

weather  
report

58°

noon Monday

Today

• Sunset, 6:08 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 5:33 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:09 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 53 degrees
- Humidity 20 percent
- Sky partly cloudy
- Winds northwest 25-30 mph
- Barometer 30.26 inches and falling

• Record High today 87° (1943)

• Record Low today 2° (1987)

Last 24 Hours\*

High Sunday 60°

Low Sunday 28°

Precipitation none

This month .029

Year to date 1.37

The Topside Forecast

Today: sunny, high near 62, low near 36, winds north northwest 5-8 mph. Wednesday: mostly sunny, high near 63, low around 41, winds south southeast 7-14 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy, high near 63, low around 41. Friday: partly cloudy, high near 66, low near 36. Saturday: partly cloudy, high near 57, low around 32. Sunday: partly cloudy, high near 61.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local  
markets

Noon

Wheat — \$3.72 bushel

New Crop — \$3.71 bushel

Posted county price — \$3.73

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Corn — \$2.87 bushel

Posted county price — \$2.82

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Milo — \$2.69 bushel

Soybeans — \$9.57 bushel

Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢

Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight

Sunflowers

Oil current crop — \$12.50 cwt.

NuSun — \$12.75 cwt.

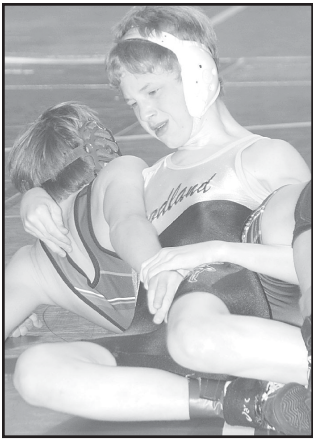
Confection — \$16/\$9 cwt.

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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State tourney  
tough going

Brian Gray had the upper hand temporarily over his opponent at 90 pounds during the 14-and-under competition at the state Kansas Kids wrestling tournament in Topeka. See photos on Page 11 and story on Page 12.

# Posters part of drive for victory

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

As the U.S. mounted a monolithic drive to win World War II, posters drove the effort on the home front.

Posters sold war bonds, prompted people to collect scrap piles and be careful with scarce rationed food, like sugar and coffee. Posters told people it was their American duty to help with the war effort.

Rosie the Riveter flexed her muscles and prompted women to get jobs in war plants. Buying rationed food without giving up the matching ration stamps was considered buying on the black market.

"These posters are a really neat way of capturing the ideological ideas of that era," said Jay Antle, an assistant professor of history at Johnson County Community College.

Antle talked about the events leading up to the war, the atmosphere of the times and the aftereffects with about 40 people who turned out at the Carnegie Arts Center on Saturday to see a Smithsonian traveling exhibit of replica World War II posters.

The American economy had not yet recovered from the Great Depression when the war began, he said, but an economic boon followed the war. The Office of War Information, the propaganda arm of the U.S. government, pushed all Americans to support the war on the home front.

Companies used patriotism to motivate workers, and an ideal America with a strong work ethic and happy families was promoted via posters.

The message was that we were fighting for an ideal American family, he said, and to protect free enterprise and the American way of life.

Pointing out a display of original World War I posters on loan from the Big Timbers Museum in Lamar, Colo., Antle contrasted the messages in the posters. The United States was neutral for the first few years of World War I, he said, so the government needed to convince Americans that joining the war was necessary.

In World War II, he said, the attack on Pearl Harbor convinced Americans it was a good war. Pearl Harbor clarified doubts and unified America, he said, not that America

wouldn't have joined the war without the attack. When World War II began, the U.S. government had been pushing neutrality, Antle said, and Americans at first were not willing to consider another war.

"What changed all that?" he asked.

Hitler's march across Europe, Antle said, answering his own question.

"Even without Pearl Harbor," he said, "the United States would have been involved by '42."

Pearl Harbor just speeded things up.

Besides the posters produced by the Office of War Information, he said, there were many privately produced posters. Companies used the war to get more work out of their workers, he said.

Posters were a good media for propaganda at the time, Antle said, because they could be put up at factories and plants where workers could see them all day. There was no television, he said, and the radio was only on at certain times of the day, not at work.

Companies pushed the idea, he said, that what workers were doing was not just earning a paycheck, but a patriotic act.

During the Depression, Antle said, unemployment was at an all-time peak. Franklin D. Roosevelt's New Deal did a lot, he said, but it did not end the depression. World War II ended the Depression.

Average work hours went from 32 to 43 during the war, Antle said, 17 million jobs were created, and wages went up 60 percent.

"As long as you did not lose a loved one during the war," Antle said, "World War II was very good for America."

Incomes went up during the war, he said, but people couldn't buy much because of rationing. Most bought war bonds. The 1950s saw an economic boon, he said, when pent-up need from the Depression and the war and money from bonds allowed people to buy stuff.

