

# New web site promotes Sherman County

**By Tom Betz**  
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A new web site promotes Sherman County as the “Crossroads of Opportunity” at [www.goodland-kansas.us](http://www.goodland-kansas.us).

The site is the effort of S&T Communications and Tracy Purvis, who built the site for the Sherman County Economic Development Council. Purvis demonstrated the pages for the council at a meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 15. Purvis said the site is up, but a lot of things could be updated or added, depending on what the council wants. He said the site has links to other web sites in the county, including the real estate listing. The opening page has a map of

Kansas, showing the location of Sherman County with a sunflower, and describes the location of the county and the county seat Goodland.

“Goodland is located on I-70 just 18 miles from Colorado and 45 miles from Nebraska,” the site declares. “Goodland is only three hours from Denver and the ski slopes in Colorado or 10 minutes south to the peaceful Smoky Gardens for fishing, camping, and hiking.”

“You will find affordable housing and a variety of fast food restaurants, retail shops and discount stores in Goodland. If you like car races, the Sherman County Race Track is located in Goodland and

each fall the annual Flatlander Fall Festival also includes a car and motorcycle show. Enjoy the free county fair with it’s home-owned carnival. Goodland’s new “water park” provides a great place to play in the sun in this friendly, small town.”

There are additional pages with maps, properties (a connection to the real state listing service) and demographic information.

Purvis said he made provisions for pages on incentives offered to new businesses and other county pages that could be added at any time.

Don Newell, a council member, and manager of S&T’s Goodland office, said the idea is to have the

economic director or secretary be able to update the site.

“We have it set up so it can be updated easily,” Newell said, “but it does take time, and I don’t think the council wants to pay S&T \$60 an hour to update it.”

Council members suggested the web site committee meet and discuss changes, and a director will be hired soon to be able to provide some ideas before the design is final.

Council Chairman John Garcia said the search for a director is moving along. He said and the council had been conducting interviews over the past two weeks, and members have interviewed six people so far.

They will be meeting today in closed session to review the resumes and calls made to references.

He said they should have a new person hired in the next few weeks.

The Rev. Gene Tromble, who was at the meeting wearing an apron, said he had asked Garcia if he could provide the council members with a treat of homemade pie and ice cream as a thank you for helping getting Pioneer Park approved. He offered four types of homemade pie, and everyone agreed that Tromble was a good pie man.

Garcia introduced Kay Younger, who has been handling the office duties since the first part of January. She invited the members to come

by and said that she was enjoying the contact with people who call the office. She passed out recent economic development news about the “Welcome Home Plan” in Ellsworth County, where the economic development is offering a free lot, financial help and fringe benefits to families willing to move into the county.

Donna Price, director of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors Bureau, provided a written report about the Denver trade show last month.

“We received request for Realtor names and phone numbers from people interested in land, housing and moving to northwest Kansas,” Price wrote.

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maybe three to five years in Kanorado,” Handle said, adding that he’s looking for something that would employ about 20 people.

“We’re dying out here,” he said. “If we get 20 families, I would prefer they move here, but they could live in Goodland.”

Handle said he also wants to keep the city’s activities going, including the Cinco de Mayo celebration and the Kanorado Days. That’s for the community, he said. Handle also said he has held a candle vigil on Sept. 11 each year since the terrorist attacks in 2001 and opens the “floor” for whoever wants to say something. It’s held on Main Street, he said, with the flag at half mast.

Handle said he has fought to keep the ambulance in Kanorado and feels it is important not just for the people who live there, but also for those on the Interstate.

He said the town needs something for the children. Once you lose your younger generation, he said, a town dies.

Handle said he is a good candi-

## Businessmen to host farmers

**BANQUET, from Page 1**

surance with help from Chamber manager Courtney Warden.

The banquet’s corporate sponsors include Ford New Holland, Century Feeders, Yost Farm Supply, S & T Communications, Eklund’s First Insurance and Serendipity. Although the dinner is paid for by the businesses, Reed said, the sponsors help with door prizes, entertainment, serving, table decorations and all of the extras.

“Without our corporate sponsors,” she said, “we couldn’t do it.” She said it’s still not too late to sign up to bring someone. She said the cut off for entries was supposed to be at 5 p.m. today, but they have extended the date to Monday at 2:20 p.m.. She will give the total to the VFW on Monday, she said, but they will make allowances for extra people. She said they want to have as many people show up as possible.

“We had 250-300 last year,” she said, “We’re hoping to have that.” Many of the banks haven’t replied yet, she said, but the current number of confirmed guests is from 150 to 175.

To RSVP for the event, Reed said, people can call her at Hayden Inc. at 890-6231 or contact Warden at the Chamber at 899-7130.

date because he speaks what’s on his mind and believes in his community.

Handle has lived in Kanorado over 17 years. He has 25 years experience handling anhydrous ammonia and used to work for Kugler Co. in Burlington. He now has a small business selling ice. He and his wife Linda have no children.

**Korbelik** — He said he would like to see the town grow, get some businesses to come in and some to expand.

Right now, he said, anything would help the economy. There is a welding shop, Co-op and a cafe, he said; Kanorado needs a few more things going on.

“I’ve lived here all my life,” Korbelik said. “I’ve seen a lot of things come in and a lot go out.”

The town needs to pick up, he said, needs businesses to come in, and to get the citizens to work together.

He said he would be a good candidate because he gets along with everybody, although he has a tendency to voice his opinion.

