

weather
report

57°

noon Thursday

Today

- Sunset, 5:57 p.m.
- Saturday**
- Sunrise, 5:50 a.m.
- Sunset, 5:58 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 49 degrees
- Humidity 38 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds southeast 7-17 mph
- Barometer 30.15 inches and falling
- Record High today 83° (1921)
- Record Low today 0° (1965)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 68°
- Low Wednesday 29°
- Precipitation none
- This month .029 inch
- Year to date 1.37 inch

The Topside Forecast

Today: mostly sunny, high near 84, low near 43, winds west southwest 11-13 mph. Saturday: partly cloudy, high around 63, low around 35, winds east northeast 11-15 mph.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: mostly sunny, high near 67, low around 36. Monday: mostly sunny, high near 75, low near 39. Tuesday: mostly sunny, high around 79, low around 42. Wednesday: partly cloudy, high near 70.

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

local
markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$3.74 bushel
- New Crop — \$3.65 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.78
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Corn — \$2.95 bushel
- Posted county price — \$2.83
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Milo — \$2.77 bushel
- Soybeans — \$9.55 bushel
- Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
- Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$12.25 cwt.
- NuSun — \$12.50 cwt.
- Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$15
- (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Kansas Kids
head to Hays

Casey Henderson (on top) placed second at 155 pounds in the 14 and under group at WaKeeney earning a trip Saturday to the Kansas Kids district tournament in Hays. See story on Page 12.

Home folks support war efforts

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Goodland is about to be under siege. Area residents and visitors will have the opportunity to re-live a World War II through two traveling exhibits, local exhibits and a variety of events and activities during the next month and a half.

World War II was fought on the home front, as well as the front lines, and a traveling exhibit from the Smithsonian Institute will take visitors back to that era when it is displayed at the Carnegie Arts Center from March 27-May 7 in Goodland.

At the same time, "Kansas Goes to War: Life on the Home Front During World War II" will be on display at the High Plains Museum. A collection of World War II memorabilia will be on display at the Handy House from Friday, March 26-Friday, May 7.

The items belong to John McDermott of Colby, son-in-law of Delores Corke who manages the Butterfly Cafe. McDermott has collected military items for many years.

Joyce Theier, a history teacher at Emporia State University, will whet our appetites for history at 3:30 Sunday with her talk, "Farm Front of WWII," at the museum.

The month and a half of activity will kick off the following Saturday when "Produce for Victory: Posters on the American Home Front, 1941-1945," the Smithsonian display, opens with a gallery talk by Jay Antle, an assistant professor of history at Johnson County Community College.

The opening reception will be from 1-3 p.m. March 27 at the arts center, and the exhibit contains 25 replica posters from a Smithsonian display. The Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service and the National Museum of American

History developed the traveling display.

The month and a half of displays and activities will include a display of local 1941-45 memorabilia, a knitting workshop, a film festival, a musical tribute, a patriotic celebration and a program on a mother's diary from the era. A gift basket of World War II memorabilia will be given away at the end of the events, and those visiting the arts center display will be given a slip that can be entered in the drawing at any participating business. So far, 15 businesses are participating, Arts Center Director Tina Goodwin said.

The knitting workshop will be from 3:30-5 p.m. on Wednesdays beginning March 31 through May 5 at the arts center. The workshop is for beginners or knitters of any level, including those who are a little rusty. It is for ages nine through adult, Goodwin said, and the timing was designed for children to be able to attend after school.

But the timing doesn't have to be inconvenient for adults. Marilyn Imel will be teaching, Goodwin said, and will stay later if many adults are interested but can't come in until after work.

Those attending don't have to stay for the entire time, Goodwin said, and can take their materials home with them and knit whenever they want. There is no charge for the knitting lessons, she said, and materials will be provided. Those interested need to sign up at the arts center by Monday.

The arts center building was the Sherman County Red Cross headquarters during World War II. The basement was used for sewing, knitting and other programs that provided aid to soldiers and civilians during the war. Between June of 1940 and October of 1944,



A poster from World War II urged citizens to work, conserve and do all they could to support the war.



Arts Center Director Tina Goodwin held the fabric tight Tuesday while Rich Whitmore, an arts council boardmember, hammered nails in to hold it on a tree in front of the center. The trees, dressed in red, white and blue, are designed to draw attention to the center while the Smithsonian's World War II posters are on display.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

Goodwin said, women in Sherman County knitted 174 sweaters, 122 mufflers and 48 pairs of gloves.

The film festival will be at 6 p.m. on Tuesdays at the Goodland Public Library, and popcorn will be served. The first movie will be on April 6 and will be "Mrs. Miniver," a movie about Great Britain during World War II. It is a really inaccurate portrayal, Goodwin said, that gave Americans the wrong idea about Britain at that time.

