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report

46°

noon

Monday

Sunset, 4:44 p.m.

Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.

Sunset, 4:45 p.m.

Humidity 40 percent

• Winds north 12 mph

Barometer 30.39 inches

and falling Record High today 75° (1953)

• Record Low today -20° (1912)

Last 24 Hours*

The Topside Forecast

56, winds out of the south at 10

to 15 mph and a low around 22. Wednesday: Sunny with a high

near 56, winds out of the north at 5

Thursday: Partly sunny with a

high near 44 and a low around

23. Friday: Mostly sunny with a

high near 43 and a low around 23.

Saturday: Sunny with a high near

49 and a low around 29. Sunday:

Mostly sunny with a high near 47.

(National Weather Service)

Get 24-hour weather info. at 162.400 MHz.

* Readings taken at 7 a.m

local

markets

to 10 mph and a low around 26 **Extended Forecast**

Today: Sunny with a high near

55

16°

none

trace

trace

0.11 inches

Sky mostly sunny

High Sunday

Low Sunday

Precipitation

This month

Year to date

Below normal

Today

Saturday

Midday Conditions

Soil temperature 29 degrees

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weather

Commissioners keep chairman

By Tom Betz

nt.betz@nwkansas.com The first item of business at the first Sherman County Commissioner meeting of 2010 on Monday was to reorganize, and missioners before to talk about the scholar-

Commissioner Chuck Thomas was re-elected as chairman. Commissioner Cynthia Strnad

said she felt things had gone well in the past year and made the motion to nominate Thomas as chairman and Max Linin as vice-chair. Thomas said he understood there

was a state law saying he could only be chairman for a year, but County Clerk Janet Rumpel and Strnad both said there was no such law.

Rumpel said years ago John Golden had been chairman for several years in a row.

approved 3-0.

banks in town as county depositories for the year, and it passed unanimously.

Juleson attended the meeting accompanied by Ken Klemm. Klemm said the two scouts were attending the public meeting as part of

In the final meeting of the year on Dec. 31, the commissioners had heard from Dr. Ed

Mills and Bill Finley of the Northwest Kansas make a decision in January. Technical College about their Investing in the Future program.

Finley said he had been in front of the comship program, and was asking the

county to invest \$10,000 to match what the college and city have contributed.

"We have seen an increase in the number of Sherman County graduates applying," Finley said."We had to turn several away as we ran out of money."

Finley said the scholarship program is a way to help the college compete for area students.

Strnad said she felt it was important to be sure the person is a Sherman County resident.

Finley said that can be included in the agreement with the county.

Thomas asked how much the scholarship is for each participant.

Finley said the scholarships are for \$1,000 a year.

He said the hope is to work with Sherman County businesses to help build up the work force. He said there is a need for these people and the businesses need new young people. Thomas said the commissioners would

Dr. Mills said he feels the program is a great opportunity for growing the college, and feels the added athletic program for wrestling and women's golf will help attract good students.

Mark Heckman and Dave Wiegers, who live in the Paxton Addition south of town, were at the meeting to ask the commissioners if there was any way to help them with needed street repairs in the subdivision.

Heckman asked if the county could include the streets on the property tax rolls and put the money in a separate account. He said in the past they have gone door to door to raise money, but with changes in homeowners some of the new ones do not want to pay for the street repairs.

He said the last time the work was done it cost about \$45,000, and they are asking each home for \$1,500 to do the street sealing.

Thomas said he had talked to County Attorney Bonnie Selby about the issue, and there was no way for the county to do anything for the Paxton Addition.

He said the options were to consider annexing into the city or going to the Itasca Township board to see if they would be willing to work out a property tax levy.

Strnad suggested the people from Paxton hold a public meeting with the Itasca people

and ask those from Armstrong Addition to be part of the discussion as they face the same sort of problem being outside the city limits.

Curt Way, public works manager, suggested Heckman contact Ellis County to see how they have set up special benefit districts.

Greg Nemecheck and Sandy Rodgers presented an annual report from the Resource Conservation and Development group for Northwest Kansas, talking about the various programs available and Sherman County's participation in some of the programs.

Rodgers is board president, and said the group would like Sherman County to consider becoming part of the regional recycling program that has a hub in Colby.

