

weather report



34°

noon
Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 4:28 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:39 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:27 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 39 degrees
- Humidity 4973 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds north northeast 20-23
- Barometer 30.66 inches and falling
- Record High today 74° (1974)
- Record Low today 4° (1929)

Last 24 Hours*

- High Wednesday 70°
- Low Wednesday 31°
- Precipitation none
- This month 0.76
- Year to date 20.16
- Above normal 1.05 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 47, winds breezy from the west changing to south from 10 to 35 mph and a low around 26. Saturday: Sunny with a near 55, winds out of the west at 10 to 15 mph changing to the south and a low around 27.

Extended Forecast

Sunday: Sunny with a high 54 and a low around 26. Monday: Sunny with a high near 50 and a low around 24.

(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

- Wheat — \$4.71 bushel
- Posted county price — \$4.76
- Corn — \$3.25 bushel
- Posted county price — \$3.46
- Milo — \$2.69 bushel
- Soybeans — \$7.28 bushel
- Posted county price — \$8.25
- Millet — \$7 hundredweight
- Sunflowers
- Oil current crop — \$15.35 cwt.
- Confection — \$35/\$23 cwt.
- Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
- (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

inside today

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Winner to compete

Dallas DeLaRosa kicked at the sectional Punt, Pass, Kick in Denver in October and won. He goes on to compete at the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick Team Championship on Sunday at Denver. See photo and story on Page 11.

Crowd heard progress, projects

By Pat Schiefen

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Around 100 people attended the community conversation of Shine on Sherman County to hear progress reports, give feedback and to talk about what's next Tuesday night at Goodland Elks Lodge. Chili was served to those attending.



Medrano

Action teams in the areas of community beautification, government services alliance action team, resource development, regional health care and youth development gave reports.

Kim Bohme and Brittany Medrano reported for the youth development group.

"The kids have worked hard," said Bohme. The group raised over \$39,000 dollars for the phase I construction of a skate park. The most recent event was a breakfast on Saturday morning to raise money. The group received \$15,000 in grants.

The first thing the group did was pour the cement slab for the park and then the equipment was ordered including a half pipe, a pyramid and a rail, she said. Then they found out that a fence was needed for insurance purposes.

Medrano said they want to add more ramps and things but first they want to put up lights. There have been a lot of kids at the park after school and had some broken bones. She said the rules on wearing helmets and pads are posted but that the kids do not always pay attention.

"As soon as they get lights it will be used all night," thought Medrano. Younger kids have been coming to the park and have joined the committee.

"It is a positive place to be," said Bohme.

"It's growing with people coming from Colby, Tribune, Burlington and Sharon Springs coming," said Medrano.

Travis Blake reported for the beautification group. He said that it is hard to beautify the entrances



Kerrek Lockhart, young son of Lisa and Scott Lockhart, enjoyed the chili that was served at the Shine on Sherman County community

conversation on Tuesday night. Kerrek came with his sister, Brooke, and dad.

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to the town from I-70 to showcase the town.

Blake said it is surprising to find out how many people stop at the Van Gogh painting and that could be used to get people to go on into town. His group thought about having a downtown art walk to lead people to other attractions using small lighted easels.

Lincoln Wilson reported for re-

source development team that they had had a reception at the Sugar Hills Country Club with speakers talking about how community foundations work. They have been working on getting Sherman County Community Foundation's name and purpose out to the public. He said they got several commitments for donations for the general fund of the foundation. The general fund is money for

operation for the foundation. Jerry Fairbanks said there are many ways to donate to the foundation.

Mary Volk of the government service alliance action team has been working on getting the issue of voting at-large for Sherman County Commissioners on the ballot for the community to vote on. At the mock election held on Tuesday, Nov. 4, they had 419 ballots cast with 333

in favor of at-large voting and 86 not in favor. Their next event will be on Tuesday, Dec. 2, for a forum with guests from Tribune and Greeley County talking about their consolidation of city and county government services.

