

Come wrap gifts after Sunday service

Rexford Community Church will be wrapping shoe boxes and filling them with gifts for Good Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child on Sunday following the morning worship service and carry-in dinner. All are invited to participate in this joyous event.

The Red Barn senior dinner on Saturday had over 40 in attendance. A delicious roast beef meal was catered by Dana and Joe Leija of Colby.

The Royal Neighbors Halloween bingo event on Saturday was well attended. Jolene Hansen won the door prize.

The Rexford Lions Club annual pheasant dinner will open pheasant season, Saturday, Nov. 14. The dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Golden Plains Community Outreach is accepting donations to give



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towards the Dolly Parton Imagination Library which provides books to children from birth to five years old in the Golden Plains School District. Rexford contacts are Nancy Dahl, 687-3600 or Sondra Barnett, 687-2520.

Red Barn weekly activities: Monday: 2 to 5 p.m., Barnswallows. Wednesday: 10 a.m., ladies' Bible study. Thursday: 2 to 5 p.m., Come on Down. Friday: 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Kaffe Klatch.

Every second Saturday of the month there is bingo for the 50-plus crowd.

Until next time, make your week memorable.

Student writers sought to enter Kansas contest

TOPEKA - Kansas students in grades eight to 12 can compete for a cash prize of \$250 in the annual essay contest, "Kansas! Say it Above a Whisper," sponsored by the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas.

The contest title, which refers to pride in the state, was coined by long-time Phillipsburg newspaperwoman Mamie Boyd, and the award is provided by the Boyd family.

Past essays have described the strong-hearted people of Kansas, the state's wheat fields, diversity in the Kansas population, the state's beauty and emotions

evoked by it.

Essays must be limited to 250 words (about one double-spaced typewritten page) and submitted electronically to ksnsd@sbcglobal.net by Friday, Nov. 27.

The contest with judged by a panel from the Kansas Historical Society. Judges look for originality, creativity and sincerity in expressing pride in Kansas.

Winners will be recognized at the organization's annual banquet Jan. 29 at the Maner Conference Center of the Kansas Expo Centre in Topeka. The banquet is open to everyone.

It's time to be prepared for winter weather warnings

It's that time to be aware of winter weather, including the dangers of frostbite and hypothermia, travel safety and the meaning of weather advisories and warnings.

The National Weather Service urges residents to stay abreast of forecasts and warnings during the winter, especially when traveling. Types of advisories and warnings issued by the Goodland office are explained below. While the exact criteria may vary among offices, the values below are fairly typical of the High Plains.

Blizzard Warning: Sustained or frequent wind gusts of 35 mph or more, falling or blowing snow, and visibility below one-quarter of a mile for at least 3 hours.

Ice Storm Warning: Damaging freezing rain accumulations over one-fourth of an inch.

Winter Storm Warning: Any or all of the following are imminent or occurring:

- Heavy snow: Accumulations of 6 or more inches in 12 hours, 8 or more inches in 24 hours.
- Sleet: Accumulations of half an inch or more.
- Heavy snow and blowing snow, but below blizzard levels.

• Any of the above with freezing rain over one-fourth of an inch.

Wind-Chill Warning: Wind chill temperatures expected to be hazardous to life within several minutes of exposure, wind chill of -25 degrees or lower and wind speed at least 10 mph.

Freeze Warning: Surface air temperature of 28 degrees or less for at least an hour. Used at the start and end of growing seasons.

High Wind Warning: Sustained winds exceeding 40 mph for at least an hour, or any wind gust at least 58 mph.

Dust Storm Warning: Sustained winds of 25 mph resulting in visibility below one-fourth of a mile in blowing dust.

Freezing Rain Advisory: Lighter freezing precipitation under one-fourth of an inch.

Winter Weather Advisory: Any or all of the following imminent or occurring:

- Snow: Accumulations of 3 to 5 inches.
- Sleet: Accumulations under half an inch.
- Blowing snow: Blowing snow occasionally reducing visibility between one-quarter and a mile with winds less than 35 mph.
- Snow and Blowing snow: Falling and blowing snow reducing visibility between one-quarter and a mile with winds under 35 mph.
- Any of the above with freezing

rain under one-quarter of an inch.

Wind Chill Advisory: Wind chill temperatures expected to be a significant inconvenience with exposure, between -15 and -24 degrees and wind at least 10 mph.

Frost Advisory: Surface air temperature from 29 to 36 degrees with light winds and frost.

Wind Advisory: Sustained winds of 30 to 39 mph for three hours, or gusts at least 45 mph.

Blowing Dust Advisory: Any sustained wind resulting in visibility between a quarter mile and one mile in blowing dust.

Dense Fog Advisory: Fog reducing visibility to one-quarter of a mile or less over a wide area.

Winter Season Watches

Winter Storm Watch: Issued when winter storm conditions (blizzard, heavy snow, heavy freezing rain, heavy sleet) are expected within 12 to 48 hours, occasionally beyond 48 hours.

High Wind Watch: Issued when high-wind warning conditions (sustained winds at or exceeding 40 mph for at least one hour, or any wind gust at least 58 mph) are expected within 12 to 48 hours.

Precipitation Definitions

Snow Flurries: Light snow falling for short durations. No accumulation expected.

Snow Pellets (also called graupel): White, opaque, round ice particles having a snow-like structure. Snow pellets are crisp and easily crushed. (They look like tiny pellets of Styrofoam.)

Snow Showers: Snow falling at varying intensities for brief periods. Some accumulation possible.

Snow Squalls: Brief, intense snow showers with strong, gusty winds. Accumulation may be significant. They are best known in the Great Lakes region.

Blowing Snow: Wind-driven snow reducing visibility and often causing significant drifting. Blowing snow may be falling snow and/or loose snow on the ground picked up by the wind.

Sleet (also called ice pellets): Precipitation consisting of transparent or translucent pellets of ice. Sleet forms when either rain, or largely melted snowflakes, freeze before reaching the ground. Sleet usually bounces when hitting a surface and does not stick to objects, but it can accumulate and cause a hazard to motorists.

Freezing Rain: Rain falling onto a surface, the temperature of which is below freezing, resulting in a coating or glaze of ice on surfaces such as trees, cars, and roads. Even small accumulations be a significant hazard.

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