

## weather report

87°

noon Wednesday



### Today

• Sunset, 7:38 p.m.

### Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:04 a.m.

• Sunset, 7:37 p.m.

### Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 75 degrees
- Humidity 26 percent
- Sky sunny
- Winds north 6 m.p.h.
- Barometer 29.95 inches and steady
- Record High today 101° (1952)
- Record Low today 44° (1960)

### Last 24 Hours\*

High Wednesday	88°
Low Wednesday	59°
Precipitation	trace
This month	1.32
Year to date	11.02
Normal	15.43

### The Topside Forecast

Today: Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms at night, high near 91, low near 58, winds north-northwest 9-28 m.p.h. Saturday: Partly cloudy, high around 82, low around 52, winds north-northeast 8-14 m.p.h.

### Extended Forecast

Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 85, low around 54. Monday: Mostly sunny, high near 86, low near 56.

(National Weather Service)

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\* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

## Chamber asks for ideas, help

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Facing a financial crisis, board members of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce Tuesday asked the Sherman County Economic Development Council for ideas and help.

President Donna Swager said the Chamber is \$22,000 in debt, about as much as a year's dues. She said the group has been looking for ways to change its focus and cut expenses to be able to live within membership income.

She presented a slide show that discussed the mission of the Chamber and its role in supporting the town's businesses. She had charts of the financial status of the operation, which showed about \$22,000 in unpaid bills, and an estimated cost of over \$9,000 to keep the office open to the end of the year.

Council Chairman John Garcia asked the Chamber board what they were asking the council to do. He suggested a first step could be to move the chamber office to an extra space in the Economic Development Council office at 1208 Main.

The chamber members said they needed to meet again to look at the options. A joint meeting was scheduled for 7 a.m. on Wednesday at the Western State Bank.

"The chamber is an important office," said Ken Clouse, a board member. "One of the distinct options is to close the door and turn off the lights."

"We do not think that is a good option for Goodland. It is somewhat embarrassing to be running in the red. We want to change our mission because we cannot do all the things we have done. We want to be the central point for the people coming to the city."

"We are here to ask for help."

Brian Linin, another board member, said the Chamber did not have a good handle on its income and expenses. He said the dues collected in the fall went to pay old bills, and that put them in a hole to start this year.

"This is a chronic operating problem," Swager said.

Chamber Manager Courtney Warden said the Chamber has about 115 members, and the dues raise about \$22,000 over the year.

Linin said the group has not started to collect dues for next year. He said they hope to increase membership and have the \$22,000 to operate the office next year.

Clouse said the Chamber needs \$30,000 to get through to the end of the year.

Swager said looking around the state, most Chambers do not operate alone. Most are aligned with economic development and other offices.

"We had them under one roof, now we don't," Clouse said. "Every place I've lived has always been under one hat. I am not advocating that."

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## Last weekend to splash, slide



From the air Steever Water Park looks peaceful. This weekend will be the end of swimming at the water park which had leaking pipe problems that shortened the season. City Manager Wayne Hill said the water park will be open through Saturday for sure. Rich Simon, city water department head, said if the weather is good on Sunday it will be open for the final day, but if it is cold or rainy Saturday will be the last day. Hill said the new kiddie pool has been filled and tested, and redrained. Simon said all the leaking pipes have been repalced and fixed.

Photo by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News

## Gov. returns to finish visit

Gov. Kathleen Sebelius had to cut short a visit to Sherman County in July because of the Legislature's special session, but she promised to reschedule.

Tuesday afternoon, she will return to visit Goodland High School and Goodland Regional Medical Center.

At 3 p.m., she will talk with teachers at the high school cafeteria, and then she'll tour the hospital.

"The future of Kansas families and our economy depend on good schools and affordable health care,"

Gov. Sebelius said. "A healthy Kansas means having strong schools, affordable health care and a vibrant economy."

"We must invest in our schools and hold them accountable to be sure money is going where it belongs — in the classroom."

"Health care costs need to be lowered to reduce pressure on families and businesses."

"These efforts will give the state a well-educated workforce and more opportunities for jobs now and in the future."

## local markets

### Noon

- Wheat — \$3.05 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$3.01
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Corn — \$1.77 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$1.77
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 17¢
  - Milo — \$1.48 bushel
  - Soybeans — \$5.33 bushel
  - Posted county price — \$5.58
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Millet — \$5.75 hundredweight
  - Sunflowers
  - Oil current crop — \$9.70 cwt.
  - NuSun — \$10.70 cwt.
  - Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
  - Confection — Ask
  - Pinto beans — \$25
- (Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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## Tennis team starts season

Senior Kali Rietcheck, a member of the Cowgirls tennis team practiced ball control as part of warmup Monday afternoon. The team opens its season Thursday. Photo on Page 10a.

