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weather report

67°
at noon



Today

• Sunset, 6:52 p.m.

Tomorrow

• Sunrise, 6:31 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:51 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil Temperature 69 degrees

• Humidity 44 percent

• Sky partly cloudy

• Winds northwest 16 m.p.h.

• Barometer 29.73 inches

and rising

• Record High 98° (1943)

• Record Low 34° (1971)

Last 24 Hours*

High 88°

Low 50°

Precipitation trace

Northwest Kansas Forecast

Tonight: mostly cloudy with 30 percent chance of showers, low upper 40s, winds northwest 20-30 m.p.h. Tomorrow: partly sunny, high upper 60s, low lower 40s, winds north 15-35 m.p.h.

Extended Forecast

Friday: mostly sunny, high upper 70s, low mid 40s. Saturday: mostly clear, high mid 70s. Sunday: partly cloudy, high upper 60s, low mid 40s. (National Weather Service) Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz. * Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.50 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.31
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Corn — \$2.66 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.51
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Milo — \$2.41 bushel
Soybeans — \$5.04 bushel
Posted county price — \$5.16
Loan deficiency payment — 0¢
Millet — \$13.00 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$10.55 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection current — \$17/\$7 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$25
(Markets provided by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

afternoon wire

Late news from the Associated Press

1 p.m.

Quick action urged on Iraq

WASHINGTON — Congress must authorize the use of military force against Iraq before the U.N. Security Council votes on the issue, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld told Congress today.

“No terrorist state poses a greater and more immediate threat to the security of our people and the stability of the world than the regime of Saddam Hussein in Iraq,” Rumsfeld told the House Armed Services Committee.

“The goal isn’t inspections, the goal is disarmament,” Rumsfeld said. “That is what Iraq agreed to do.”

Rumsfeld’s testimony came shortly after President Bush said Saddam is “not going to fool anybody” with his promise to admit weapons inspectors and predicted the United Nations will rally behind his Iraq policy despite signs of unease.

Collection brings in 10,000 pounds

By Tom Betz

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Saturday’s household hazardous waste collection brought in 10,000 pounds of material Crystal Linsner told the Sherman County commissioners Tuesday.

She said of the total 9,000 pounds was paint, and some of that was lead based paint.

The most unusual item was the 5 pounds of mercury one person brought in saying they had just bought a house and had found this either in the house or the garage. Linsner said the mercury was taken to Hays, and will be the most expensive item of the collection to dispose of.

A total of 3,200 pounds of material was taken to Hays Monday in the trailer.

She said there was 1,251 pounds of car batteries, 560 pounds of dry cell batteries and 5 pounds of nicad batteries. They collected about 300 aerosol cans with most being paint which were punctured using a special device.

A total 101 people brought material to the collection, and there were 11 volunteers who helped Linsner said.

“I thought it went very well,” Linsner said. “We got more paint than I had imagined, but it was a good day. Karen Purvis from Ellis County said she was surprised at the amount of material we got, and thought it went very well.”

Commissioner Kevin Rasure asked when the next one should be and what needs to be changed.

Linsner said she thought another big collection which brings the trailer from Hays could be held in April. She did say they don’t need a big collection every month, but they may try a drop off day in November.

Linsner and Curt Way, public works director, agreed they need to find a scales for weighing the collected material. All the material collected must be weighed, but the scales do not have to be certified.

Rasure suggested that there are probably places around the city or county who have old portable scales they would like to sell.

Linsner said it was helpful to have volunteers from the city because when the dumpsters filled up they went over and got another one. She said they filled about three dumpsters with empty paint cans.

“We bulked all the lead based and oil based paints and chemicals into barrels to be hauled to Hays, and threw the empty cans into a dumpster so they can

be disposed of,” she said.

“We got lots of good comments from the people,” Linsner said. “Most saying they were glad the county was doing this.”

Way, who spent part of the day helping at the collection, said they will wait a day or two for the empty paint cans to dry before having them hauled to the transfer station to be put in the landfill.

“We won’t take them all out a once,” he said.

Rasure asked about the status of the number of computer monitors which are showing up.

Linsner said one person brought a monitor on Saturday, and she said they would accept it. Earlier when she went to the facility on afternoon seven were lined up by the door which had apparently come from the technical college.

“It is in our no tolerance policy that we do not accept computer monitors at the transfer station,” Way said, “but we have agreed with the city that any they collect or we have can be added to any load we take to Garden City.”

