

**weather report**

**56°**

at noon



**Today**

• Sunset, 7:48 p.m.

**Tomorrow**

• Sunrise, 5:37 a.m.  
• Sunset, 7:49 p.m.

**Midday Conditions**

- Soil Temperature 58 degrees
- Humidity 43 percent
- Sky cloudy and overcast
- Winds south 28-36 m.p.h.
- Barometer 30.02 inches and falling
- Record High 94° (1962)
- Record Low 28° (1981+)

**Last 24 Hours\***

High 62°  
Low 27°  
Precipitation none

**Northwest Kansas Forecast**

Tonight: mostly cloudy with 40 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms, low mid 40s, winds south-east 20-40 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny with 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, high 65-70, low upper 30s.

**Extended Forecast**

Sunday: partly sunny with 30 percent chance of rain, high lower 50s, low near 40. Monday: high mid 60s. (National Weather Service)  
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.  
\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

**local markets**

**Noon**

- Wheat — \$2.52 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$2.41
  - Loan deficiency payment — 4¢
  - Corn — \$1.82 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.83
  - Loan deficiency payment — 16¢
  - Milo — \$1.51 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$4.07 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$4.16
  - Loan deficiency payment — 76¢
  - Millet — \$3.25 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$9.30 cwt.
  - NuSun — \$9.10 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 66¢
  - 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.

**Troops leave church square**

BETHLEHEM, West Bank — Israeli jeeps and armored vehicles began pulling out of Bethlehem's Manger Square today after a tense standoff at the Church of the Nativity ended with 13 suspected Palestinian militants flying into exile.

After the militants and a number of foreign activists supporters left, journalists touring the church found it littered with trash, bedrolls and stinking of urine. The wooden altar in the Armenian section of the basilica had been used as a food table and was covered with a coffee pot and the remnants of meals. In one area, there were two unopened cans of beans.

As the pullback began, several dozen Palestinian children ran into the square, clapping and whistling as the troops left, marking the end of the 39-day occupation of Bethlehem.

**Group to find business**

**Plans made to form development effort**

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Daily News

More than 85 people came to a meeting Thursday to form a new economic development effort for Sherman County, naming a steering committee to plan an organization with cooperation of the county and city commissioners.

After two hours of discussion at Gambino's, the group agreed to have the steering committee plan for a new economic development organization, separate from the Chamber of Commerce.

The steering committee plans to meet with the county commissioners on Tuesday and then get together later in the week to work on its plan. The full group is expected to meet in three weeks to review and approve the steering committee recommendations.

The options brought up at the meeting were to revamp the existing economic development committee, which is a part of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce; to create an independent nonprofit corporation; or to organize under the county commissioners who, by state law, can raise property tax money for economic development.

The meeting, which had been publicly announced and promoted in the newspaper, was the second on the issue. Steve West of Western State Bank, a former Chamber and economic development committee chairman, said the 20 or more people who attended the first meeting had vented their frustrations about the current efforts.

"We agreed that we did not have a coordinated effort," West said. "We felt the city, county and chamber were not working together and that we need to be on the same page to attract business and people to Goodland."

"I see potential in this community. I care, and that is why I am here. If you are expecting to get rich, you are at the wrong meeting. We will all benefit if we work together."

West then laid out the basic agenda for the evening, saying that the previous meeting had been held to look at past problems and that the first goal was to get at least 60 people to attend the second meeting.

"We have met that goal," he said, "and now we can go ahead with the next goal, which is to decide how to develop a better economic development program."

West said the question was whether to form an organization separate from the chamber, and "how you want to do that. We need a plan of attack."

Curtis Hurd, a city commissioner, said the city had given \$80,000 over the past two years to the existing economic development committee, which is part of the chamber.

"They had to beg for that money," Hurd said, "because we wanted to see results. We haven't seen much, and I can say for myself, I doubt the city will fund economic development as it is."

Hurd said while the city has to pull general tax money out to fund development efforts, the county can, under state law, set a special property tax for economic development.

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*Life for those*  
**LEFT  
BEHIND**

*Natives paint picture of county during war*

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Men who weren't off fighting during World War II were hard at work on the farm or doing other jobs considered necessary to the effort. The draft board decided their fate every month.

Women were busy farming, caring for the children and working at jobs men used to do.

In their spare time, they prayed for their husbands, sons and brothers. Some thanked God their spouse hadn't been drafted.

In Sherman County, men had short hair and most wore bib overalls. Women had long hair, which they curled or put up in a "pompadour," and wore dresses or skirts, never slacks.

There were shortages of metal, rubber, gasoline, sugar, coffee, alcohol and many other items, so families were forced to conserve. Contests were held to see who could collect the most scrap metal to be donated to the war effort.

Recovering from the Dust Bowl and the Great Depression, farmers were starting to raise healthy, successful crops and the economy was growing stronger. It was hard to find farm hands, so neighbors helped each other with the harvest.

A gallon of gas cost 13 cents, milk was 5 cents a quart and new cars sold for \$800.