Seven to eight million women joined the work force during the war, he said, but it is a myth that women didn't work before the war. The work force was one-fourth women before the war, he said, and that went up to 38 percent during the war. The increase was driven by the



There was a crowd of about 40 people at the opening of the new "Produce for Victory" show Saturday at the Carnegie Art Center, and many were familiar with the scenes and posters on display. Larry and Marti Scott (right) and Cecil and Wanda Schneider talked to historian Jay Antle on Saturday afternoon at the exhibit opening. Antle was the speaker for the special exhibit of World War posters from the Smithsonian.

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war, he said, but it was part of a continuing trend.

The number of women working dropped some after the war, Antle added. Women who went to work

during the war believed what they were doing was patriotic and temporary.

Antle said some original World War II posters are available for as

little as \$60 on e-Bay, but not the famous "Rosie the Riveter." Just reproductions of Rosie, hair in a bandana, arm flexed to win the war, go for \$15 and up.

# Edson gym may be auctioned on eBay

By Greg Stover

The Goodland Star-News

The Goodland School Board is thinking about offering the old Edson School gymnasium for sale on eBay, the Internet auction site.

At last Monday's board meeting, Superintendent Marvin Selby noted the Moreland School District sold a building to a private firm through eBay.

The Goodland district got the Edson school and gymnasium in the early 1970s when the Goodland and Edson districts consolidated, Selby said.

The district has been trying to find a buyer for the gym since 1999. The

last offer for the building was in October 2002 from Jay Herl of Herl Chevrolet and Chuck Wilkens of Wilkens Truck and Trailer. The board would have accepted the bid but the two sides could not agree on a rental contract so that the district could use it for practice for athletic teams.

The district received three bids in March 2002. The highest was for \$15,000 from TNT Auction of Colby, which wanted to renovate the building and turn it into an auction site. TNT offered to rent the building to the district for \$325 a day for sports practice, but the board voted 4-3 not to sell, saying the bid was too low and the proposed rental fee too high.

During his superintendent's report, Selby said that the high school athletic department had some old weight equipment that was surplus. He said football coach Tony Diehl suggested that the equipment be sold on eBay and the money used to support athletic programs. The board approved the idea unanimously.

Selby reported that 17 fourth-graders at Central Elementary School had scored an exemplary rating on their math assessment tests earlier this month.

Selby reminded board members that the state Board of Education will stop in Goodland before holding its April meeting in St. Francis

and Atwood. The board will meet from 10:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (Central Time) Tuesday, April 13, at the St. Francis High School. From 9 a.m. to noon Wednesday, April 14, the board will meet at the Atwood High School.

Sessions are open to the public. A citizens' open forum will start at 10:30 a.m. April 13 in St. Francis. People wanting to address the board must sign up that morning.

On Monday, April 12, the board will be in Goodland. About 2 p.m. (Mountain Time), members will arrive from Colby and take a tour of the Northwest Kansas Technical College, then tour the high school.

After that, the board members, along with some Goodland school officials, will eat supper at Hank's.

In other business, the board:

- Accepted the resignations of Connie Prather, junior high/elementary counselor, effective at the end of the school year and of Wanda Schritter as a night custodian at the high school effective today.

- Voted unanimously to hire Nikki Jones as a night custodian at the high school effective.

The meeting adjourned about 7:35, the shortest of the year. The next meeting will be 7 p.m. Monday, April 12, at the district office, 1312 Main Ave.



Henry Freeman of the city street crew helped clean up a tree downed by winds about 8 a.m. Saturday in front of 307 12th St. The road was blocked for less than two hours. The one tree fell into an other and was later brought down by the city crew. There was damage to the front of the old Alco building downtown. The National Weather Service reported the wind reached a peak of 50 miles per hour.

Photo by Greg Stover/The Goodland Star-News

# Couple arrested for robbery of Total

A man with a knife robbed the Total station on K-27 in Goodland early Monday while a teen-aged companion pumped gas, but the pair were arrested about 20 minutes later as they fled east on I-70 into Thomas County.

Goodland police reported that the man entered the station, south of I-70, about 1:30 a.m. (Mountain Time) and held a knife to the attendant's throat. He forced the clerk to authorize gas for his car. His companion, a 15-year-old girl, pumped gas as the man ordered the attendant to give him all the money in the cash drawer and a carton of cigarettes.

The clerk called police as the couple took off eastbound on I-70. A few minutes later, Colby police and Thomas County sheriff's deputies stopped the car at mile post 65, about 10 miles east of Colby. Officers found that the car has been reported stolen in Albuquerque, N.M.

The man and the girl were taken back to Goodland. Colby Police Chief Randy Jones said officers found money and a knife in the car. The man, Melvin A. Finley, 19, was booked into the Sherman County Bastille, and the girl was taken to a juvenile holding facility at WaKeeney.