

weather report

77°

at noon

Today

• Sunset, 6:55 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:30 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:54 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 00 degrees
• Humidity 25 percent
• Sky clear and sunny
• Winds north 8 m.p.h.
• Barometer 30.06 inches and steady

• Record High 98° (1955)

• Record Low 34° (1965)

Last 24 Hours*

High 73°

Low 38°

Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: mostly sunny, high lower 90s, low mid 50s, winds southwest 15 m.p.h. Wednesday: mostly sunny with a 30 percent showers in the evening, high lower 90s, low upper 40s, breezy.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy and cooler, high mid 60s. Friday: mostly clear, high mid 70s, low lower 40s. Saturday: partly cloudy, high upper 70s, low mid 40s. Sunday: partly cloudy, high lower 80s, low upper 40s.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.03 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.08

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.21 bushel

Posted county price — \$2

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$1.91 bushel

Soybeans — \$5.98 bushel

Posted county price — \$5.79

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$9.60 cwt.

NuSun — \$9.95 cwt.

Loan deficiency pmt. — 89¢

Confection — \$17/\$10 cwt.

Pinto beans — Withdrawn

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

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Collection brings 6 tons

Kenny Griffith, Sherman County hazardous waste coordinator, and Karen Purvis, from Ellis County, examined and weighed poisonous material turned in by county residents Saturday. See story on Page 3.

Day honors those who died, serve



Hannah Blake, a seventh grader at Grant Junior High School, sang a medley of patriotic songs Thursday evening as part of the "I Am an American" program in remembrance of the Sept. 11 attacks.

Photos by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News



Dick Liess spoke on behalf of Rotary and the Veterans of Foreign Wars.



Lance Tedford, World War II veteran, spoke on behalf of the Goodland Lions.



Father Norbert Dlabal, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, spoke about duties.

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

Remembrance, honor, appreciation and patriotism were the themes Thursday evening at Max Jones Fieldhouse as members of the community came together to commemorate the tragedy of Sept. 11, 2001.

The program, "I'm Proud to be an American," was organized by the Goodland Ministerial Alliance. About 130 people attended the service to remember those lost and to honor those public servants who dedicate their lives, then and now, to keep America safe.

A recording of "I Am an American" by Bill Post of Gueda Springs, was played as people were settling into their places.

Four members of Detachment 1, 170th Maintenance Co. of the Kansas Army National Guard served as the color guard. They were Sgts. Mark Reasoner, Donald Frecks, Ernesto Gonzales and PFC Derrick Lutters. Members of the Boy Scouts of America served as an honor guard.

Lance Siruta, an Eagle Scout, presented a salute to the American flag. Goodland High senior Michael Smith led the service in singing the National Anthem. Next, Pastor Tony Kafka of the Sonrise Christian Church gave the opening prayer. He was followed by Pastor Bud Chester of the First Baptist Church, who recited Abraham Lincoln's Gettysburg Address to conclude the opening ceremonies.

Curtis Duncan, program director at KLOE, KKCI and KWGB Radio and chairman of the Sherman County Red Cross, served as master of ceremony for the second year in a row. He read the poem "Quilt of Life" by Fern Estes from Kanorado. Duncan spoke of the courage and dedication of Lt. Col. Patty Horrell, a military doctor at the Pentagon, as part of his tribute to all those whose swift action saved lives that day.

Dennis Friedrichs, an industrial art teacher at the high school, talked about what it means to him to be a

teacher. He also spoke with pride about his son, 1st Lt. John Friedrichs, serving with the Army's 13th Corps Support Command in northern Iraq.

Father Norbert Dlabal, of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church and an Army veteran, said that as citizens of the United States, we all have special duties, and as human beings, religious duties as well. Neglect of either harms our society as much as it hurts us.

Megan McCall, a senior at Goodland High School, spoke about the education opportunities we have in America, and the dedication of teachers, who give each person the chance to excel and to choose their own career path.

Smith then returned to center stage and sang "This Land is Your Land."

Dick Leiss, representing the Goodland Rotary Club and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, then read a Patriots Day message from Gov. Kathleen Sebelius. Leiss talked about the efforts Rotary is involved in to make the world a better place.

Hannah Blake, a seventh grader at Grant Junior High School, sang a medley of patriotic songs that included "Yankee Doodle Dandy," "This is Our Country," "It's a Grand Old Flag" and "God Bless America."

City Manager Ron Pickman read a poem by Jason Carl Johnson, after which he gave a tribute to the firefighters, law enforcement officers and other public servants, then and now. He concluded by reading another poem by Mark A. Hoggins. Both poems were written in the aftermath of the Sept. 11 attacks.

During Pickman's address, a slide presentation was provided showing some of the images of that day and its immediate aftermath.

