

weather report

63°
at noon

Today
• Sunset, 6:44 p.m.
Tomorrow
• Sunrise, 6:36 a.m.
• Sunset, 6:42 p.m.

Midday Conditions
• Soil Temperature 67 degrees
• Humidity 41 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds light and variable
• Barometer 30.23 inches and steady
• Record High 95° (1954)
• Record Low 29° (1946)

Last 24 Hours*
High 77°
Low 46°
Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast
Today: mostly sunny and warmer, high upper 80s, low near 50, winds southwest 10 m.p.h.
Wednesday: partly sunny and cooler, high upper 60s, low upper 30s.
Extended Forecast
Thursday: partly cloudy, high upper 60s. Friday: partly cloudy, high lower 70s, low near 40. Saturday: mostly clear, high upper 70s, low mid 40s. Sunday: mostly clear, high upper 70s, low upper 40s.
(National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon
Wheat — \$2.93 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.02
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.22 bushel
New crop — \$2.18 bushel
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$1.92 bushel
Soybeans — \$6.27 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.86
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.40 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 51¢
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Pinto beans — Withdrawn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.)

inside today

More local news and views from your Goodland Star-News

People to vote on best photo
This shot of a boy enjoying a large sucker is by Brittny Redlin, one of the photos competing for People's Choice Awards in the Flatlander Photo Exhibit at Carnegie Arts Center. See photos and story on The Community Page.

Citizens step up to assist company

'It is coming to Goodland'

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News

Herb Menold, president of Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp., told the more than 40 people at a meeting Monday that he is bringing his company to Goodland.

"It is coming to Goodland," Menold told the audience.

Roy Dixon, project manager for Brewster, said company and economic development officials were to meet Monday afternoon to look at the building and begin the designs.

"We expect to have equipment arriving in the next couple of weeks," Dixon said.

The city is making contacts to get structural repairs underway.

Dixon said the meeting went very well, and those present were willing to help make the project happen.

The firm was leaving to Goodland after gathering at least \$400,000 of support at a special community meeting Friday at the Northwest Kansas Technical College.

About 50 people attended the meeting to see what could be done to bring the Brea, Calif., firm to town. When the meeting was done, those present had pledged \$91,000 to help set up a venture capital fund to bring the company here, and to be in position to help other firms in the future.

Over the past few weeks, the air-

craft parts company has been seeking financial support to make the move to Kansas. The firm has an offer from a venture capital group in Wichita, but Menold told the Goodland Rotary Club a week ago he would rather move to Goodland.

At the meeting Friday, City Commissioner John Garcia, who is also the vice-chairman of the Sherman County Economic Development Council, said that the city has offered to repair and equip the fire-damaged Mosbarger IGA building for the company.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the city would provide the building free for the first two years. He said the major work needed includes the roof and replacement of the south wall.

"I have talked to a roofing company who said the roof could be done in time to meet the new company's needs," Pickman said. "The (city) utility department would provide the necessary transformer and electrical connections."

Pickman estimated that providing the building and electrical was worth about \$150,000.

Earlier, Dixon, the lead contact on the project, said that Lt. Gov. Jon Moore had authorized the state Department of Commerce to pledge up to \$125,000.

"The trucks are loading on Monday to come to Kansas," Dixon said

Friday. "The only question is when they come over the mountains, are they going to stop in Goodland or go to Wichita.

