

weather report

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noon
Monday



Today

• Sunset, 4:26 p.m.
Wednesday
• Sunrise, 6:43 a.m.
• Sunset, 4:25 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 38 degrees
• Humidity 40 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds west 10 mph
• Barometer 30.31 inches and rising
• Record High today 77° (1960)
• Record Low today -1° (1993)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 57°
Low Sunday 22°
Precipitation none
This month 0.76
Year to date 20.16
Above Normal 0.94 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 59, winds out of the north at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 24.
Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 60, winds out of north at 5 mph and a low around 26.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of snow at night, a high near 48 and a low around 25. Friday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain and snow and a high near 38.
(National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

Holiday shopping has started

People browsed, sampled food items and shopped for Christmas gifts at the Nu Phi Mu Food and Gift Extravaganza Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

There were 44 different vendors selling beauty products, home decor, candles, Christmas ornaments, toys and cooking items.

Santa was there so kids could have their picture taken with him by Brittney Heiter of Brittney's Photography.

At 1:30 p.m. Tom Harrison of TNT Auction auctioned 10 decorated Christmas trees in Big Brothers Big Sisters of Sherman County's Festival of Trees.

Director Wendy Wellman said the auction raised \$800 for the organization with the tree decorated by the Northwest Kansas Technical College going for the most at \$160. The tree was done in Santa style.

"It was fabulous for the first year," said Wellman. "I'm excited. It was great."



Avis Alcorn with her granddaughter Ellee McDaniel, daughter of Calli and Doug McDaniel, shopped at Fox's Crafts booth at the Nu Phi Mu Food and Gift Extravaganza on Saturday at Max Jones Fieldhouse.

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Health fair to move to tech college

By Sharon Corcoran

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Due to tremendous growth in the last few years, the Sherman County Health Fair has been moved to a larger location, and organizers are looking to continue the growth.

Tina Goodwin, director of marketing and volunteer services at Goodland Regional Medical Center, came to the Community Partnership for Prevention and Education meeting Thursday at the Goodland Public Library to begin getting the word out about the fair.

Last year, she said, 706 people had blood drawn before the fair, up from 548 in 2007. Thirty-six vendors and eight departments from the hospital had booths at the last fair, she said, and 496 people registered at the fair.

There were probably more at the fair than that, though, she said, since there are many who don't register. Seven free screenings were offered, she said, and 405 people participated in the screenings provided by KU Medical Center.

"We're hoping for the same type of event and hoping for the same level of participation," Goodwin said.

The fair is planned for Saturday, Jan. 31, at the Northwest Kansas Technical College student union. Blood draws for the fair will be from 7-9 a.m. Monday through Friday, Jan. 12-16.

The deadline for vendors to reserve booths is Friday, Jan. 9. Booth space is free, a table and two chairs is provided for each booth, and limited electrical outlets are available.

Contact Goodwin at the hospital, 220 W. Second St., (785) 890-6036.

The hospital, Goodland Activities Center, Sherman County Health Department, Northwest Kansas Prevention Center, tech college and the Sunflower Extension District of

the K-State Research and Extension Services.

"Last year, more than 500 people attended the health fair," Goodwin said.

"This is an excellent opportunity to promote your business, products or services."

Free screenings last year included a blood lead test for children between 1 and 6 years of age, she said, help with Advanced Directives, carotid artery screening, DermaScan for skin cancer, bone density, digital rectal exam and colorectal self test.

This year's fair will likely offer most of those, Goodwin said, and new services may be available. A mobile unit to provide counseling for veterans will be coming if it is available, she said; it provides not only emotional counseling but also how to get benefits.

The fair includes services targeted to family health care, she said, and

provides a lot of free and low-cost services people can really benefit from. For example, she said, the lead screening is required for children beginning school, and parents can have it done for free at the fair.

Also, she said, if someone has the blood profile and PSA (prostate) screening done and the PSA level is suspicious, they can go out into the fair and get a prostate screening for free.

The blood profile is only \$30, she said, and the PSA an additional \$15. Thyroid screenings are also available for \$15, and if someone wants just a blood count without the blood profile, the cost is \$10.

There is no cost to get into the fair to get the free screenings, she added.

"We look at it as a community service, not a fundraiser," Goodwin said.

Childcare is provided at the fair as well, she said, and door prizes are

given out as well.

The location has changed, Goodwin said, adding that it was a necessary change, rather than a desired one.

"We liked being at the GAC," she said, "and did not want to change, but the fire marshal said there were too many at the fair last year for their space."

But Goodwin recognizes some advantages the college can offer. The vendors will be in the auditorium, she said, and the bleachers can be used for the dance, gymnastics and taekwondo demonstrations.

The doctors will be spread out more, so there will be more privacy, she said, and students in the medical assistant and respiratory therapy programs will be available to help.