Nemecheck said Sherman and Wallace are the only counties in the area not participating

He said the current recycling program Sherman County is doing costs \$2 per person, and the regional program would cost \$4 per person but they pick up more products including plastic and cardboard.

Thomas said it was his understanding if Sherman County was going to participate they would have to build a building and have a way to haul the recycling material to Colby.

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Goodland hospital has first baby

By Pat Schiefe

pjschiefen@nwkansas.com The proud father, Andrew Lovington, showed off his new daughter, Sydney Maria Eve, to well wishers as gifts were presented for the first baby of the year at Goodland Regional Medical Center's New Beginnings Birthing Center. Sydney's mother, Ashley Verlinden, smiled happily as she looked at her new daughter.

The parents said that Sydney was due on Wednesday, Dec. 30, but she waited until 4:54 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7. She weighed 6 pounds 11.4 ounces and was 19 inches long. Dr. Travis Daise was the attending physician.

The little girl is the first child for the couple.

Area businesses gave the family gifts: Pizza Hut provided a coupon





The Sherman County Health Fair is about two weeks away planned for 8 a.m. to noon on Saturday, Jan. 30, and the Goodland hospital is offering reduced-cost blood profiles through Friday from 7 to 9 a.m. in the main lobby of the hospital.

The cost for the blood profile is \$30. In addition to the basic blood chemistry profiles, prostate and thyroid screenings can be added for \$15 each. For Complete Blood Count only the cost is \$10. Fasting for 12 to 14 hours is recommended to assure an accurate cholesterol screening included in the blood chemistry profiles. The professional staff of the Goodland hospital laboratory will conduct the blood chemistry profiles and no appointments are necessary. The profiles will be available the day of the health fair for review with one of the Goodland Family Health Center physicians who will be on hand to discuss the results. The results can be mailed by providing a self-addressed and stamped envelop at the time of the blood draw "This is a wonderful opportunity for residents to update their medical records and visit with a physician who can interpret the results of their blood profiles all for a very affordable price," said Tina Goodwin, Goodland Regional Medical Center director of marketing and volunteer services. The health fair is sponsored by the Goodland hospital, together with the Sherman County Extension Office, Northwest Kansas Technical College and Goodland Activities Center. The Health Fair will be held at the Northwest Kansas Technical College Student Union. Parking will be located behind the Murray Building on the college campus. The Goodland hospital Diagnostic Imaging Department will offer bone density screening at the Health Fair. The KU Cancer Center will have a wide range of materials to distribute explaining the screenings and other issues including breast cancer early detection and colorectal self screening. The staff of the hospital Diagnostic Imaging will provide carotid artery screenings. The department has requested this year, those interested in the screening call ahead to set up an appointment prior to the health fair.



Thomas

Linin then seconded the motion and it was

Strnad made a motion to name the four

Two Boy Scouts Levi Klemm and Dustin

a merit badge requirement.

Wheat — \$4.57 bushel Posted county price — \$4.71 Corn — \$3.65 bushel Posted county price — \$3.78 Milo — \$3.36 bushel Soybeans — \$9.19 bushel Posted county price — \$9.51 Millet — \$5 hundredweight Sunflowers Oil current crop — \$14.40 cwt. Confection — \$28/\$15 cwt. Pinto beans — \$32 (new crop) (Markets by Scoular Grain, Sun Opta,

Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean.

These may not be closing figures.)

Noon

for a free large pizza and two-liter bottle of pop, Brittany's Photography gave \$40 off "Watch Me Grow" series, a quilt from Almond Tree, a handmade baby quilt from the Prairie PieceMakers Quilt Guild, a pink teddy bear from the Goodland Regional Medical Center Auxiliary, manicure and pedicure for mom from Total Look, a gift certificate from Jacque's Hallmark, baby quilt from Mann's Jewelry, \$50 gas card from Frontier Ag, Inc., a blanket

New dad Andrew Lovington looked at the handmade baby guilt made by the Prairie PieceMakers Quilt Guild as part of the gifts given to the first baby of the year born at Goodland Regional Medical Center New Beginnings Birthing Center. New mom Ashley Verlinden holds the center of attraction, Sydney Maria Eve. Sydney was born at 4:54 a.m. on Thursday, Jan. 7.

Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

ted cap.

