

weather report

46°

noon

Monday

Today

Sunset, 4:44 p.m.

Saturday

Sunrise, 7:06 a.m.

Sunset, 4:45 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 29 degrees

• Humidity 40 percent

• Sky mostly sunny

• Winds north 12 mph

• Barometer 30.39 inches and falling

• Record High today 75° (1953)

• Record Low today -20° (1912)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday 55°

Low Sunday 16°

Precipitation none

This month trace

Year to date trace

Below normal 0.11 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Sunny with a high near 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 to 10 mph and a low around 26

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)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

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.)

inside today


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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.



Commissioners keep chairman

By Tom Betz
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The first item of business at the first Sherman County Commissioner meeting of 2010 on Monday was to reorganize, and 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.

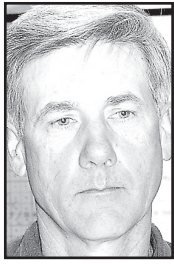
Thomas said he understood there was a state law saying he could only be chairman for a year, but County Clerk Janet Rumpel and Strnad both said there was no such law.

Rumpel said years ago John Golden had been chairman for several years in a row. Linin then seconded the motion and it was approved 3-0.

Strnad made a motion to name the four banks in town as county depositories for the year, and it passed unanimously.

Two Boy Scouts Levi Klemm and Dustin Juleson attended the meeting accompanied by Ken Klemm. Klemm said the two scouts were attending the public meeting as part of a merit badge requirement.

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



Thomas

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

Finley said he had been in front of the commissioners before to talk about the scholarship 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

make a decision in January.

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 Wieggers, 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
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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 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



from Linus Project, Baby Bands sunglasses from Vision Source and a \$50 savings bond from First National Bank.

The hospital gave formula, diapers, wipes, pacifiers, onesies, shampoo, lotion, swaddler, socks, towel set, blanket and a hand knitted cap.

The Star-News gave the family a

Blood draw this week at hospital

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.