Mike Hamilton said they were looking for people to be on the re-

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New members picked for council

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When the meeting of the Sherman County Economic Development Council ended on Tuesday night a person for a three-year term and a person for a one-year term to the council were selected still leaving the group short one person with a three-year term. Dana Belshe was selected for the three-year and Harlan House for the one-year. The Sherman County Commission has to approve the selections.

Current president Chuck Wilkens and member Mike Cochran decided not to run again for the council. Member Don Newell resigned leaving a position with one year left to be filled.

Waiting for a quorum to do business Helen Dobbs started on her director's report. On the building on 17th Street she said that the Sherman County Commissioners were to let bids on the roof shortly. The commissioners had agreed to pay for the roof when the group was acquiring the building.

Dobbs said that the furnace on the east side had been worked on by Black Hills Energy. She suggested because of the age of the air conditioning, furnaces and water heaters that the council should enroll in a maintenance agreement that the energy company offered. The plan for \$46 a month would cover repairs but not replacements.

She said that Black Hills was third on the list she called for the repair. She said it was really hard to get someone and that with the agreement that would not be as much of a problem.

Members Jerry Fairbanks and Larry Keirns said that generally they were not in favor of maintenance agreements but since tenants were involved they thought it would be worth it.

Jerry Fairbanks said that the leases were ready to be given to the tenants to be signed. Dobbs reported that all rent had been paid in September and all but one in October. With a quorum the group approved the agreement.

Keirns asked about what was going on with the talks about combining economic development and the Chamber of Commerce. Fairbanks said there had been a meeting between Chamber President Jeris McCombs and the committee and that talks would continue.

Dobbs asked to attend a business expansion and retention seminar being held on Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 8 and 9 in Topeka. Dobbs thought this would be the last close seminar on this for a while as next year they will be in a different state. She said it is \$300 for the seminar and \$73 in expenses.

"There is quite a bit left in budget for this," Dobbs said.

The council voted to approve her going.

The council received two grants totaling \$1,500 to help with Shine on Sherman County expenses reported Dobbs. The updating of the business list would be done in the next two weeks. Also that several small businesses are in the process of opening.

In other business:

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Trees to be auctioned on Saturday

Ten fully decorated Christmas trees will be auctioned off at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday during the Nu Phi Mu Food and Gift Extravaganza at Max Jones Fieldhouse by Tom Harrison of TNT Auction for the benefit of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman County.

The Nu Phi Mu Food and Gift Extravaganza will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be booths selling everything from homemade crafts to photography services to cosmetics and housewares. Kids will have a chance to get their picture taken with Santa and do crafts from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Lunch will be served and babysitting is available.

Groups decorating the trees are Carnegie Arts Center, Cowboy Loop, Goodland Greenline, Goodland Public Library, Joyful Noise Preschool, Kansas State University fans, Kansas University fans, Northwest Kansas Technical College, Prairie Rose Floral and WalMart.

Director Wendy Wellman said the trees could be of any size and that how the tree is decorated is up to the group. She said trees varied last year from 9 foot to table top.

Kay Younger of Carnegie Arts said their tree was a candellabra tree about a foot tall surrounded by four maroon candles and decorated with gold bows.

"It's very unique," Younger said.

Wellman said the Tech College tree was done in Santa style with a hat on the top and on the bottom black bows.

Marcy Melia of Goodland Public Library said their six-foot tree was skinny with silver and light gold decorations.

Goodland Greenline said their tree was done in John Deere style. It is a table-top tree and is decorated with little tractors and yellow John Deere balls.

Joni Guyer of Prairie Rose Floral said she was doing a spiral tree.



The tree decorated by Kay Younger of the Carnegie Arts Center for the Big Brothers Big Sisters Festival of Trees auction at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday at the Nu Phi Mu Food and Gift Extravaganza from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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