Lawrence Tedford of the Lions Club spoke of the emotion he felt between the news of the attack on

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Governor opens statewide education forum

Gov. Sebelius says she believes her vision on track after first year

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius, in Goodland to open the first session of her statewide Education Policy Forum, says she thinks the state is getting its act together and starting to listen to the people of Kansas.

This time last year, Sebelius was about 60 days away from the election which made her governor. Asked if she was pleased with how the first nine months of her administration had gone, she said yes.

"I was pleased with how we did on the budget and how things went in the legislative session," she said. "I believe we are in far better shape than many other states around us.

"We are not out of the hole yet,



Gov. Kathleen Sebelius

but I believe we will be able to fully fund the budget in the years ahead.

"We are in a busy time now, as we are having a series of conversations with Kansans with the Prosperity forums, this Education Policy Forum and the rural life committee to look at what we can do for the more rural areas of the state.

"Some of these will result in legislative recommendations and some will be ongoing efforts."

She said it was good to be able to keep the schools out of the budget cuts, and that she believed that could be continued.

"We have pride in excellent

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By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

About 100 people gathered at the Buffalo Inn Convention Center on Friday afternoon as Gov. Kathleen Sebelius opened the first of eight education public forums, saying she was here to listen to idea from the people.

Goodland school Superintendent Marvin Selby introduced the governor and thanked her for having the first education forum in Goodland.

Gov. Sebelius said she was happy to be back in town, noting that her last trip had been to celebrate the good wheat harvest.

"I know a lot of people will say that this is just another round of meetings that will be written up and then put up on a shelf to get dusty," she said. "I can tell you why this is different.

"I will get the results. I will be at all of these forums. I am committed to pushing education, and to drive these initiatives forward.

"I am here to listen."

Dr. Sylvia Robinson, the governor's director of education policy, gave some background of

how her education policy team was put together, and the process they have gone through for the past six months to get to the public forum step.

She said the results of the eight public forums will be used to reach a consensus about critical issues, and then to recommend priorities to the governor.

When they opened the microphone for questions or comments from the audience, Fred Kaufman, superintendent of Hays schools, was the first to come forward.

"We can't go on the way we are going," Kaufman said. "We are getting fewer dollars every year. With all these federal requirements, we can't do these things because we have had to cut out the people we need.

"I have a concern about your statement about funding the current formula. I believe there are problems with that formula.

"We have enough advice, but we need help."

Kathy Kersenbrock-Ostmeyer of

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Aircraft parts company prefers Goodland

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp., a California firm looking to relocate, wants to bring up to 100 jobs to Goodland, its co-founder says, but first it has to find financing for the move.

The firm made a presentation at Friday's Goodland Rotary Club meeting to update community and business leaders on the project's progress.

Roy Dixon of Brewster, the project manager, talked about the need to increase business in Goodland and about how Aircraft Seal and Gasket can help fill that need. Dixon then introduced Herb Me-

nold, president and co-founder of the firm, who explained the reasons for his proposed move to western Kansas and what it means to his firm and the local economy.

In California, Menold said, the firm used to pay \$8.68 per \$100 of employee salary for workers' compensation insurance. That was 15 months ago; since then, it has been raised four times to \$16.46 and will go up again in January. This compares to 97 cents per \$100 in Goodland.

Menold presented samples of the items they manufacture and their importance to the aircraft industry. He explained where silicone comes from, its various uses and how it is

fabricated into usable material.

He said the firm needs about \$300,000 in cash commitments of some sort to make the move. The state has said it will put up \$100,000 to \$125,000, leaving about \$150,000 to be raised. In all, it'll cost \$800,000 to set up a plant, but up to \$500,000 of that can be borrowed using industrial revenue bonds.

Menold and Randy Schoenthaler of Peoples State Bank put on a computer presentation that showed of the firm's facilities in California including some of the manufacturing and testing equipment used. During the show, Menold described processes and how specific materials are fabricated.

The presentation was followed by a discussion on the soundness of the proposed move and the benefits it could have on Goodland and the surrounding area. The plan is to relocate 80 percent of the manufacturing operation to Goodland and 20 percent to Wichita. Menold said about 30 new jobs would be created for Goodland in the first two-three months, increasing to around 100 in a year.

Area business leaders including Jon Pope, president of Peoples State Bank; Steve West, president of Western State Bank; and Pete Whalen, a Goodland lawyer, spoke of the benefits to the community, especially from a non-agricultural

based business. In general, all agreed that this is a solid business venture.

"This is not a start up business," Menold pointed out.

Aircraft Seal and Gasket is already a qualified provider of aircraft components, meeting Federal Aviation Administration certification requirements, and has an established customer list with a backlog of orders to be filled.

Menold emphasized that he is committed to the move to Kansas, whether it be to Goodland or somewhere else. The firm, he said, must maintain its production schedule, so the move must be made as expeditiously as possible.