Families gathered downtown every Saturday night to shop and visit. The war was the main topic of conversation.

Such was life in Sherman County between 1941 and '45, when a war raging thousands of miles away touched every life here.

It was 60 years ago, but four Sherman County natives remember the era well.

• Eula Babcock, 94, taught in a one-room school house while her husband Harvey was overseas building airfields for the Navy.

• Clarence Scheopner, 86, was a mechanic, operated a dairy and helped raise his children.

• Ed Hayden, 87, farmed in southwest Sherman County and looked after his family.

• Evelyn Ward, now president of the Sherman County Historical Society, wasn't old enough to be in school, but



An old tractor pulls a combine used during World War II in Sherman County to harvest crops. Collection of Andy Scheopner

**Veteran parade today**

World War II veterans and others will march or roll down Main Avenue at 4 p.m. today as part of the third annual Settlement Days celebration.

The war is the theme of this year's observance of Sherman County history, and downtown businesses have put up window displays and old-time vehicles.

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 last of the stories is in today's paper.

Today, readers will learn what it

was like to live in Sherman County during the war.

On Thursday, they met Maurice Cullen, a 79-year-old veteran who has rarely talked about his war experiences and never publicly, and on Wednesday, Maize Sutton, a woman who joined the Women's Army Corps. in 1943.

All this leads up to 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 who lived through the war will be telling their stories.

Call the Historical Society at 899-6773 for information.

she remembers how the war affected her life.

It was a terrible war, and a tough time to be alive, but they agreed it had to be done.

"If we hadn't went through that kind of stuff," said Hayden, who now lives in Goodland, "we wouldn't be where we are today."

Food and supplies were rationed because the military needed all it could get to build equipment and feed soldiers. People back home learned to make due with what they had.

Ward, born and raised in a sod house in northeast Sherman County, said her mother would put less sugar in cakes because she needed it to can fruits and

vegetables to feed the family in the winter.

"The canning was very important," she said. "You could skimp on cakes."

Tractors had replaced horses on the farm, Ward said, but her father used his horses often to preserve the tires on his tractor.

Scheopner said only low-quality tires were available during the war because there was a shortage of rubber. He said he still has a World War II-era tire on his 1951 Kaiser that has "Do not drive over 20 m.p.h." molded on the side. Scheopner said he only drives the car in parades.

Working as shop foreman at Knudson Bros. downtown, Scheopner said he built up automobile and tractor parts so they would last longer and welded machines to make them more durable.

Ward said she remembers school children collecting scrap metal and that there were contests held to see who could gather the most. The metal was used to build airplanes, tanks and other equipment.

"A lot of older people are upset when they see scrap metal going to the dump," she said, "because they re-

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**School board may give jobs back to laid off staff**

By Rachel Miscall

The Goodland Daily News

Four Goodland teachers could get their jobs back on Monday night, even though they never actually lost them.

The Goodland School Board decided in late April to notify the four that their contracts would not be renewed for next year — just in case the district's budget was cut — but Superintendent Marvin Selby plans to ask the board at a meeting Monday to rehire the teachers.

Lawmakers had talked about cutting state aid to schools, and board members thought the district might not have enough money to pay the teachers.

School boards are required by law to notify teachers by May 1 if they might lose their job.

Hundreds of teachers across the state received notices at the beginning of the month as boards reacted to news that they could have smaller budgets next year. Most rural districts like Goodland will get less money anyway, because their enrollments are dropping and state aid is tied to student numbers.

Now that legislators say they'll likely keep state aid at the same level — \$3,870 per student — or increase it \$20 per pupil, laid off teachers are hearing they could have a job next year after all.

While a state budget hasn't been ap-

proved yet, Superintendent Selby said he'll ask the board to offer new contracts to Pam Hernandez, a special education teacher at North Elementary School; Pat Stindt and Lindsey Pifer, both Grant Junior High language arts teachers; and Ben Holman, a high school social studies teacher.

"We want these people back," said Dick Short, board president, after members voted to cut the positions. "We need the money from the state. We will have them back."

Selby said the teachers never really lost their jobs because the board had until August to send them final notices. "I hope I don't ever have to give them

a final notice," he said.

Even if the district has a smaller budget next year, Selby said they won't have to lay off teachers because enough have retired to open up some spots. The board offered elementary teachers an early retirement bonus and five took advantage of it.

Selby said the district will leave those positions open, along with the elementary counselor and high school physical education instructor positions, for a total of seven jobs unfilled.

Theresa Riddle, elementary counselor, and Billy Gabel, physical education teacher, turned in their resignations earlier this year.

**School meeting**

At the Goodland School Board's meeting Monday, the members will:

- Discuss rehiring four teachers laid off in case the state cut the budget. Story to left.
- Present a 25-year teaching award to Richard Schwasinger, high school DECA instructor.
- Talk about summer construction projects.
- Hear a presentation by Karla Murray, district technology director.
- Discuss the board position on extra duties for teachers behind closed doors.