

Northwest Tech haunting Campus Candy celebrates Halloween



Kids had good fun for Halloween checking out the many games and places handing out candy at the Campus Candy held on Monday. The Student Union had a wide variety of games and the various college departments had candy. One of the fun ones was rolling bowling balls at empty propane tanks, and the kid got a piece of candy for each one knocked down.
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Visitor schedule keeps Sherman County Commissioners busy

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A slate of visitors kept the chairs across from the Sherman County Commissioners warm at the last commission meeting of the month on Monday.

Commissioner Cynthia Strnad was unable to attend, but Commissioners Larry Enfield and Max Linin listened to presentations by several scheduled visitors.

Visitors included: Donna Price, executive director of the Sherman County Convention and Visitors' Bureau; Mark McMullen of American Environmental Consulting; Doug Gerber, city manager; Larry Dickey of Kar Kall and County Assessor Terry Ballard.

After the minutes were approved, Price was first to address the commissioners, laying out the Sherman County Visitors Guide to discuss changes in the new guide, which is due out in December. The commissioners discussed which Goodland public event should be highlighted in a photo and updated contact information.

The cost is \$1,995 to the county for a full page in the publication, and is the same as last year, Price said. Next year the cost may increase, she said, because she hoped to add eight pages to next year's issue. The commissioners voted unanimously to approve the Visitor's Guide expenditure for this year.

McMullen gave the commissioners an update on services American Environmental Consulting provided to the county regarding its two landfill locations. The consulting firm from Littleton, Colo., has been working with the county since 1998. The company helped Sherman County locate and develop the landfill site southwest of town. The firm has been assisting in working with the county to install monitoring wells required by the state health department and sampling groundwater from them periodically.

There are a total of 15 wells at the old landfill and four at the new landfill. McMullen said, the State of Kansas has now requested two plots of the landfill site be developed and submitted to the state annually: a surveyor's plat, which would be a "snapshot" of the landfill as it is during the year, and an engineering plat which would include information regarding future cells at the landfill. So, some surveying needs to be done, McMullen said.

In addition to meeting the state requirement, the plats will be of use to the county in helping to access future landfill needs, he said.

McMullen suggested an additional drawing which plots the dimensions of slopes and how they should be filled. The map would show how high the garbage and cover dirt should be piled to fall within State limitations while al-

lowing the county to use the maximum space permitted. He estimated it would cost \$2,100 to provide such a grid map.

Linin asked how the county was billed for the company's services and was told cost is based on time and materials used to develop the plan. No action was taken at the meeting following McMullen's presentation. Commissioners asked Public Works Director Butch Vandiver to review the file on American Environmental Consulting.

City Manager Gerber reviewed the economic development budget with the commissioners. Under the five-year contract between city and county, the county pays \$50,000 annually for the economic development office and the city contributes "the balance," he said. For 2011 this was a total budget of \$110,000. Commissioners asked what the progress was on getting a new grocery store in Goodland.

"We continue to remain optimistic," Gerber said. "We want it to happen and he wants it to happen."

Dickey and Vandiver discussed a new radio communication system for the road and bridge crew with the commissioners.

By 2013 the Federal Communications Commission will have mandated a "narrowband" system for radio communications. The current system operates in bands separated by 25 kilohertz of space, he explained. The FCC feels the bands are becoming crowded, and is planning on narrowing that space to 12.5 khz. Radios purchased since 1998 are already programmed for the change, he told the commissioners, but the county system was created in 1988.

Vandiver told the commissioners a few radios have been purchased since 1998, but he estimated possibly 30 radios would need to be purchased. The road and bridge crew has the largest number of radios used by county employees - 34 units.

Dickey said the road and bridge system is Very High Frequency, while the Sheriff Department and ambulance service are on Ultra High Frequency due to the differing properties of those radio waves.

Dickey advised the UHF repeater used by the Sheriff's Department needs to be replaced. It was recently struck by lightning, and, despite the fact it is back in service, a lightning strike makes it unreliable in the long run, he said.

Commissioners took the presentation under advisement and no action was taken at the meeting.

