MIDWEEK Tuesday, May 18 2004

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weather report

noon Monday

Today

Sunset, 7:55 p.m.

Wednesday

Sunrise, 5:30 a.m.

Sunset, 7:56 p.m. **Midday Conditions**

- Soil temperature 59 degrees
- Humidity 67 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds north 13 mph • Barometer 29.96 inches
- and steady Record High today 98° (1996) Record Low today 29° (1930)
- Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday Low Sunday 52° Precipitation none This month 0.22 Year to date 4.56

The Topside Forecast

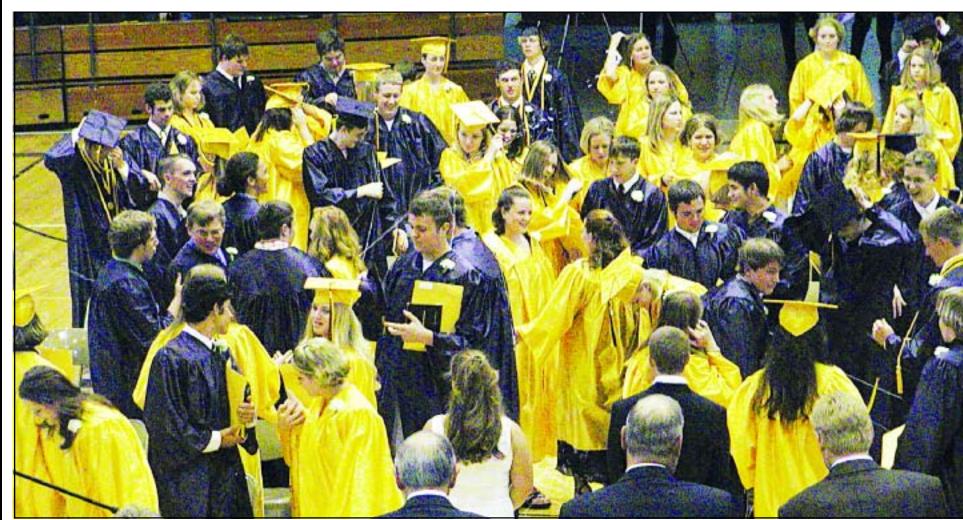
Today: mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, high near 71, low near 58, winds northeast 9-29 mph. Wednesday: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, high near 90, low around 55, winds south southeast 8 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high around 73, low around 52.

(National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Hooray!



Graduates of the Goodland High School Class of 2004 celebrated and congratu- emony Saturday afternoon at Max Jones Fieldhouse. Seventy-four seniors received lated each other after throwing their hats at the close of the commencement cer- diplomas from the Goodland School Board. Photo by Tom Betz / The Goodland Star-News

Graduates celebrate completing high school

local markets

Wheat — \$3.47 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.71 Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢ Milo — \$2.53 bushel

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢ Millet — \$6.75 hundredweight

Oil current crop — \$11.15 cwt.

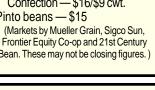
NuSun — \$11.40 cwt. Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt. Pinto beans — \$15

(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

New crop — \$3.46 bushel Loan deficiency pmt. Corn — \$2.81 bushel

Soybeans — \$8.47 bushel Posted county price — \$9.10

Sunflowers



More local news and views from Goodland

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today



Goodland takes relay

Junior Bret Jarmin crossed the finish line first for the Cowboys in the 4x100meter relay race. Team members were seniors Josef Felver, Jared Doke and Lance Tedford. Story on Page 12.

By Sharon Corcoran The Goodland Star-News

Hats soared in the Max Jones bra and geom-Fieldhouse as 74 seniors celebrated etry teacher, and their graduation from Goodland librarian JoAnn High School on Saturday.