# Goodland man heads back to Philippines

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Sixty years and a lifetime of accomplishments has come between a soldier's time in a far-away Asian land and his return.

Lawrence Tedford, 78, spent 14 months in the Philippines with the U.S. Army when he was 18 years old. Now he is heading back to the southeastern Asian country where he worked as a heavy equipment operator after World War II.

Tedford was drafted into the Army to fight in the war after high school, but he missed combat action by a few days.

He was at the international date line, running from west of Alaska to Fiji to near New Zealand, prepared to fight when Gen. Douglas MacArthur signed the peace treaty with the Japanese. He said the U.S. dropped the atomic bombs on Japan in August and he was shipped out in September.

Instead of fighting, he went to Leyte, in the Philippines, to help move material to build roads. He landed on the 3,548-square-mile island, which is toward the south of the island group that makes up the Philippines.

Leyte is known for the Battle of Leyte Gulf during World War II, reportedly the largest naval engagement in history.

Tedford came back to America in December 1946 and was back on the family farm almost immediately. He headed to Sterling College, a Presbyterian school in Sterling, that next fall.

After he graduated, he moved to Goodland where he worked for the Soil Conservation Service. He married a girl named Evelyn and the two had three kids, Jolene, Overland Park, Terry, Castle Rock, Colo., and Donald, Colby.

Tedford took up flying after the war and has taken more than 300 friends and relatives up in the air.

As he departs on his voyage back, he has considered that not only has the island changed, Tedford himself has changed.

"I'm a lot older," he said, adding that an entire lifetime has passed.

Instead of going over with a ship full of soldiers, this time he will travel through his past alone.

While he doesn't have any friends who are still living in the Philippines, he said, he will find what he can.

"I'll see if I can find that monkey," he said, looking at a photo he still has of himself on the island with a native primate.

Tedford said he plans to meet people and talk about the changes.

"I'm going to be talking to people," he said. "I'm going to have a good time."



Tedford



Lawrence Tedford operated heavy machinery including this truck in Leyte, an island in the Philippines, for the Army after World War II. As he sets off for a return voyage next week, Tedford plans to visit some of his old work sites.

While in the Philippines, Tedford said, he ran a road grader, a D4 Caterpillar and a shovel. He used the machinery to build roads for the war-damaged country.

"There was a lot of damage in the war," he said. "It killed a lot of people."

Politics have changed over the years, too. The country that used to pose some danger to Americans be-

cause of the Japanese now threatens westerners because of terrorist groups in the north and south.

Tedford keeps mementos of his time in the Philippines. He has a model of a P-38 airplane that was made by a former prisoner of war at his base. The airplane and its stand are made of bullet scraps.

During his tour, he said, he marched in a parade on July 4, 1946,

when the Philippines got their independence from the U.S.

He doesn't remember eating much native food, though, since he mainly ate army food.

Tedford flies out on Monday, for a nine-day vacation. It will take him two days to fly there and two to fly back.

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## Car, bike show, potluck Saturday in Kanorado

The City of Kanorado is holding its first Classic Car and Bike show on Saturday.

The day-long program starts with a pancake feed from 7 to 9 a.m. A parade will be at 10 a.m., followed by the car show from 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

During the day, there will be events and games along Main Street, with a citywide garage sale, cake walk, games and ac-

tivities, ice cream and pie and chicken chit checkers.

A horseshoe tournament will start at 3 p.m., followed by a potluck dinner at 5. People are asked to bring a side dish and a drink. Meat will be furnished.

The band Highway 385 will entertain.

Maps for the garage sales can be picked up at 206 Main or 602 Lamborn.

## Teachers get raise, new contract

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Teachers in the Goodland School District will get at least a \$2,000-a-year raise as a new contract agreed to in negotiations was approved by the school board last week.

Superintendent Marvin Selby said at the meeting Monday, Aug. 8, the biggest news out of negotiations for teachers this year is the raise. The board put \$2,000 into the base of every teacher's salary. Teachers then got step raises based on years of service.

The base salary for a new teacher with no experience is now \$30,250,

he said. That increases with the amount of education the teacher has gone through and the number of years of experience.

The highest-paid teacher on the salary grid makes \$46,350 for a master's degree, 45 college credit hours and 21 years of experience. The step increases for experience are \$500 each year, with a hike to \$700 before the fourth and ninth years, \$800 before year 14 and \$900 before year 19.

The raise, Selby said, will help keep the district competitive so they can recruit quality teachers. He said the district currently has an experi-

enced staff and many may be looking toward retirement.

Finding the money for the raises, Selby said, was not easy, but the board felt the teachers deserved something. He said teachers have not had an increase more than the scheduled steps in the past few years.

"It's the biggest raise they've had in a long time," he said.

Although not covered by negotiations with the teachers' union, Selby said classified employees were given a minimum raise of 50 cents

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