Rod Run for 20 years, had decided not to be involved this year.

He said time is short and suggested the first order of business would be to get the word out to past participants and others there will be a Rod Run at Flatlanders this year.

Danny Krayca had a list of proposed names. Others were added, and when the vote was in, the Brick Top name was chosen.

Murray said with the new name, a flyer prepared by Bill Stoick, owner of the Super 8 and a member of the Flatlander Committee, could

be distributed at area care events beginning this weekend.

Murray said the Early Iron group had offered to donate \$1,000 to help the new club get started. He said Randall Fixsen, a member of the former group, told him the rest of its treasury would be donated to charities.

The group decided to leave entry fees the same as last year because of the late notice to participants. The fee will be \$20 up to Sept.

21 and \$25 after that. The group decided member dues would be \$20 per family

Activities during the run will remain much the same as in the past, the members agreed, with a Friday-night hamburger feed. Civic organizations will be asked to help support this as they have in the past.

Registration will continue Saturday and the

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Director lists work projects

By Tom Betz

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The new director of the Sherman County Good Samaritan Society showed Sherman County commissioners a list of 11 improvement projects for the county-owned facility when she met with them Tuesday.

Dorinda Krueger, who has been at the center since March, introduced herself to the commissioners and said things were going well so far.

"We are full," she said. "We are having some staffing issues, but hired four certified nursing assistants last week."

"We are doing the 'grow-your-own' program, and recently had two graduate as licensed practical nurses."

She said the signs were put up last week showing the center's new name, Good Samaritan Society.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas asked if she had any upcoming projects, and Krueger handed out a list of 11 things that need to be updated at the home.

"All in one year?" Thomas asked.

"No," the director said, "not all in one year."

She said some projects have to be completed by next year, mostly dealing with the tub and whirlpool room and special care rooms that the health inspector said have to be relocated because the present rooms do not have enough ventilation.

Other projects include the dining room and kitchen, she said.

"The roof is leaking in 50 or 60 spots," she added. Commissioner Kevin Rasure said there might be a warranty on the roof.

Krueger said the roofing company is saying that when the air conditioners were added, that voided the warranty.

Rasure said Kruger should get together with

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North Caldwell paving done



Shears APAC Paving of Hays has nearly completed paving the two sections of North Caldwell said Rich Simon, public works director on Wednesday. Simon said the street won't be opened until the shoulder work is completed. Simon said he hopes that is done in the next week. A rumor was circulating this week that the pavement on Caldwell was out of line by three feet, but Darin Neufeld, engineer from Evans, Bierly, Hutchison and Associates who is inspecting the project for the city, said

that was not true. He said the contractor's people had staked out the road in one section, and if the paving had been done based on those stakes the intersection at Armory Road would have been out of alignment by about three feet. Neufeld said the intersection at Armory Road is on a section line and the street should have been staked in two sections from that point. He said the mistake was found and corrected before any asphalt was laid.

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Goodland takes third

Kelsey White (8-and-under girls) placed third in the 25-yard backstroke at the Northwest Kansas League Championship Meet last Friday at Steever Water Park. Goodland placed third. See story, photos on Page 10a.