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## weather report

65°  
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 7:46 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 5:39 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:47 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 55 degrees

• Humidity 36 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds north 20-30 m.p.h.

• Barometer 29.78 inches

and rising

• Record High 96° (1934)

• Record Low 32° (1978)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High 59°

Low 44°

Precipitation .01

### Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly clear, low mid 30s, winds north 10 m.p.h. Tomorrow: mostly sunny, high upper 50s, low mid 30s, winds north 10 m.p.h.

### Extended Forecast

Friday: mostly cloudy with 30 percent chance of thunderstorms, high upper 60s, low mid 40s. Saturday: partly cloudy with chance of thunderstorms, high upper 70s. Sunday: partly cloudy with chance of rain.

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

## local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.53 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.43

Loan deficiency payment — 2¢

Corn — \$1.81 bushel

Posted county price — \$1.82

Loan deficiency payment — 17¢

Milo — \$1.50 bushel

Soybeans — \$4.00 bushel

Posted county price — \$4.05

Loan deficiency payment — 87¢

Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.10 cwt.

NuSun — \$9.25 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 57¢

Confection current — \$16/\$8 cwt.

Pinto beans — \$27

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

## afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

## Bomber kills 11 in Pakistan

KARACHI, Pakistan — A suicide bomber blew up a shuttle bus parked outside a Karachi hotel today in a thunderous explosion that killed 10 French engineers and their Pakistani driver and wounded 34.

Pakistan's government denounced the blast as an act of terrorism aimed at foreigners, and suspicion fell on militant Islamic groups angered by Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf's support for the U.S.-led war in neighboring Afghanistan.

There was no evidence linking the attack directly to the al-Qaida terrorist network of Osama bin Laden, but many of the militant Islamic groups in Pakistan are sympathetic to al-Qaida and some have links to the organization.

Musharraf promised to fight back.

## Bomber's dad led to arrest

### Student captured after chase in desert

RENO, Nev. (AP)—After five-days of pipe bombings that had rural Americans eyeing their mailboxes, the suspect's father and an alert motorist led to the arrest of a 21-year-old college student who majored in art and sang in a punk band called Apathy.

Luke J. Helder, Pine Island, Minn., was arrested Tuesday after a wild chase along a desert highway and a cell phone conversation with an FBI negotiator and his parents.

Authorities put out an alert for Helder after his father called police late Monday about a letter from Helder that contained reference to the bombings, Menomonie, Wis., Police Chief Dennis Beety said today.

When authorities pulled him over, Helder dropped a gun out his car window and was arrested without incident. At least one other gun was found in the car, and bomb experts were called to the scene, along Interstate 80 some 50 miles east of Reno, to dismantle five pipe bombs found in the car, said Highway Patrol Maj. Rick Bradley.

Early today, a handcuffed Helder was led into the Washoe County Jail by four federal agents. Wearing a black Kurt Cobain T-shirt and long, baggy tan shorts, his hair matted, Helder was quiet.

"Luke, do you have anything to say to the media?" one reporter asked.

"No," Helder said, looking up. He answered the same way when asked if he had anything to tell his parents.

The capture came eight hours after the FBI issued an all-points bulletin for Helder and said it wanted to question him about the 18 pipe bombs found since Friday.

Six people — four letter carriers and two customers — were wounded by bombs left in mailboxes in Illinois and Iowa.

## Senators arguing tax hikes

By John Hanna

Associated Press Writer

TOPEKA — Senate Republican leaders hoped for a breakthrough today on tax increases, trying on the session's 98th day to find support for a package worth about \$300 million.

The tax increases would be needed to finance a \$4.4 billion budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. Lawmakers sent that budget to Gov. Bill Graves last week even though it was \$290 million out of balance.

A bill to raise a wide array of taxes by a total of \$335 million was before the Senate, but GOP leaders believed it did not have the 21 votes to pass in the 40-member chamber. They scheduled a debate on it for Tuesday, then postponed it a day.

"It's certainly time for the Senate to test the temperature on taxes," said Majority Leader Lana Oleen, R-Manhattan. "I don't know if anything is going to pass, but the temperature will be tested."

Republican leaders in both chambers struggled Tuesday to find enough support for tax increases. Top House Republicans met again with Democratic leaders but still didn't have an agreement.