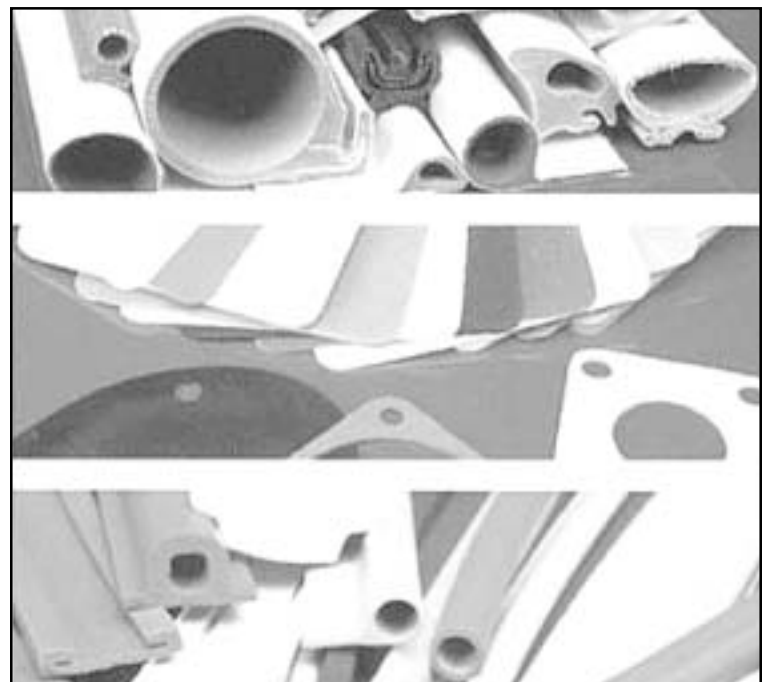
Randy Schoenthaler of Peoples State Bank said the firm's immediate needs can be met with the help of the city, the state and support from local banks. He said that both Peoples State and Western State have pledged loans of \$35,000 to help bring the company to Goodland, and believed the other two banks would do the same.

Ken Clouse, president of the technical college, said his electrical department could offer technical and labor support to get the building ready for the equipment. He said that the carpentry department would be able to help with some inside walls and similar projects.

Steve West of Western State Bank said the company will not be able to rely on industrial revenue bonds to make up the additional \$400,000 needed to fund the move. He said the idea of a venture capital group is to raise the money from 100 to 125 people at \$3,000 each, and that this money would be loaned to the aircraft company on a favorable basis.

As the money is paid back, he said, the fund could build up again and be used to help another company come to town.

People in the audience asked how



The Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp., which is moving to Goodland, manufacturers a wide variety of rubber products for the aircraft and automotive industries.

the fund would be set up, and whether there would be some stock in the company as part of the arrangement.

West turned to attorney Pete Whalen, who said that under Kansas law, it was possible to establish the fund with a board to determine the terms of the loan, and that it was possible to have some stock in the company be part of the agreement.

West asked those in the room if they felt this was the right way to proceed and there was a loud consensus to go forward.

One person asked to have the

"hat" passed and have people write their name and a pledge amount down to see what they might have available. Once the task was completed and the pledges were added, West said the total was \$91,000. He said he knew of 10-12 people who were not present at the meeting and believed the amount would grow.

Dixon said the company needs to be in production by mid November to meet contract commitments, and several aircraft manufacturers have said they would increase their orders if the firm moves to Kansas.

Baptist church celebrates 55th anniversary

By Greg Stover
The Goodland Star-News

Goodland's First Baptist Church celebrated its 55th anniversary Sunday with a dinner followed by an afternoon service.

About 100 people attended the celebration at the church, Fifth and Central Ave., including several former members. Guests came from across the state and some from outside Kansas, a few from as far away as Tennessee.

The church was formally recognized on Jan. 18, 1948, by a council made up of representatives of area Baptist churches. There were 15 charter members.

In the spring of that year, a basement was dug and an old school house in Wallace was bought and relocated to Goodland. Services were held in the basement until the building was remodeled.

The groundbreaking for the present building was in September 1954, and just over two years later, the first service was held there.

The program began with a hymn, after which the Rev. Loren Strait of the First Christian Church welcomed the congregation and gave the opening prayer.

Bud Chester, the 12th pastor of the church, spoke about the early history of the congregation, from the beginning when three Goodland men met and started the journey that led to the establishment of the church. He also spoke about the women of the church and their role

in organizing Sunday School.

Bob Gramzow, chairman of the deacons, read from the Book of Ephesians and spoke of his work as a member of the Gideons in bringing God's word to jail inmates. He related his experiences to a lesson in commitment and perseverance.

Jim Peter, a retired pastor, told the people how as a member of the church he was called to perform God's work for 25 years.

City Manager Ron Pickman said the First Baptist Church is an important part of the community and spoke of the three essential values for a strong community: family, neighbors and church. He emphasized that all three were needed, that two alone could not carry the load.

Pickman presented Pastor Chester a message of tribute of the church's contribution to Goodland.

Pastor Tony Kafka of the Sunrise Christian Church talked about why communities need churches and commended First Baptist for its contribution to the community faith in Goodland.

