

weather report

67°

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	85°
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)
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 * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Hooray!



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

Graduates celebrate completing high school

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News
 Hats soared in the Max Jones Fieldhouse as 74 seniors celebrated their graduation from Goodland High School on Saturday.

During the commencement, valedictorian Amy Anderson encouraged her classmates to change the world, while salutatorian Jared Duke recapped some class memories.

The featured speaker was Nedra Elbl, a 1966 Goodland graduate, who encouraged students to embrace change, accept who they are and make a difference in others' lives.

Dale Schields, president of the Sherman County High School Alumni Association, presented the Outstanding Educator Award to Melanie Harder, a special services teacher, who was selected by the se-

nior class. Don Smith, an algebra and geometry teacher, and librarian JoAnn Wahrman also were nominated by the selection committee.

Student Council President Lauren Gray and Maricel Murillo Ortiz, a foreign exchange student from Costa Rica, exchanged flags. Ortiz, who spent the year with Brady and Jane Philbrick, received her diploma from Mrs. Philbrick, who is the vice president of the school board.

Elbl said graduation is about memories. She challenged the audience to remember the five richest people in the world, five Heisman trophy winners or five Nobel Prize



Anderson



Duke



Ortiz



Elbl



Harder

Matt reached out, she said, was vulnerable, accepted himself for who he was and was not angry. He transformed the moment into a gift, she said.

"When you feel you are having a pooper scooper day," Elbl said, "embrace change, be vulnerable and accept who you are."

"You are never too old to be a student nor too young to teach."

In the salutatorian address, Duke said there are some things the class would never forget, the first day of 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, Duke said.

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local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.47 bushel
- New crop — \$3.46 bushel
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.81 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.71
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.53 bushel
- Soybeans — \$8.47 bushel
- Posted county price — \$9.10
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Millet — \$6.75 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- 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.)

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Goodland takes relay

Junior Bret Jarmin crossed the finish line first for the Cowboys in the 4x100-meter relay race. Team members were seniors Josef Felver, Jared Duke and Lance Tedford. Story on Page 12.

Man to be honored for 46 years at the job

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News
 A Sherman County man has had the same job for 46 years and lives 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 cattle operation at the same time 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, 210W. 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 Department of Agriculture agency, and cake, cookies and refreshments will be served. His co-workers invite all who knew him to share stories.

Why is Daise 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 has 42 official years of service in 46 years.

"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 him.



Daise

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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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