"We're in Nowheresville," said House Speaker Kent Glasscock, R-Manhattan.

In the Senate, a sticking point was whether the state should raise income taxes and, if so, whether the burden should fall on most Kansans or just the wealthy.

"We're working on a lot of different ideas," said Senate President Dave Kerr, R-Hutchinson.

The bill in the Senate would increase the sales tax to 5.2 percent from 4.9 percent and hike the cigarette tax by 65 cents a pack to 89 cents.

# Woman at War

## Girl joined U.S. Army in 1943

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

Sixty years ago, the world had erupted into flames, and after the bombing of Pearl Harbor, Americans were looking for ways to help defeat our enemies in Europe and the Pacific.

For Mazie Pauline Sutton of Goodland, the answer was to volunteer for the newly formed Women's Army Auxiliary Corps in the summer of 1942. However, she had to delay her enlistment for a year as she had just accepted a teaching contract in Limon, Colo., where her father was working for the railroad.

At the end of the school year in 1943, she joined the WAAC and reported to Fort Des Moines, Iowa, for five weeks of basic training.

Today, Sutton helps Sandy Burr with her third graders at Central Elementary School for two hours each day as an unpaid volunteer.

"I really enjoy the kids," she said, "I think they keep you young. This is my way of giving back to the community for all I have gotten."

"Recently one of the girls ask me if I wanted to have a thing they wear in their hair and I said, no. I later overheard her asking Sandy Burr if she wanted one and saying 'That everyone except the old one had taken one.'"

"I like being 'the old one.' I am old. I'm 84."

Sutton continues to carry her old Army dog tag, carrying her name and service number stamped into it 60 years ago.

"During those five weeks," she recalled, "they taught us military courtesy and customs, map reading, and there was plenty of physical training."

"After basic training, I was assigned to the regimental training office and stayed at Fort Des Moines for three years. I moved nine times and stayed on the base, helping train the troops."

Shortly after she completed basic training, the branch was reorganized as the Women's Army Corps and everyone was given a choice of becoming part of the regular Army unit or going home. Sutton stayed, and was glad she did.

"We did everything we could to help win the war," she said. "I helped train the WAC troops and worked with the officer teachers all the time. We were training them for working in many different skills."

With Fort Des Moines being headquarters for the WAC, Sutton said, anytime a high ranking officer came to visit they would have to march in review. She marched with the colors most of the time, and remembers a



Mazie Sutton

Sgt. Mazie Sutton at Fort Des Moines, Iowa, in 1945. She was chief clerk for the WAC training regiment. She still has the uniform, but says the hat is all she can wear.

## Businesses honoring World War II folks

World War II is the theme of this year's Settlement Days, and downtown businesses are honoring the era with window displays and a parade of veterans on Friday.

The Goodland Daily News has interviewed World War II veterans and Sherman County natives who remember what it was like here during the war. The paper will run stories today, Thursday and Friday.

All this will lead up to the parade down Main Avenue at 4 p.m. Friday

and the Sherman County Historical Society's second annual History Conference, starting at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday at the Masonic Temple, 519 Center Ave., where people will be telling their stories.

World War II veterans are encouraged to show up at the south end of Main at 3:30 p.m. Friday, so they can be included in the parade and ceremony.

Call the Historical Society at 899-6773 for information.

very windy day when she almost fell while carrying the flag.

Training the troops also meant handling classes for officer candidate school, and at Fort Des Moines this also included black officers and enlisted personnel.

She remembers that the blacks had separate barracks, which had once been the horse barns when the cavalry was stationed there. The blacks also had separate clubs and theaters.

"Once in a while, a couple of the black women would come to our club, even though they weren't supposed to," Sutton said. "We wouldn't say anything about it, but we never went to their club."

Sutton said she didn't go into Des Moines very often, but was lucky to have a cousin living there who would

come out to visit and take her and her friends into the city.

"You had to have a liquor book in Iowa," Sutton said, "so it made it difficult, but the cousin helped."

She said her parents visited her at the fort at least once during her three years.

As the war began to wind down, Sutton found herself moving from training the troops to processing their returning for separation from the service.