Lawrence Tedford, a member of the committee established in 1953 to build the new church, spoke of how the church influenced him and his family.

Sue Fenner of McPherson, a former member of the church, sang two songs. Church member Anna Braum also sang a special song.

The Rev. John Williams, western area minister of the American Baptist Convention Central Region,



Dennis Staehnke, a trustee at the First Baptist Church, guided an unexpected guest during the afternoon service Sunday.

read from Psalm 67 and spoke of the purpose of the church and never-ending work toward that purpose. Mr. Williams gave the closing prayer.

After the service, the congregation went outside where a time capsule containing mementoes and messages from church and community members was placed in the ground near the building to be opened in 2023. One of the items placed in it was a quilt on which many church members signed their name.

The celebration ended with the people holding hands in a circle around the site and singing "Blessed be the Ties that Bind."



Pastor Bud Chester of the First Baptist Church and church member Ruth Morton took a close look at a time capsule and its burial spot after the church's 55th anniversary service Sunday afternoon. Photos by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

Who gets paid more city, county or school officials?

By Tom Betz
The Goodland Star-News

Who is the highest paid public official in the county?

That question was raised last week when the Goodland School District submitted a list of district salaries as required by a state law passed this year.

The school district salary list begins with Superintendent Marvin Selby, the highest paid administrator at \$75,000 per year.

And that makes Selby the highest paid public official in the county.

Jim Mull, principal of North Elementary and Grant Junior High, is the top principal at \$66,215. Harvey Swager at the high school is paid \$65,667. Steve Raymer, who was the principal at North last year and is now the high school assistant principal and activities director, has a

salary of \$60,979.

Gerald Burkett, principal at West School, receives \$53,715, and John Felver the school psychologist, has a salary of \$53,662.

On the list provided by the school district, Sharon Gregory, principal at Central and the district school improvement specialist, was listed with a salary of \$14,647.

Selby explained that Gregory has been here long enough to be able to draw her retirement pay as long as she does not make more than \$15,000 a year from the district. Selby said Gregory also gets a salary from the Northwest Kansas Educational Services Center.

A call to the center in Oakley revealed that Gregory is paid \$27,941 a year for the work she does for that office. That brings her salary to \$42,588 without adding in her pension.

Selby said the move by Gregory will save the district some money this year, and that it is possible that Mull could be eligible for the program next year.

The City of Goodland provided salary listings for top city officials, starting with City Manager Ron Pickman with a salary of \$70,153.

Mary Volk, city clerk, makes \$45,582. Ed Wolak, public works director, makes \$52,608. Police Chief Ray Smea has a salary of \$46,617 and Fire Chief Dean Jensen makes \$38,357. City building inspector Steve Criswell is paid \$35,714, and Linda Holton, High Plains museum director, \$25,709.

Sherman County provided the list of salaries for county officials, but only after an official public information request was filed last week.

If you thought the county com-

missioners were highly paid, you would be wrong. They don't even match what the museum director gets.

Commission Chairman Kevin Rasure is paid \$13,620 while Commissioner Mitch Tiede gets \$12,600 and Commissioner Chuck Thomas gets \$12,000. Their jobs are considered part-time.

County Attorney Bonnie Selby is the highest paid elected official with a salary of \$47,725. This is in addition to her law practice.

A close second is Curt Way, public works manager, at \$47,380, who is the highest paid department head.

Janet Rumpel, the elected county clerk, makes \$39,250 plus she is paid \$1,963 as the election official and \$1,082 as the drug and alcohol administrator for a total of \$42,295.

Shelby Miller, elected county

treasurer, has a salary of \$29,545 plus is paid \$5,438 as the auto motor administrator for a total of \$34,983.

Carol Armstrong, elected county register of deeds, makes \$28,100. Sheriff Doug Whitson's salary is \$38,950.

Terry Ballard, the part-time county appraiser, receives \$40,000 a year for his services, which require special training.

Dorendo Harrel, head of the county health department, is paid \$40,390.

Mary Messamore, head of central dispatch and the county emergency management supervisor, has a salary of \$40,175.

William McKnight, building maintenance supervisor, is paid \$11.80 per hour, \$24,544 with no overtime.