Ballard suggested to the commissioners an addition to the county website be created to allow restricted access to property information. The process would be limited to those who have a "need" for the information and a registration fee

would be charged to help pay for the cost.

"It's not something we have to have," he said, "but I think it is something that would be of benefit."

He told the commissioners two old computers needed replacing in the court house. Cost of the replacement would be between \$1,500 and \$1,600 for the pair, Ballard estimated. Commissioners approved the replacement without a formal vote.

Ownership maps for tax purposes need to be put on computer, Ballard

told the commissioners. The current system for generating maps is so outdated he has great difficulty even finding the blue-line paper required to print out the maps.

"We've reached a point where we've got to do something about this," he said.

He told the commissioners he had found someone who was willing to work part time over the next two years to map Sherman County into a digital system.

"At least that way we have a database," he said.

The cost at \$25 an hour for part time would total under \$4,000, Ballard estimated. A prior estimate he had received from a company for doing the same job was about \$80,000, he said. When the transfer is completed, the county would need a plotter to print the maps, and the plotter would cost about \$5,600, "but that's down the road," he said.

Again without a formal vote, commissioners approved pursuing the idea of part time help to make the system transfer.

By unanimous vote the com-

missioners approved four Neighborhood Revitalization Project requests from George McClelland, Leo Townsend, Helena Chemical and David Leonard.

Also by unanimous vote an application for an emergency vehicle designation for David Wolf was approved.

As a final action, commissioners approved paying bills totaling \$325,695.65 before adjourning at 10:37 a.m. Next County Commission meeting will be 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 8.



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2 LINES RUNNING MOST OF THE DAY SO PLAN ACCORDINGLY Many of the items listed are from 3 farmers that are retiring and are absolute sale.

TRACTORS, COMBINES, FORKLIFTS SPRAYERS: 1997 Ag-Chem 854 RoGator, 60-80 booms, auto steer, auto section boom control, 4574 hrs, always shedded, excellent condition; JD 8650, 18.4x38 duals, 3 hyd, bare back, 6200 hrs; JD 4640, 18.4 x 38 duals, 3pt, 3hyd, Quad trans, only 2 seasons on major; JD 4320, 13.6 x 38 duals, 3pt, 3hyd, showing 4116 hrs; JD 2940 MFWD, 18.4 x 32 tires, 3pt, 2 hyd, W/JD loader, joystick; Ford TW 30, 20.8 x 38 duals, 3pt, 3hyd, showing 4181 hrs; 1988 Versatile 846, 18.4 x 38 duals, bare back, 3 hyd, 6450 total hrs; Case 930 diesel W/Du-all loader; Farmall M W/loader, newer paint runs good, SN - FBK123601; IH 1460 Combine, diesel, 24' header, used last wheat harvest; IH 1460 Combine for parts, motor bad ; Clark Y80D, 8000lb forklift, LP, side shift, 60" forks; Cat 40KS1 6000lb forklift, LP, side shift, 48" forks; Trak mdl 6036 telahandler, 6000lb lift, 36' boom; Case 580E backhoe/loader; Terex 511E 11yd paddle scraper, good mechanical condition; IH Hydro 100 tractor, 18.4 x 34 singles, 3pt.; Heyster 9000lb forklift, LP; Donkey 4G 6000lb forklift W/mounting brackets

EQUIPMENT: Brent 884 - 800bu Avalanche grain cart, 30.5x32 diamond tread, scales, shedded.; Agri-Product 13shank 30" ripper W/coulters; JD 535 round baler; New Skid Steer attachments (72" grapple fork, 48" forklift , Quick Hitch, Bale spear, 72" Rock bucket); 10' Big Ox 3pt blade; 5" Leinbach rock rake, used once; Ford 3pt 12' spring-tooth; Hesston 1340 hydro swing swather W/crimper; Hesston 1014 hydro swing swather W/crimper; NH 114 hydro swing swather; NH 116 hydro swing swather; JD 200 stackhand; NH 216 windrower; NH 145 manure spreader, like new; Hesston 3060 Stackfork; 1995 Speed King under car auger, stainless steel, 7 1/2 hp 230V motor; Speed King 57' belt auger, 15hp 230V motor; FK Mdl 870 air seeder, used very little; FK 5x6 sweep W/Quinstar pickers; IH 496-25' tandem disc; Agri-Power Equipment 13 shank ripper W/coulters; Krause 7 shank ripper; Nobel 20' sweep W/Richardson pickers; Reynolds 65" land plane; 2 FK 3x5 sweeps; 2-Miller 18' offset discs; JD 3x16 RO plow; 180bu seed tender; JD 8300 disc drill; 2-IH 16x10 hoe drills, end transport, hyd markers