During the commencement, vale- were nominated dictorian Amy Anderson encour- by the selection aged her classmates to change the committee. world, while salutatorian Jared Doke recapped some class memo- Council Presi-

who encouraged students to emand make a difference in others'

Dale Schields, president of the school board. Sherman County High School teacher, who was selected by the se-

Smith, an alge-Wahrman also

Student

dent Lauren Gray and Maricel The featured speaker was Nedra Murillo Ortiz, a foreign exchange Elbl, a 1966 Goodland graduate, student from Costa Rica, exchanged flags. Ortiz, who spent the year with brace change, accept who they are Brady and Jane Philbrick, received her diploma from Mrs. Philbrick, who is the vice president of the

Elbl said graduation is about Alumni Association, presented the memories. She challenged the audi-Outstanding Educator Award to ence to remember the five richest Melanie Harder, a special services people in the world, five Heisman trophy winners or five Nobel Prize



winners. Prizes, awards and recog nition fade, she said. She then asked the audience to remember teachers who worked with them, friends who have helped them through difficult times and those who made them feel special.

The ones who care about you and make a difference in your life are the most important, Elbl said.

The speaker, who teaches second grade at Coronado Elementary School in Salina, told about a stu-



now it's mine."

said, "I became a student."

think of something to say to him.

Elbl said what she ended up say-

She said he replied, "Yeah, but I

ing is, "Matt, I know you miss your

get to be my dog's pooper scooper

now. That was my dad's job, and

"At that special moment," Elbl



accept who you are. "You are never too old to be a student nor too young to teach." dent wno's father died when he was

In the salutatorian address, Doke in grade school. She said she felt that said there are some things the class as his teacher, she should be able to would never forget, the first day of

Matt reached out, she said, was

vulnerable, accepted himself for

who he was and was not angry. He

transformed the moment into a gift,

'When you feel you are having a pooper scooper day," Elbl said,

"embrace change, be vulnerable and

kindergarten, soccer games, their first kiss, the day their dads dressed as can-can girls or losing a friend. Members of the class are wearing

carnations in memory of T.J. Hellerud, who moved to Brownell and later was killed in a car accident, Doke said.

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Man to be honored for 46 years at the job

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

on the farm his grandfather homesteaded, but he doesn't get bored with life Bob Daise says he stays

busy and he has traveled around the world. Daise has been a field assistant for the U.S. Farm

Service Agency and its predecessors since November 1958, but he has also ran his own farm and

has been a cook and baker on a ship. He says he keeps busy with

square-dancing and learning to play bridge. Daise, 77, was certified as an Emergency Medical Technician in 2000 and was Sherman County EMT of the year in 2002.

Daise was a cook and baker in the U.S. Merchant Marine from 1944-1961, going on four-to-six-month cruises from time to time, but he always tried to get back home for harvest. He lives on a farm north of Kanorado that has been in the Daise family since 1886.

The Farm Service Agency, 210 W. 10th, will sponsor Bob Daise Day from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday.

Daise will receive an award for 40 years of service with the Depart-A Sherman County man has had ment of Agriculture agency, and the same job for 46 years and lives cake, cookies and refreshments will

be served. His co-workers invite all who knew him to share stories. Why is Daise is being

honored for 40 years service when he has been with the agency 46? District Director Mike Campbell said, 260 days of work equals a year with the agency. Since Bob doesn't

work every day, Campbell said, he cattle operation at the same time and has 42 official years of service in 46

> "He actually earned the 40-year award two years ago," Campbell said, "and we're just now getting around to giving it." In 46 years, Daise has seen more

> than a few changes in the agency; it has been known by a few other names, such as Agriculture Adjustment Administration (AAA) and Agriculture Stabilization and Conservation Service (ASCS).

The equipment has changed over the years, and the number of field assistants has been slashed to just

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Bounce the balls



"Bounce it as fast as you can to get the balls off," said the sixth grader who was helping at the West Elementary Field Day on Friday. The kids had 12 events, and each chose eight, ranging from the parachute to a sack race, hula-hoop, jump rope, soccer, field-goal kicking, low hurdles, an obstacle race, football throwing, an egg race, bird race and Frisbee throwing. Andy Scheopner, physical education teacher, organized the events, and the sixth graders volunteered to help run the events and shepherd the kids from place to place. More photos on Page 11.

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