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said he felt the monitors should not be put in the landfill.

Rasure said he felt they needed to figure out a way to help the individuals who have an old computer monitor they need to get rid of rather than having them be dumped into the dumpsters only to be taken out by the city workers.

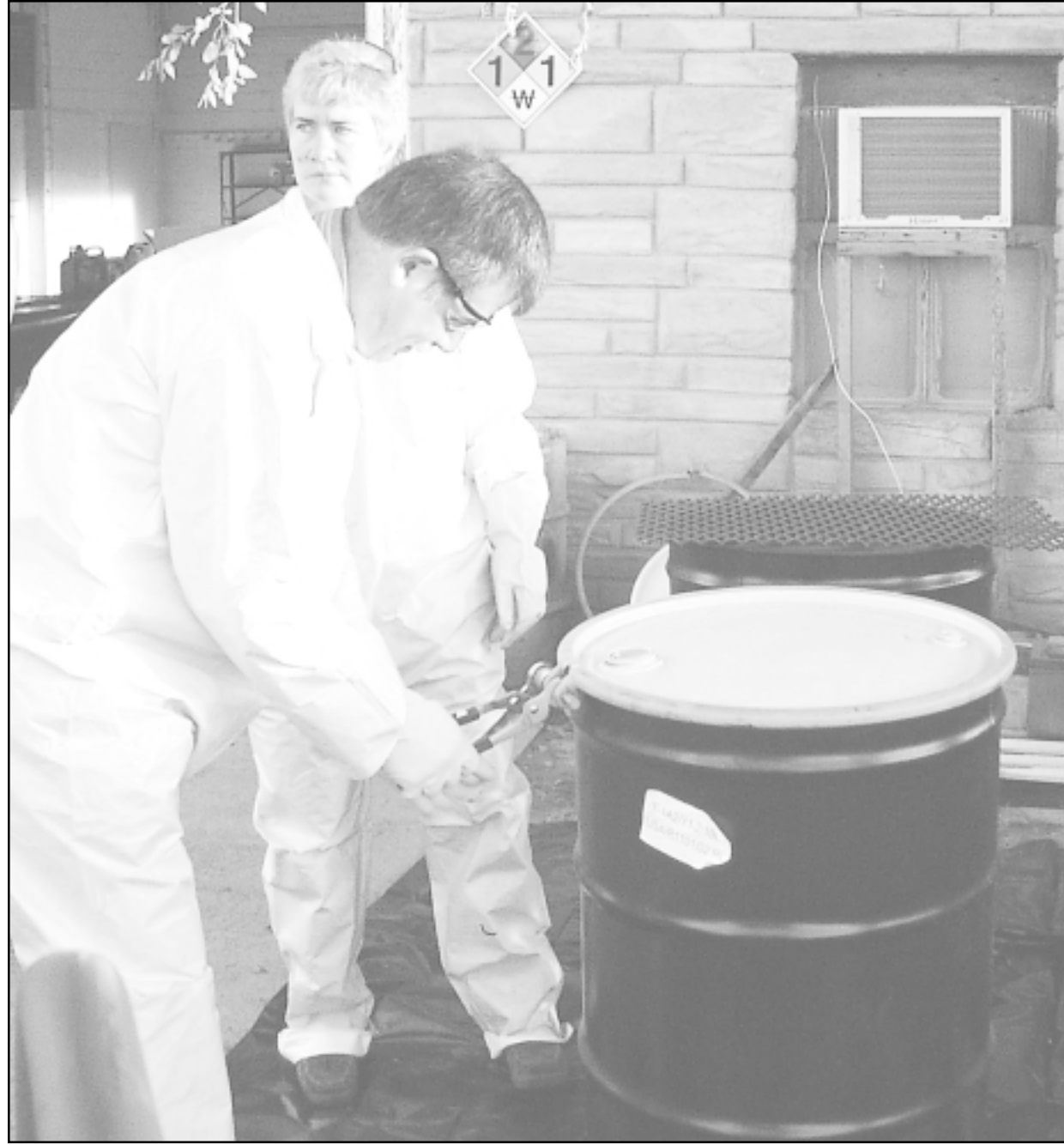
Linsner said she could store quite a number of monitors at the household hazardous waste facility, but they would have to be hauled out before the big collection in April.

Rasure suggested they try taking computer monitors during the next collection as a test basis.