The demonstrations will still highlight what the activities center offers, she said, and the fair will have room to grow at the college.

local markets



Noon

Wheat — \$4.93 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.50
Corn — \$3.14 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.11
Milo — \$2.58 bushel
Soybeans — \$7.57 bushel
Posted county price — \$7.66
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Millet — \$7 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$14.85 cwt.
Confection — \$35/\$23 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop)
(Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Basketball to start

Freshman Audrey Titus prepared to pass to a teammate in basketball practice Thursday. The Cowgirls and Cowboys basketball teams will open the season at 3:45 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 4, in the Max Jones Fieldhouse.

Sheriff wants sallyport roof

By Tom Betz

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Sheriff Kevin Butts has asked the county commissioners to put a roof over the Bastille sallyport because of problems in the winter, and Friday, Nov. 14, the commissioners asked the sheriff to wait until they could talk to the incoming commissioners.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure, who will be leaving office in January and being replaced by Max Linin said he felt the sheriff needs to wait for the new commissioners to make the decision.

"I understand," Sheriff Butts said, "but your responsibilities don't end until January. About the sallyport it needs to be covered. We have a problem every winter. It was originally planned to be covered."

Incoming Commissioner Cynthia Strnad was at the meeting and said the original plans were for the area to be a wire fence for the prisoners exercise yard, but citizens did not want to see the prisoners and it was changed to brick walls.

Butts said based on the plans he has the area was designed to be enclosed, but when it was built there was not enough money to put

on a roof.

Butts handed over three bids for the roof, and what he wants is a sloped roof to the north. He had skylights included so there would not be any electricity or heating needed.

Rasure said he agrees something needs to be done.

"I would feel more comfortable having the two new commissioners included in this decision," he said. "I would like to get it done before it gets too cold," Butts said.

Commissioner Chuck Thomas said the county will have to do something and that he would talk to Linin about the roof.

Butts said the problem might be the county will have to build a recreation area for the prisoners.

Rasure asked about leaks in the jail roof.

Butts said it is better, but there are still some leaks.

Rasure said he did not think it was a good idea to have skylights in the proposed roof.

Butts said they have to do something to let the light in. He said one contractor suggested putting the lighted areas on the ends.

Rasure said the skylights tend to

leak and are not energy efficient. He said it would be better to use regular lights.

Thomas said he had a building with skylights and was having to replace them.

Rasure said he would like to table the bids to the next meeting.

Thomas asked Butts when the roof could be done.

Butts said the bids were good for 30 days, and not sure when they could do it.

The commissioners agreed to put the roof bids on the agenda for Wednesday, Nov. 26, which will be the final meeting of the month.

Rasure said it would be good if Linin and Strnad could be at the meeting.

He said the sheriff might look at putting in some infrared heat.

Butts said that is up to the commissioners.

"I did not want to ask for a new building," Butts said.

"I think it is a project that needs to be done," Rasure said, "and good to do it right the first time."

Thomas said he would ask Linin to come by and talk to the sheriff about the roof plans.

In other business the commis-

sioners

• Approved a bid from High Plains Office for two identical copiers for the Assessor and Register of Deeds.

Terry Ballard and Billie Hoyt met with the commissioners with the copier bids. Ballard said they had separately requested bids and found out they were getting bids on the same copiers.

Ballard said the copiers were the same as what the clerk's office is using.

Rasure asked County Clerk Janet Rumpel about the one she is using. Rumpel said the copier is doing good.

Ballard said he brings in about \$2,000 a year in copy work, and Hoyt said she brings in over \$3,000 in copy work.

Rasure made a motion to accept the low bid from High Plains Office for \$3,895 and a service agreement of .012 cents.

He said the other bid was from Topside Office for \$4,700 and a service agreement of .01195 cents.

The motion was passed unanimously with Thomas and Rasure voting in favor. Commissioner Mitch Tiede was absent.

Recipes inserted

In today's issue of *The Goodland Star-News* there will be inserted a section called Home for the Holidays 2008 which will have recipes sent to the paper. The recipes are divided into categories of main dishes, appetizers, drinks, desserts and side dishes.

Another edition of the insert with new recipes will be included in the second week of December. If you have a recipe that you would like to include be sure to send it to the newspaper so it can be included.

The section will also go out in *The Western Times*, *The St. Francis Herald*, *The Bird City Times*, *The Colby Free Press* and *The Burlington Record*.

Sponsors of Home for the Holidays are Cochran Farm Supply, Mann's Jewelry and Gifts, Klip 'N Kurl Salon, Elliott's, Garcia's Home Furnishings, American Communications, The Insurance Agency, First National Bank, Jacque's Hallmark Shop, Prairie Rose Floral and The Almond Tree.

