

weather
report

34°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 5:53 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:57 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:54 p.m.

Middy Conditions

• Soil Temperature 36 degrees

• Humidity 69 percent

• Sky mostly cloudy

• Winds north 25-30 mph

• Barometer 30.01 inches
and rising

• Record High 82° (1935)

• Record Low 5° (1952)

Last 24 Hours*

High 65°

Low 30°

Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: Partly cloudy, low 20,
north winds 10-20 mph. Tomorrow:
Partly cloudy, high mid 40s, south-
east winds 10-20 mph, 40 percent
chance of snow late, low mid 20s.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Chance of rain or snow,
high 30s, low 20s. Sunday: Chance
of rain or snow, high 35-45, low 20s.
Monday: Dry, high 45-55, low 25-35.
(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400.MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

How'd you do that?



Susan Bellamy (left), Brad Schick (middle), Lori Leonard and other members of Leadership Sherman County toured *The Goodland Daily News* on Wednesday, learning how staff gets the newspaper off a com-

puter screen and onto paper. The group is picked to learn about government and politics.

Photo by Rachel Miscal/The Goodland Daily News

Pardoned
woman
tells story

*Whitewater figure
wants better prisons*

By Jay Kelley

The Colby Free Press

Susan McDougal, the former business associate of President Bill Clinton who spent almost two years in prison as a result of the Whitewater investigation, is now a woman on a mission.

McDougal, who former President Clinton recently pardoned, is on a crusade to improve conditions for jailed women.

She spoke Wednesday to nearly 400 people at the Frahm Theater on the campus of Colby Community College. McDougal was the second speaker in the Dr. Max Pickerill Lecture Series for this year.

She went to jail, she said, for civil contempt because she wouldn't cooperate with special prosecutor Ken Starr's investigation of the Whitewater scandal and Clinton's involvement.

"I had serious questions about the investigation," she said. "They wanted me to sign off on a lie."

Prosecutors, she said, would not allow her to answer questions, but wanted her to sign a statement of facts that were anything but.

She said she spent time in seven jails in five states.

"They like to move you," McDougal said, noting that the purpose of the moves was to break her spirit.

She said she was in solitary confinement for eight months, only allowed out to use the phone. And then, McDougal said, federal prosecutors taped her phone calls.

"You have to understand the stakes," she said. "The president was involved."

She was chained and manacled before being led to her cell, she said, and while she thought, "at least my mother won't see this," sometimes she was being led out in front of the media.

"That changed my mind about the Starr investigation," McDougal said. "I had never done anything worth going to jail."

She said the conditions she found in jail changed her attitude about her own imprisonment. She said she didn't feel like she could complain.

"Most of those women couldn't read," she said, "and many were young mothers. It was my choice to be there."

She told the audience that she did receive some preferential treatment.

"Most women seldom see a doctor in jail," she said, "but I saw one often."

McDougal said the only drinking fountain at one prison was mounted on the back of a toilet. The water was warm, McDougal said, and she couldn't



S. McDougal

School official meets with Gov. Graves

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Marvin Selby and nine other Kansas school superintendents met with Gov. Bill Graves on Monday to talk about an education plan that could save the Goodland District \$200,000 next year.

Selby told school board members on Tuesday — at a meeting postponed one day because the superintendent was in Topeka — that Gov. Graves explained his new \$110 million plan, released Tuesday, and asked the superintendents for support.

The superintendent said Gov. Graves told them that legislators and the public could have reservations about the plan — which would increase what the state pays per student, put more money towards special education and reward successful schools — because it would raise taxes.

Graves' is proposing raising the state sales tax to 5.1 percent from the current 4.9 percent and increasing motor fuel taxes by 2 cents per gallon to pay for the plan.

"He is looking for support," Selby said. "We want people to talk to their senators."

Selby, a member of a group that helped develop a new school-finance plan for Kansas, said most of the superintendents were from larger districts, with Goodland being the second to the smallest district represented. The closest district to Goodland represented at

the meeting, he said, was Great Bend.

If lawmakers pass the plan, Selby said, Kansas districts will receive \$110 more per student next year for a total of \$3,930; get \$8 million more to teach young and at-risk (those who qualify for a reduced-price or free lunch) students how to read; receive \$22 million more to pay for special education; have a better shot at grant money to pay for the education of four-year-old and at-risk students; and receive up to \$50 per student if a school meets the state's standard of excellence.

Selby said the plan could save the district, which stands to lose state money because of declining enrollment, as much as \$200,000. He said he supports the plan, noting he will ask Rep. Jim Morrison of Colby to vote for it.

Sen. Stan Clark of Oakley represents Sherman County in the Legislature, but Selby said he doesn't think Clark supports raising taxes or is interested in public education, as his child is home-schooled.

The School Finance Coalition, of which Selby is a member, announced its support for Graves' plan on Wednesday. Selby told the board Gov. Graves said he thinks the plan will pass this year because no legislators are up for reelection.

"He said this is the time to do it," Selby said, "because no one will lose their seat based on how they vote."

Enrollment drops 44 students,
district may lose more this year

By Rachel Miscal

The Goodland Daily News

Goodland schools have lost 44 students since the school year began and could lose more before it ends, but the amount of state money the district receives won't drop as sharply as enrollment, Superintendent Marvin Selby said Tuesday.