Linsner said she could do this at her collection in November.

Later Linsner said the next big collection has been arranged with Ellis County for April 19, and she is looking at a Saturday in November for a local drop off of material and monitors.

Those who volunteered Saturday were Rich Simons, a city employee; Kenny Griffith, county employee and rural fire chief; William McKnight, county employee; Bruce Linsner Crystal’s husband; Gerald Webber, sheriff’s dept.; Kenny Studer, city employee; Doug Whitson, county sheriff; Roger Studer, deputy sheriff; Curt Way, county public works director; Randy Raile, friend of Linsner and Kevin Delano, county landfill employee.



Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson helped Karen Purvis of Ellis County open one of the barrels to be filled with household hazardous waste during the collection Saturday morning.

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Mosbarger steer state champ

By Doug Stephens

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Years of hard work paid off for a Goodland eighth grader at the Kansas State Fair in Hutchinson this year when his steer won the overall grand champion ribbon.

John Mosbarger, 14, said he’s been in 4-H since he was 7-years-old. He’s been showing steers with the help of his

parents, Jim and Darla, since then, but he’s only gotten to the state fair twice.

Last year he won reserve breed champion, he said, but this year he took home the big one, the purple.

His brother, Jace, 11, also showed an animal at the state fair. His heifer won reserve breed champion.

Mosbarger’s efforts were awarded Tuesday with an assembly at Grant Junior High. The Goodland Ambassadors, an arm of the Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce, were on hand to congratulate the young man, and the whole school turned out to applaud their classmate. Jeff Deeds, a Goodland farmer and board member of the state fair board, was also there.

Principal Jim Mull opened the assembly by telling the students they were honoring Mosbarger for an achievement outside of school.

“It’s big, it’s black, and it has four legs,” Mull said. “That’s all I’m qualified to say.”

“A dog?” one of the kids shouted from the back.

Linda Charron, chairperson of the Ambassadors, showed the students a video of the animal Mosbarger took to the fair, and it was not a dog. It was a

Truck stop sale delayed

The auction scheduled Tuesday for the old New Trail buildings and property on K-27 was postponed pending an inspection.

Sherman County Sheriff Doug Whitson, who is to supervise the sale, said he received a letter from the group controlling the property saying that an inspection had to be completed first.

The sheriff was not able to say what type of inspection it was, and does not know when the sale will take place. The attorney who filed for the sale, Ron Vignery of Vignery and Mason, was not available for comment.

The property, which includes a gas station, restaurant and parking lot big enough for semi-trailer rigs, was owned by New Wave Corp. out of California, which went bankrupt in June of 2001.



Mosbarger

big, black steer, being awarded the champion ribbon.

The students broke into applause when Mosbarger accepted the ribbon, and again when the video was stopped.

The boy answered questions from his classmates about the steer, and later admitted it made him a little nervous.

“It wasn’t too bad,” he said, “but my hands were shaking just a little.”

Mosbarger said the steer, which he named “Player,” was bought in Oklahoma. After winning the champion ribbon in Goodland and the purple in Hutchinson, he said the steer sold for the set price of \$10,000.

What is he going to do with that much money?

“I’ll go to college,” he said, “and probably buy more animals.”

Jim Mosbarger said he thought John really only had an outside chance of winning the top ribbon. One of the steers in the contest had won 13 or 14 shows, he said, and was undefeated.

“We never knew how it was going to go,” John said. “We just went and hoped for the best.”

One of the benefits of winning the show was the chance to sit for a television interview with Larry Steckline of the Agriculture Show Network. Mosbarger said he got about two minutes of air time, and found the time to mention his school and football team.

The interview didn’t make him nervous, he said, because his family knows Steckline through helping organize the state fair livestock shows. Jim Mosbarger said he, his wife, and about eight people got together three years ago to build up the livestock show.

“Jim said it took us three years to really get the show where it need to be,” Darla Mosbarger said, “and our family would probably never win. This is really something.”

Blood drive is Thursday

The American Red Cross blood drive will be taking donations from noon-5:30 p.m. Thursday, at the First United Methodist Church at 12th and Sherman. Walk-ins are welcome.

Daylight Donut ready to open



Alan Focke, a subcontractor for Stephens Construction, painted a light blue primer on the wood trim at the new Daylight Donuts shop Friday. The trim is painted dark blue, and the shop plans to open next week.

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