

Junior high students test geography knowledge

By Sharon Corcoran
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Goodland junior high students tested their knowledge of where to find things in the world last week, hoping for a chance to meet “Jeopardy!” host Alex Trebek and compete for a \$25,000 scholarship. Students at Grant Junior High answered questions in a geography bee Thursday, competing for top honors in the school and a chance to go to state. State winners will compete for a national scholarship when Trebek moderates the finals Wednesday, May 25.



Oharra

Tanner Oharra, an eighth grader at Grant Junior High, won the school’s bee Thursday and took a test Friday for the opportunity to compete at state. If he earns one of the top 100 scores, Tanner, the son of Dean and Daylene Oharra, will go to either Hays or Manhattan for the state bee Friday, April 1. If he wins there, he could get an all-expenses-paid trip to Washington from the National

Geographic Society to compete at the national level, where the winner will receive a \$25,000 college scholarship and a lifetime membership in the society. Students at Grant each answered seven questions, one on each of seven topics in seven rounds to determine who would go to the finals. The competition was tight, requiring tie breakers to determine which of the students with only one answer wrong would go to the finals. Some didn’t miss any, said Brenda Linin, literature, social studies and advanced placement

English teacher; others missed only one. The topics, she said, were U.S. geography for round one, geography of state nicknames for two, historic places in the United States for three, continents for four, physical geography for five, traveling around the world for six and odd item out for seven. For continents, she said, clues were given, and the students had to guess the continent. Physical geography included natural features like mountains and rivers, and traveling around the world was where students imagined they

were tourists and were given clues about a place and had to guess, such as, “which country they were in if they were buying fine chocolates in Geneva.” In odd item out, Linin said, the students were given three things and had to pick which one did not fit with the clue. Second place went to Kuter Isaac and third to Eric Whalen. Other finalists were Brad Geist, Matt Espinoza, Adam Duell, Kevin Amthor, Jay Cotter, Michael Johnson and T.J. Freeman. The junior high has done the geography bee several years, Linin

said, but has never before had such a one-sided match, with all 10 finalists being boys. The school has had several students compete at the state level, she said. The national finals will air on the National Geographic Channel and afterward on public television stations. The National Geographic Society offers everyone the chance to brush up on their geography with GeoBee Challenge, an on-line geography quiz at www.national-geographic.com/geobee, which poses five new questions a day from previous bees.

Creamery was a big success for Goodland, raised nearly \$9,000

By Evelyn Ward
Sherman County Historical Society
January 22, 1905: RHINE CREAMERY BIG SUCCESS — “Butter Fat” for 1904 in One Neighborhood Brought \$8,941 — Handsome Amount Distributed Among Less Than 40 Patrons, Besides 6 Percent to Stockholders — The business of the Rhine Dairy association for the year 1904 reveals a remarkable record and attests the philosophy of R.E. Hall that there’s

gold in the cow’s bag. The annual meeting of the members of the Rhine Dairy association, whose plant is situated on section 8-7-40, nine miles northwest of Goodland, was held Jan. 7, and the books balanced to show the business of the year just closed. There were 528,007 pounds of milk delivered at the station during the past twelve months and 22,472 pounds of butter fat from the cream of hand-separated patrons, making a grand total of 42,971 pounds of

butter fat shipped from the station. And the Continental Creamery company paid into the hands of the 30-odd patrons of this station for butter fat the sum of \$8,941. As a financial investment, the station paid 6 1/2 percent to the local stockholders. **January 23, 1905:** History of Rhine Creamery — The Rhine Creamery station was started in April, 1901 — less than four years ago — and from the start has continued to the present day as an ever

increasing source of revenue. In round numbers, the station paid: in 1902 \$5,000.00, in 1903 \$8,000.00 and in 1904 \$9,000.00. It must be understood by the uninitiated that the patrons of Rhine station exert all their energies in dairying. That is only one of the outlets for their industry and energy. They sell the cream they don’t need, feed surplus milk to the increase of their own herds. They also sell fattened cattle and market large quantities of wheat from their own farms. Mr. J.A. Corkill, the re-elected secretary of the association, says of the station’s records: “The organi-

zation of the company has indeed been a good thing for this part of the county and has not been a failure from an investment standpoint. “It has brought many a dollar into the hands of the people that they would not have had if the Rhine Dairy association had not went ahead and blazed the way for the creamery industry in this county. Long live the Kansas cow and may her shadow never grow less, even though the grass may continue to grow short.” So that it may now be said that a more prosperous and happy community than that of the good people

of Rhine cannot be found in the state of Kansas. **January 24, 1905:** County Commissioner Proceedings: Expenses paid — William Jupe, delivering medicine to sick, \$10.00; \$12.00 paid at \$1.00 each to individuals shooting coyotes; \$2.25 for kindling; phone expenses \$12.00; and \$16.00 for building chimney on jail. *From weekly issues of The Goodland News, provided by the Sherman County Historical Society. Since the paper was published weekly, some items were arbitrarily assigned a date.*

Goodland has 4-3 finish at scholar’s bowl

The Goodland High School scholar’s bowl team had a 4-3 record at the Scott City meet Tuesday. Team members were Mallory Younger, Charles Lammers, Simon Wang, Lea Shores and Joy Winkler. Besides the rounds in their record, the Goodland team played another just for points, as a team had dropped out. Goodland beat Tribune 80-40, Oakley 60-20, Scott City junior varsity 40-20 and Garden City 50-40. The team lost to Pratt 40-55, Holcomb 40-60 and Ness City 40-50. Pratt and Ness City placed first and second in the pool with records of 5-2. The next meet will be Monday at Brewster for the junior varsity team. The regional meet will be Thursday, Feb. 3, at Kingman, west of Wichita.

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