Korbelik has been a farmer and has worked for other farmers, has owned a liquor store and worked for

an implement dealer. He is retired but inherited some money that he used to buy properties to rent.

He was born in Goodland and his lived his whole life in Sherman County, mostly in Kanorado. He has been married twice and has a daughter, Deneyce, 27, who lives in Great Bend. He lives with his fiancée Nora Clements.

**Webber** — He said in order for Kanorado to grow, they need to make it a place people want to move to.

“I would like to say you could snap your finger and get businesses to come in,” Webber said, “but it’s not gonna happen.”

Family farms kept Kanorado going in the ’70s and ’80s, he said, but now the equipment is so big, there aren’t many small farms. They need to find new reasons for people to move to Kanorado.

Webber said when he and his family moved there in 1988, there was no business community, no bank and no school, but the town was still there. He had to ask himself why the community was still there. It’s the people, he said.

People can live in Kanorado and drive to Goodland for work, he said,

or with dedication and sacrifice, someone could have an independent business there.

The future of Kanorado rests on the future of Goodland and Sherman County, he said, and is in the hands of the people.

Webber said he has been in politics since he was 20, when he was township treasurer, and he has

learned leadership skills from the military and public service.

He said he knows the needs of the water project the city has grants and loans to pay for.

He served in the Navy and the National Guard, retiring in 1998 after 27 years which included service in the first Gulf War. He was a detention officer for Sherman

County before retiring last year. He said he is a stocker at Wal-Mart mainly to keep from being bored.

Even when you retire, he said, you have to have something to do.

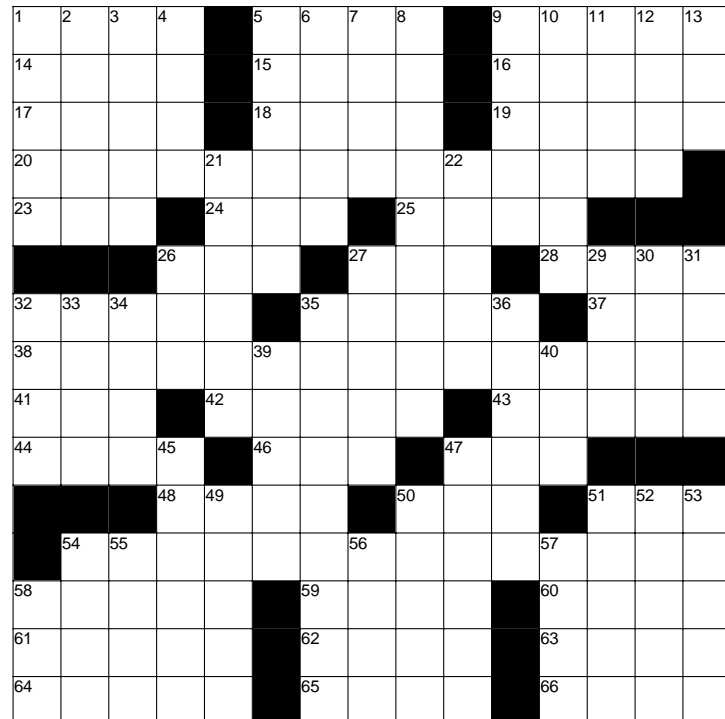
He and his wife Waneeta have six grown children. They moved to Kanorado in 1988, so he could be the city’s sewer and water operator, which he did until 2001.

## Crossword Puzzle

### Pitching In

#### ACROSS

1. Healthful resorts
5. Whimper like a baby
9. Kid-lit elephant
14. Rhinoceros feature
15. Healing plant
16. Mimicking behavior
17. Height: Prefix
18. Prison uprising
19. Quench, as thirst
20. Vigorous, and then some
23. Have a go at
24. Spike or Ang
25. Appear to be
26. \_\_\_ capita income
27. Super-quiet, musically
28. \_\_\_ carotene
32. \_\_\_ boom (sound from an SST)
35. Andrea \_\_\_ (ill-fated ship)
37. Chest muscle, in gym lingo
38. Punch in the mouth, slangily
41. Sort
42. Like bar snacks
43. Nouveau \_\_\_
44. Tie-\_\_\_ (designs, hippie-style)
46. Homes on wheels, for short
47. Grid great Marino
48. Zoo home
50. Watched junior
51. Snake eyes
54. Spot to slow down, perhaps
58. "Gay" city
59. "Hud" star Patricia
60. Castaway's home
61. Indy 500 family name
62. Amos or Spelling
63. Delta sediment



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64. \_\_\_-eyed (suspicious-looking)
65. Fit for active duty
66. Mound stats

#### DOWN

1. Golf club part
2. Like ice caps
3. \_\_\_-craftsy
4. Peeved mood
5. Eliot's Silas
6. Slur over
7. Hound sound
8. Request from the reverend
9. Musical Count
10. Self-confidence
11. Belle's man
12. Clumsy ships
13. Deli loaf
21. Smart \_\_\_ (wisenheimers)
22. Fasten anew
26. Snapshot, for short
27. Fence supports
29. Cast-of-thousands film
30. Georgia \_\_\_ (Ramblin' Wreck's school)
31. Need an aspirin
32. Lose traction
33. Part of SRO
34. Zap in the microwave
35. Study intently
36. Cost of classifieds
39. T-shirt size
40. Take the gold
45. Windbag's speech
47. Showy perennial

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