The movie "Best Years of Our Lives" will be shown April 13 and is a look at soldiers returning home to find their families and hometowns were a lot different than when they left.

On April 20, an Abbott and

Costello movie, "Buck Privates" will be shown, and on April 27, "Casablanca" will be shown.

"Dear Diary: A Mother's Reflections" by Lloyd Sponholtz, a Kansas Humanities Council speaker, will be at 3 p.m. Saturday, April 17, at the Handy House. It is from an actual diary kept by a mother during World War II, Goodwin said.

The patriotic celebration will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 24, at the Veterans of Foreign Wars and will include lunch, a Jitterbug demonstration by dancers from the Right Step Dance Studio, an apple pie bake off and a Rosie The Riveter Look-alike contest. A panel of area residents will talk about their experiences during World War II.

Goodwin said the panel will include John Boyington, a Pearl Harbor survivor; Vernice Leslie, an Army nurse; Maxine Rauscher, whose late husband Dale was a prisoner of war; and Clarence Scheopner who stayed on the family farm while all the other male members of his family went to war.

A musical tribute by local singers and musicians will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, May 2, at Wheat Ridge Acres. Lloyd Holbrook loaned sheet music from the '40s, Goodwin said, and Carol Jolly, a local voice coach, will work with some of her students to prepare for the show.

The location is a good choice,

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Full-day kindergarten topic at board retreat

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

Full-day kindergarten may be available in the Goodland school district starting with the next school year.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said if next year's budget makes it feasible there will be the opportunity to have full-day kindergarten in 2004-2005. He said it all depends on what the state legislature does in the next few months.

This was one of the issues addressed by the Goodland School Board at its annual retreat Saturday morning. The board members, along with the school principals, got the chance to sit down with each other and discuss some of the current and future issues affecting education in a more relaxed atmosphere.

The special meeting was organized as a working breakfast and lunch during which the participants can become better informed on the issues and have the chance to ask questions, express ideas, join in discussions, share opinions and brainstorm solutions.

Jerry Burkett, principal at West Elementary, gave everyone an information packet about full-day kindergarten based on the research he and some of his teachers put together. He said with full-day kindergarten would provide students with more classroom involvement, better continuity of day-to-day activities and allow students and teachers time to explore topics in depth.

West currently has 70 kindergarten students attending half-day sessions with two teachers having both a morning and afternoon class, averaging about 17 students. To offer full-time kindergarten, the district

would need two more teachers at a cost of about \$84,000, about \$20,000 would be offset by the savings in transportation costs by eliminating the midday bus runs.

Selby said classrooms, furniture, learning materials and other necessities are available. He said there are qualified teachers already in the district, although it may require some shifting. For the most part, the district is ready to implement full-day kindergarten as soon as the money is there.

Some of the other items discussed include foreign language classes, extra-curricular trips and the Northwest Kansas League.

Sharon Gregory, principal at Central Elementary, said that one of the common myths is that young children can learn a second language faster and more easily than older children and adults. She said current research suggests that young children have an equally difficult time learning a second language as others but for different reasons.

Gregory said that younger children have difficulty with abstract concepts and some trouble with pronunciation. Because of this some teachers question the effectiveness of teaching a second language prior to the junior high level. She said many of the teachers feel the time would be better utilized for other subjects.

The board and the principals talked about the need for better coordination for extra-curricular trips. The problem involves those "out of the ordinary" group trips that require additional money or special approval. Selby said in the past the group sponsor would make a direct plea to the board at a meeting and

many times would bring some of the students involved.

He said it is difficult to turn down such a request when looking at the faces of students looking forward to something. A formal policy would provide guidelines for asking for such a trip that would ensure the request was complete, and provide a screening process that could save time.

High school principal Harvey Swager said the majority of the

members of the Northwest Kansas League agree that expansion is the best way to go. He said offers have been made to Thomas More Prep-Marian, Scott City and Ulysses and are still be considered. The plan is to expand the league and divide it into two divisions, one for large schools and one for smaller schools.

Swager also talked about some of the changes that could affect the league in the future, such as the

probability of Atwood dropping down to eight-man football which could make scheduling difficult. He reminded the board that although enrollment in Class 4A high schools in western Kansas remain steady, they could still drop to Class 3A because of the growth schools in the east are experiencing.

The next regular meeting of the school board is 7 p.m. Monday at the district office at 1312 Main Ave.

Signs of spring poke through



A few flowers are cropping up around town to announce the beginning of spring. Jan Zwetzig, a columnist for The Goodland Star-News, has crocuses by her front step. Officially spring arrives tonight at 11:49 p.m.

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