The Star-News gave the family a der, and baby blanket.

from Linus Project, Baby Bands pers, wipes, pacifiers, onesies, one-year subscription and a diaper sunglasses from Vision Source shampoo, lotion, swaddler, socks, bag with changer, wipes, diapers, towel set, blanket and a hand knit- lotion, shampoo, rattle, a hooded towel and wash cloths, baby pow-

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Cowgirls lose to Lakin

Cowgirl Ashley Archer rolled inside the Lady Broncs defense and scored Friday at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Cowgirls lost the game. Will play Atwood on Friday. See photo, story on Page 8.



The Kansas Highway Patrol wants to remind motorists about two laws that became effective in stopped emergency or maintenance July, the "Right Lane Law" and the "Move it Law." ture this past year. The Right Lane Law prohibits

'Right Lane Law,

Move it Law'

two or more lanes of traffic outside Transportation vehicles performing the city limits from driving in the left lane except when overtaking and passing another vehicle, preparing to make a left turn, when directed by official traffic control devices or required by other laws where there is a vehicle in the right lane.

and a \$50 savings bond from First

The hospital gave formula, dia-

Drivers reminded about new state laws

National Bank.

This law does not apply to autho-Both were passed by the legisla- rized emergency vehicles, including those operated by law enforcement officers. Kansas Turnpike Authorvehicles on highways divided into ity and Kansas Department of them out of the lane of traffic, and

construction or maintenance work are exempt from this legislation.

The "Move It Law," mandates drivers of non-hazardous materials transporting vehicles involved in non-injury crashes on Interstate, U.S. highways, or any divided or multi-lane roadways in the state move vehicles out of the lane of traffic if it is safe to do so.

This is intended to help keep drivers and passengers safe by getting

away from oncoming vehicles.

them to a safe location such as a shoulder or the nearest exit to exchange information or to contact law enforcement.

Law enforcement should always be called if there are injuries; a vehicle cannot be moved; one of the drivers appears to be intoxicated; damage exceeds \$1,000; one of the drivers has no insurance; or one of the drivers leaves the scene of the crash.

If vehicles can be driven, move

Constitutional society plans study event

The third of the four part Healing seminar will study how certain peoof America constitutional study series is planned for Friday, Jan. 22 and Saturday, Jan. 23, at the 4-H building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds, sponsored by the High Plains Constitutional Society, a local, non-profit group.

Ken Klemm, contact person for the Constitutional Society, said this acting of most recent laws, he said. program will feature two speakers. The two will be Reverend Donald is not designed to spread despair or Sills from Ashburn, Va., past president of the Coalition for Religious Freedom, and Dr. Glenn Kimber from Salt Lake City, Utah, president our country has been allowed to of the Thomas Jefferson Center for Constitutional Studies.

The seminar is entitled the "Attacks on the Charter of Freedom, able to heal America without know-The Unhinging of America." This ing what is causing it to be sick in all day session from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. of America.

ple, organizations and groups have been using their time, resources and talents to change the direction of America in order to serve their own special self-interests, Klemm said.

This has allowed emotionalism and private interests to become the standard of measurement in the en-

"The information in this seminar fear about the future of America," Klemm said, "but will be an eyeopener to let us see just how far go towards the destructive paths of socialism.

"Modern society will never be

the first place. It is interesting to note the Constitution is seldom quoted or used anymore as a standard by which to measure proposed legislation. This has come about because, as Americans, too many have ceased to study the Founding Fathers' formulas for success."

The two-part event begins at 7 p.m.on Friday, Jan. 22, Klemm said, with the special featured speaker, Rev. Donald Sills, a Baptist minister for over 30 years. Sills will lead the lecture on the attack on religion in America. Rev. Sills has been on national television scores of times and has been a guest on Larry King Live four times.

Dr. Glenn Kimber, a renowned speaker and educator will lead the

on Saturday. Families and children 10 and older are welcome.

Friday evening admission is free. Saturday's admission is \$39 for adults and \$19 for children 10-18 years of age (no younger children please). A valuable study guide is included in this cost.

It is not necessary to have attended any prior session to attend this one. Both events will be held at the 4-H building at the Sherman County Fairgrounds.

Contact Ken Klemm at 785-899-5804 for tickets or more information. Seating is limited.

The High Plains Constitutional Society is a non-partisan group of like-minded citizens who are deeply concerned about the decline