"Lt. Helen M. Dingler was in charge. She gave me four helpers and said to get to work," Sutton recalled. "We were sent a bunch of Navy nurses who had been in a typhoon in the Pacific and had lost all their clothes. The

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## Women helped win war

It's not unusual to see a woman in uniform today. In the past 20 years, the services have promoted women into top positions, up in rank to major general or rear admiral.

Sixty years ago, people would have reacted in horror at such a thought. Women were still thought of as homemakers and mothers, fit to handle the home chores and nurture the children.

Over 150,000 American women served in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) during World War II. Members of the WAC were the first women other than nurses to serve within the ranks of the United States Army.

Both the Army and the American public initially had difficulty accepting the concept of women in uniform. However, political and military leaders, faced with supplying men and materiel for a two-front war, realized that women could supply the additional resources so desperately needed in the military and industrial sectors.

Early in 1941, Congresswoman Edith Nourse Rogers of Massachusetts met with Gen. George C. Marshall, the Army chief of staff, and told him she intended to introduce a bill to establish an Army women's corps, separate and distinct from the existing Army Nurse Corps.

Rogers remembered the female civilians who had worked overseas with the Army under contract and as volunteers during World War I as communications specialists and dietitians. Because these women had served the Army without benefit of official status, they had to obtain their own food and quarters, and they received no legal protection or medical care.

Her bill represented a compromise. The Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) was established to work with the Army. The Army would provide up to 150,000 "auxiliaries" with food, uniforms, living quarters, pay and medical care. Women officers would not be allowed to command men.

Rogers introduced the bill in Congress in May 1941, but it failed to receive serious consideration until after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor in December. General Marshall's support and congressional testimony helped the Rogers bill through Congress.

Marshall believed the two-front war in which the United States was engaged would cause a manpower shortage. The Army could ill afford to spend the time and money necessary to train men in skills such as typing and switchboard operations when trained women were already available. Marshall and others felt women were inherently suited to certain critical communications jobs which de-

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## Chamber asks city to aid taco shop

By Doug Stephens

The Goodland Daily News

A Taco John's restaurant is coming to town, and the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce wants the city to help the owners with some of the costs.

Tim Rath of the Chamber's economic development committee asked the City Commission Monday to waive several fees.

Commissioners said they'd think about it and make a decision in two weeks.

Building permits and utility connection fees will cost the owners, Kendall and Jackie Cooper, about \$11,000, Rath said.

"They didn't realize it would have this kind of cost," Rath said. "This is an opportunity for the city to invest in the community."

The restaurant will be on Commerce

Road between Goodland Sinclair and Howard Johnson's. Ground work is expected to start at the end of June, Rath said.

The business expects to sell about \$600,000 in Mexican food per year, he said, and the city would get about \$3,000 from sales taxes. The payroll of the business is expected to be \$210,000 per year, Rath said, which should help the city a great deal.

Mayor Tom Rohr asked why the committee didn't help the Coopers themselves.

"If we had gotten all the money we asked for (from the city), we might be able to do that," Rath said, "but, as you know, we didn't get it."

Commissioner Curtis Hurd said he was in favor of helping business, "but I think it should be done with economic development money."

"We're not talking about dollars," Rath said. "We're asking that you don't charge for the services."

City Manager Ron Pickman told the commissioners that the city will have to install an electrical transformer, water meter, and connections from the main water line.

"Anytime we can help bring in new businesses, we should do it," Commissioner Rick Billinger said. "It's a step in the right direction."

"I don't know if we can waive it all," Commissioner Chuck Lutters said, "but we can help."

Hurd asked why the Coopers weren't at the meeting. Pickman said Kendall had been in his office that afternoon, and said he didn't ask the committee to help.

"I don't think he'd turn down help, though," Pickman said.

## City Roundup

At a meeting Monday, the Goodland city commissioners:

- Heard a plea to waive fees for a new restaurant. Story to left.
- Adopted changes to the city zoning plan. Page 4
- Approved a home business permit for a paintball supply and framing business. Page 4
- Allowed businesses to use yard-waste containers. Page 4
- Named a new city street "Wyoming." Story in Tuesday's edition.
- Discussed a request to ease a ban on parking recreational vehicles in residential areas. Story in Tuesday's edition.