The superintendent handed school board members a monthly enrollment report at a regular meeting, saying many students have moved away with their parents. The report showed there were 1,171 students on the first day of school, with 1,127 counted this month.

Later, Selby said the district loses students every year, but this year's drop has been huge. The district ended school last year with 38 fewer students than it started with.

"I don't have a clue why," the superintendent said. "I knew a family that lived across the street. They just left. There's not any one real cause."

He said people might be moving to bigger cities in search of jobs, or jobs that pay more.

The biggest drop was in the fifth

grade, with nine students leaving school since August. All grades lost students except the seventh grade, which has gained five this year.

The amount of money districts receive from the state each year depends on the number of students enrolled, but, Selby told the board, the district will most likely be able to use old enrollment numbers when figuring state aid next year.

He said the state, as in past years, may allow districts with declining enrollment — which includes most across Kansas — to use the current year's enrollment, the previous year's enrollment or an average of the current year and the two previous ones. Selby said the district will wait to see what enrollment numbers look like next year and what lawmakers decide is best.

"We'll just have to wait and see how it plays out," he said.

The base state aid per pupil is \$3,820 this year — with Gov. Bill Graves proposing a \$110 increase next year — and the state determines

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local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.83 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.81

Loan deficiency payment — 0¢

Corn — \$1.90 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.89

Loan deficiency payment — 1¢

Milo — \$3.05 hundredweight

Soybeans — \$3.91 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.81

Loan deficiency payment — 1.09¢

Millet — \$6 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$6.35 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — \$3.16

Confection current — \$15/\$7 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$14 (new crop)

(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and Prairie Pea and Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon
wire

Late news
from the
Associated
Press

1 p.m.

Markets up
after big crash

NEW YORK — U.S. markets opened higher today, a day after the Dow Jones industrial average closed below 10,000 for the first time since last October.

European and Asian markets also rose today despite evident jitters over Wednesday's plunge.

In early trading, the Dow advanced 75.47 to 10,048.93. Broader market indicators also got a boost.

The Nasdaq composite index was up 47.00 at 2,019.09, while the Standard & Poor's 500 index climbed 11.03 to 1,177.74.

Some of today's early gainers included those that suffered Wednesday from perceived exposure to Japan's economic woes, including Citigroup and J.P. Morgan Chase.

In Europe, the Financial Times-Stock Exchange 100-share index was up 0.36 percent to 5,672.5.

Society buys house for tourist attraction, to preserve history

By Janet Craft

The Goodland Daily News

The Sherman County Historical Society has purchased a 1907 Victorian house, formerly known as the "Handy House," and plans to have it ready for tours sometime this summer.

The society purchased the historical house to preserve it and present it as a tourist attraction.

Society members plan to have the house furnished in such a way that its unique features will be enhanced and to use the displayed items to present interesting facts about Sherman County's history.

The house, 202 E. 13th, was built in 1907 by Mrs. Mary Ennis, the widow of William Ennis, who was one of the first businessmen in Sherman County. Mr. Ennis opened a drug store in 1886 in Eustis, before moving to Goodland after the famous county seat conflict.

Mrs. Ennis was involved in several enterprises, including owning and operating a millinery establishment



David Branda, a member of the Sherman County Historical Society, looked at a fireplace Tuesday in a house the society bought for a tourist attraction.

Photo by Janet Craft/The Goodland Daily News

with her two sisters, Lyda and Margaret Seaman.

An article in the March 1, 1907 issue of *The Goodland Republic* said the two-

story house was contracted to be built by Fred Hunt at a cost of \$5,000. It has four gables, two covered porches and bay windows on a brick foundation

with spacious steps approaching the verandahs.

The house has oak woodwork and the hall and stairway are finished with Corinthian columns, railings and banisters. It is heated by hot water radiators and has a fireplace and mantle in the parlor.

One unique feature is a sitting room on the upstairs landing with a view from the second floor balcony. A brick basement with a wash room and furnace area is under half of the structure.

Evelyn Ward, president of the historical society, said the house has been historically maintained and preserved, though it's been used as a boarding house and funeral home.

Over more than 90 years, she said, the house has had six owners. After Mrs. Ennis, came James P. Cullen, Mrs. Emily A. Stewart, LeRoy F. Heston, Hope Bower and Calvin T. Handy, who was the last owner.

Ward said society members and the community helped the historical society purchase the house with donations.

She said the society needs additional money to pay for expenses like insurance and utilities, until the property can pay for itself.

The society is applying for grants, she said, but donations, items for display or volunteered time can be used as matching funds toward these grants.

Ward said the society appreciates the people who supported the project.

The society, she said, will recognize donations of \$250 or more by placing the donor's name on a plaque at the house. The society has tax exempt status, so all donations will qualify as charitable contributions on income tax returns.

Anyone interested in volunteering to help prepare displays can call (785) 899-6773 and leave a message. If you have items to donate, call or write the historical society at P.O. Box 684, Goodland, Kan. 67735.

Other society board members include Clarence Scheopner, Brenda Ross, Marilyn Cooper, David Branda, Lloyd Holbrook and Pat Juhl.

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