

weather report



58°
noon

Wednesday

Today

• Sunset, 4:25 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:46 a.m.

• Sunset, 4:24 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 39 degrees
- Humidity 18 percent
- Sky clear and sunny
- Winds southwest 6 mph
- Barometer 30.09 inches and falling
- Record High today 72° (1986)
- Record Low today -12° (1952)

Last 24 Hours*

High Tuesday	62°
Low Tuesday	25°
Precipitation	none
This month	0.76
Year to date	20.16
Above normal	0.90 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly sunny with a high near 45, winds out of the southwest at 5 mph and a low around 22. Saturday: Partly sunny with a high near 44 and a low around 22.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Partly sunny with a high near 44 and a low around 21. Monday: Mostly sunny with a high near 49 and a low around 24. Tuesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 50.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.86 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$4.50
 - Corn — \$3.10 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$3.11
 - Milo — \$2.54 bushel
 - Soybeans — \$7.49 bushel
 - Posted county price — \$7.66
 - Millet — \$7 hundredweight
 - Sunflowers
 - Oil current crop — \$15.70 cwt.
 - Confection — \$35/\$23 cwt.
 - Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Wrestling begins

Freshman Riley Oharra (right) struggled to get out from under junior Paul Starr in their challenge match in practice Tuesday. The Cowboys' season begins Thursday. See schedule and photos on Page 10.

First graders celebrate holiday



The first grade classes of West Elementary School celebrated Thanksgiving with a feast on Monday. Students dressed as Pilgrims and Indians. Vanessa Renteria (left) and Michelle Herrera were among the Pilgrims. The feast included turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, desserts shaped as Pilgrim hats, oranges, apples, carrots, cakes and pies. Parents were invited as well as helped with the meal. First grade teachers were Janet Davis, Pat Thompson, Emily Braxmeyer, Sandy Timm and Katie Fulwider.

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School district to join new league

By Pat Schiefen

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The Goodland School Board at its Monday night meeting voted unanimously to go with the new league being formed from high schools around the size of Goodland to start in the fall of 2010.

Activities Director Don Smith said, "The only concern is the additional travel." Another concern is the timing to get the scheduling and organization done for the new league, he said. If six schools commit to the league the work will start on the scheduling.

Tentatively the league would be made of Colby, Scott City, Hol-

comb, Goodland and unofficially Ulysses and Hugoton. Ulysses' and Hugoton's school boards have not voted on the new league.

Thomas More Prep-Marian of Hays was at the gathering of activities directors of the proposed new league last week, Smith said. The Hays school would lose Scott City and Ulysses out of their league. They had petitioned the Kansas State Activities Association to be able to play teams north and east of them but it was rejected. Cimmaron and Lakin were also at the meeting.

Smith thought that the league will pick up more districts once it gets started.

Grant Junior High Activities Director Mary Kratyk was also at the school board meeting explaining how the new league would work for junior high teams. She said she was more encouraged after the junior high activities directors met without the ones from the high schools.

She explained that junior highs do not necessarily belong to the same league as their high schools. To cut down on travel time it was thought that the league would be divided into north and south divisions. In the north there would possibly be Colby, Scott City and Goodland and in the south Ulysses, Hugoton and Holcomb. The junior highs would

only play the teams in their divisions except for tournaments which they thought may be held on Saturdays.

The schools were also interested in including possibly an art show, a musical festival, scholars bowl and a science fair.

The other teams needed for a sports schedule would be filled in with teams from possibly Hays, Wray and Burlington.

In other business the board:

- The board voted to pay \$42,110 in bills.
- Board member Dick Short said that the enrollment for the Northwest Kansas Technical School was up eight percent with the diesel tech-

nology program being the fullest. At its technology day 148 prospective students attended.

• Superintendent Shelly Angelos said the teachers were wanting to look at a more comprehensive reading curriculum for kindergarten to sixth grade. She said it would roughly cost \$70,000.

• Superintendent Angelos said the district's technology plan was due in July 2009.

• All members except John Hendrich were at the meeting.

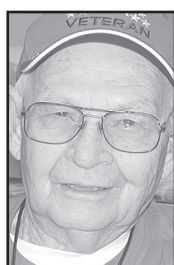
• The meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Veteran visits World War II Memorial

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Kenny Corke was one of 54 veterans traveling to see the World War II Memorial in Washington with the Central Prairie Honor Flight of Great Bend the end of October. The Honor Flight's mission is to let World War II veterans see their Memorial. Those veterans are all in the 80s. It is figured 1,200 veterans of that era die each day. The flights are funded through donations.



Corke

The 54 were from an eight or ten county area, said Corke. He said his oldest son, Clarence of San Jose, Calif., went with him. There were some younger guys that went along to help others get around. He said he went with the Great Bend group because he has two daughters, Marlene Regehr and Marian Corke, that live there.

