

weather
report

73°

at noon



Today

• Sunset, 4:51 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:11 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:49 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil Temperature 52 degrees
- Humidity 21 percent
- Sky mostly cloudy
- Winds northwest 15 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.88 inches and falling
- Record High 86° (1943)
- Record Low 10° (1925)

Last 24 Hours*

High 65°
Low 43°
Precipitation none

N.W. Kansas Forecast

Today: partly cloudy, high upper 60s, low lower 40s, winds northwest 15 changing to southwest 10-30 m.p.h. Wednesday: mostly sunny then becoming partly cloudy, high lower 80s, low lower 30s. winds southwest 10-15 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy, breezy, high upper 40s, low around 30. Friday: mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and snow, high lower 40s, low upper 20s. (National Weather Service)
Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.
* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.28 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.34
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.33 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.14
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$2.11 bushel
Soybeans — \$7.25 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.03
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$5 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10.15 cwt.
NuSun — \$10.70 cwt.
Confection — \$16/\$9 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Pinto beans — Withdrawn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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today

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Cowboys win
against Colby

Goodland running back Malcolm White went for a long gain on a left end sweep during the Cowboy's 43-13 victory over Colby Friday night at Cowboy Stadium. See photos and story on Page 11.

Parts company
names manager

By Greg Stover

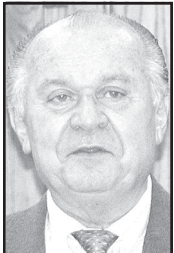
The Goodland Star-News

Aircraft Seal and Gasket Corp. named a Goodland man as its plant manager and introduced a new chief executive officer during a short news conference on Thursday.

President Herb Menold introduced John Hartzler as the firm's new CEO and Chuck Lutters the plant manager at the session, held at the Northwest Kansas Technical College student union.

Hartzler, of Hartzler and Associates of McKinney, Texas near Dallas, brings 25 years of management experience in the aircraft and aerospace industry, Menold said. Most of the firm's heavy production will be done at the new plant in Goodland, with the finishing work, inspections and packaging done at a facility in Wichita. That is where Hartzler will be most of the time.

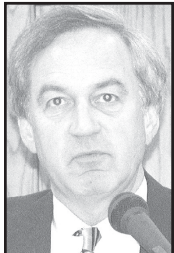
One of the reasons for this arrangement is that it lessens the commute time between the Federal Aviation Administration inspectors and the final product from about five hours to 15 minutes. Another reason, said Hartzler is that Wichita is a major transportation and economic hub for the Midwest, and a center for the aircraft industry.



Menold



Lutters



Hartzler

Hartzler said that his initial tasks are to develop a marketing strategy and check out the competition. He said the aircraft industry desperately needs a seal and gasket supplier in the Midwest. He said the key is to connect with experienced market-

ing people in Wichita who will find customers for firm's products.

Lutters, director of maintenance for the Goodland School District and a member of the Goodland City Commission, has lived here 34 years. He said he appreciated the opportunity, adding that he had never seen the community pull together for a project as they did for making it possible for the gasket firm to locate here. He said his position on the commission would not be affected.

Menold said that it will be about two weeks before the old IGA building is ready to receive some of the equipment being relocated from California. He hopes to manufacture

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Spooks and goblins
invade city tonight

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

The second annual Moonlight Madness sale and celebration will bring our spooks and goblins for a night of spirited holiday shopping, entertainment and a costume contest in Goodland tonight.

Many stores will be open until 8 p.m. with specials for shopping, and there will be treats for the kids who come to Zimmerman Plumbing, 1111 Main, where the Goodland Police will be handing out candy and special Halloween trick-or-treat bags.

The Madd Hatter will provide music beginning about 6 p.m. at Zimmerman and costume contest judging will begin at 7 p.m. There

will be three age groups with prizes for first, second and third in each: 5 and under, 6-10 and 10-15.

The prize money has been donated by the Goodland Kiwanis Club and The Goodland Star-News.

Stores participating in the event include Knott Just Books, Miller's Electronics, Jacque's Hallmark, Madd Hatter, Custom Tailoring by Marie, Mann's Jewelry, Zimmerman Plumbing, Nancy Dietz Interiors (at the Senior Center), High Plains Office Supply, Aten Department Store, KC's Video, Seamhead, American Communications, Mr. Jim's, Goodland Churches Thrift Shop and The Star-News.

Cowgirls headed to state Friday



Cowgirl freshman Dani Bedore (right, in air) jumped high for a spike Saturday afternoon against the Hugoton Eagles in the first semi-final match at the sub-state tournament in Colby. Goodland defeated Hugoton 25-14, 23-25 and 15-12. See story on Page 12.

Photo by Liz West/The Goodland Star-News

Congressman gives county hospital a check-up

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Congressman Jerry Moran spent time at Goodland Regional Medical Center and the Logan County Hospital Thursday to be sure his finger is on the pulse of rural health care.

With a health care bill pending, Moran said, he wanted to be sure he knows what issues are important to rural Kansas.

"I suppose you never hear this," joked Hospital Administrator Jay Jolly, "but we think reimbursement needs to go up."

"That's what they all tell me," Moran replied, laughing.

All jokes aside, Moran spends a lot of time visiting hospitals around Kansas to keep in touch with their most pressing issues and to see how they are faring.

Among the concerns is the rising cost of health care and deciding who can pay for it.

Much of the focus has been on senior citizens and the cost of prescription drugs, the congressman said. But it's not just drugs; all health care is expensive. It's not just seniors, he said; young families are having trouble affording it as well.

Patients can't afford spiraling costs, Moran said, and Medicare can't either. Something needs to be done about the underlying causes. Moran said a he's working on a bill to allow rural hospitals classified as critical access to use their



Congressman Jerry Moran laughed with Debbie Hickman, director of patient care services, and hospital Administrator Jay Jolly on Thursday during a visit to the Goodland Regional Medical Center.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran / The Goodland Star-News

allowed 25 beds however they want, rather than allowing only 15 acute patients at any time and 25 overall, including swing beds. Since the medical center here is applying for

critical access status, he said, the bill will likely affect the hospital soon.

Hospital officials showed Moran around an area they would like to use for a Veterans Administration out-

reach clinic. The closest Veterans Administration facility is 150 miles, Jolly said. The hospital could use existing facilities for the clinic, he said.

Ultimately, Moran said, veterans

should have a card that says they can go to any doctor they want, but that idea has been shot down by advocacy groups. The veterans groups get nervous when resources are taken from Veterans Affairs hospitals, the Congressman said, and given to outside clinics.

Having outreach clinics would benefit the patients. Besides the inconvenience of traveling 150 miles, he said veterans from small towns are often intimidated by large hospitals and big-city traffic.

Moran said he would continue working with Goodland to bring an outreach clinic to the hospital.

Before leaving, he expressed his commitment to rural Kansas, most of which is covered by his huge district.

"My goal in going to Congress was to provide a little prosperity for these areas," he said, "but it's more important to help them survive, so kids can continue to grow up here."

Families won't stay in rural areas, he said, if quality health care isn't available here.

Moran visited the Oakley hospital in the morning and then the Goodland hospital shortly before noon but skipped over Colby. It seems that recent lawsuits involving Citizens Medical Center and the doctors there have their affect.

"One of your neighbors has invited me to visit their hospital," Moran said, "but I'm putting it off to a calmer time."