The group met in Great Bend on Wednesday, Oct. 22, and traveled to Ft. Leavenworth by bus and spent the night. The next morning they flew out of Kansas City International Airport to Washington, D.C. The group also visited the Vietnam and Korean Memorials, the Arlington Cemetery and the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. After supper the group flew back to Kansas City and

spent the night in Ft. Leavenworth. The next morning after breakfast the group boarded the busses to head for home.

Corke, 87, enlisted the Army Air Force in 1942. He went to airplane mechanics school for awhile and then flight engineer school. He had just finished flight engineering when the Japanese surrendered. The training planes had no radios.

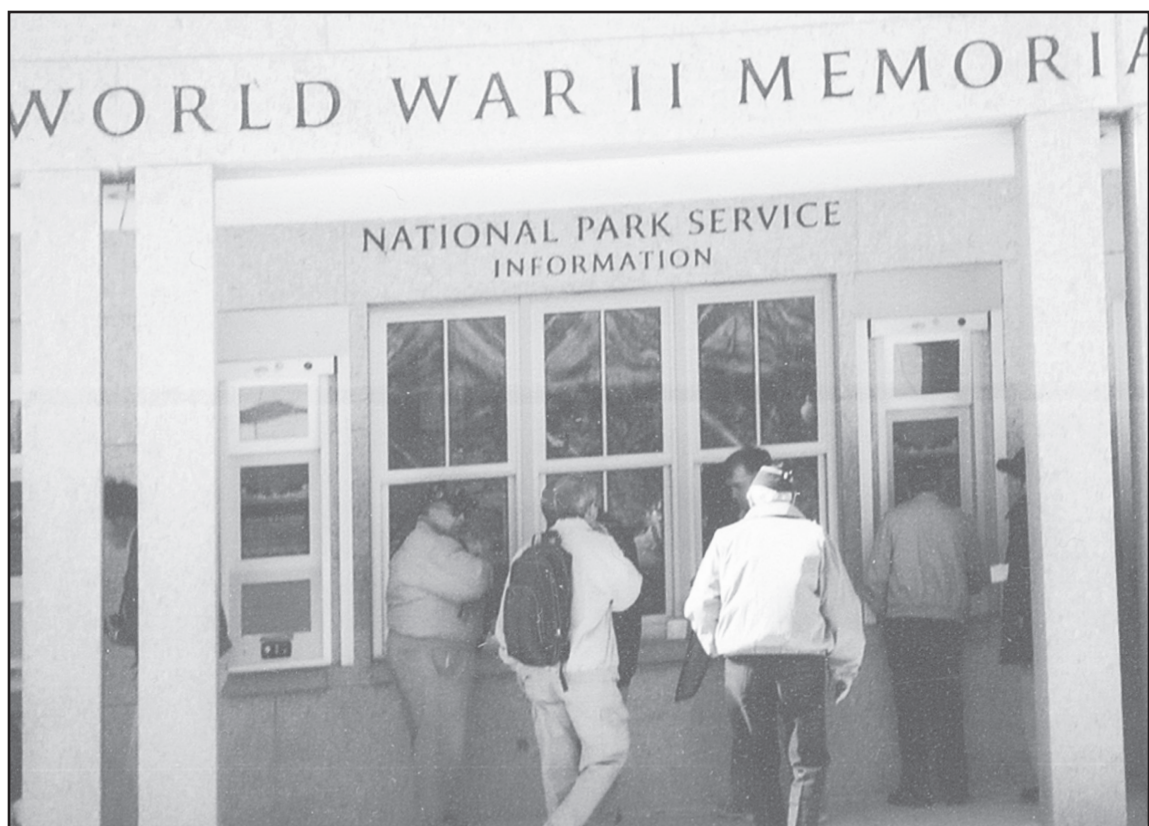
We got most of our news, he said, from radio, newsreels and newspapers.

Corke said he remembered he was getting ready with his unit for a big parade which was canceled when Franklin Delano Roosevelt died.

"I got out on Christmas 1945," said Corke. "I never went overseas or carried a gun. I was deferred to finish school and I was a year older than most."

This was the third flight that went out of Great Bend with one more planned on Friday, Nov. 7. They weren't planning anymore flights until Spring. The Central Prairie Honor Flight has partnered with Central Prairie Resource Conservation and Development of Great Bend.

The World War II Memorial is located at the National Mall in Washington, D.C. It was designed



Some of veterans that went to see the World War II Memorial as part of the Central Prairie Honor Flight of Great Bend the last part of October. This group was the third group to go with another one going in November. Cost is paid by donations.

by Friedrich St. Florian. Congress authorized its construction in 1993. Construction began in September 2001 and was finished on May 29, 2004.

Corke was born in Studley in Sheridan County. His parents were Ray and Rena Corke and he had one brother and five sisters. His brother Perry, who lives in Quinter, was in

the Army Air Force in Alaska when Corke was in the service. Of his five sisters, Verna Corke is dead, Francis