2-IH 14x10 hoe drills, end transport, hyd markers; JD 8 row cultivator; JD 709 3pt mower; JD 727-14' mower; Big 12-500bu grain cart; Killbros 475 bu grain cart; IH 16-10 disc drills; FK 30-' rod weeder; Westfield 48' 8" auger W/elect motor; Westfield Hyd drill fill auger; JD 3pt hay rake; 1992 Rhino 15' bat wing mower; 9' Disc mower; Vermeer Bunk Buster round bale hay feeder; 6' Bush Hog mower; 3pt bale mover; 2 prong bale mover

VEHICLES: 1980 Dodge Eldorado 30' motor home, rebuilt trans, only 78,500 miles; 1999 Volvo, N-14 Cummins, 10sp; 1984 Kenworth 370 Cummins, 13sp; 1988 IH 8300, 350 Cummins, 10sp, daycab; 1991

IH Dump truck, 400 Cummins, 13sp; 1991 Ford F800 service truck W/hoist; 1995 Freightliner, 60 series Detroit, needs clutch; 1982 Ford 1 ton 10' flatbed, live hyd, hyd. boom, 4sp dually, 47,000 miles; 2-1991 Ford F700 trucks, diesel flatbed

1992 Ford F700 truck, diesel, flatbed; 1992 Ford F350 bucket truck; 1978 Chevy tire truck, air compressor, 50,000 on motor; 1985 Ford F350 tire truck; 1964 IH Loadstar 1600 tandem axle, 9:00 rubber, 4&2 trans, 18' box & hoist W/RO tarp; 1968 GMC 16' box, twin cyl hoist, 9:00 rubber, 4&2 trans, V-6 motor, runs good; 1960 GMC 13 1/2' box, hoist, 4&2 trans. 8:25 rubber, V-6 motor; 1998 Dodge 1/2 ton pickup; 1979 Ford F600 4x4 with BJM feed box, digital scales, 14,000 miles, motor stuck; 1994 IH cabover W/3000 gal water tank; 1991 Freightliner, Cummins, 9sp; 2002 Ford E350 van truck, gas, only 35,000 on new 5.9 motor, runs great; 1996 Ford F350, 5sp, 351 motor, no box; 1981 IH S1900 - DT466 W/less than 5000 on motor, air brakes, 16' box, hoist, RO tarp; 1994 Chevy extended cab diesel, 4sp W/overdrive, new starter & injection pump; 1997 Chevy Astro van, all wheel drive, auto, rear heat & air, back seats never used.; 1994 Dodge diesel. 3/4 ton flatbed; 1969 Chevy truck; 2000 Ford F250, V-8, 5sp; 1996 pickup W/flatbed; 1998 Dodge 44 pickup; 1997 Ford pickup; 1994 Ford pickup; 1985 Dodge Power Ram 4x4 pu; 1989 Ford F250 pickup; 2004 Chevy Silverado, club cab, 4x4, auto; 1967 Ford Mustang; 1995 AV Dune Buggy, street legal.


TRAILERS: 1973 Heil 2 compartment liquid tanker; 1994 96" x 46' drop deck trailer; MoveAll 46' machinery trailer; Belly dump gravel trailer; 1977 Loadcraft 42' x 102" drop deck trailer; 1982 Fountain 40' x 102" drop deck trailer; 1977 JDH 40' roller trailer W/winch; 21' GN FB trailer, extension, winch, tandem duals; 28' GN FB trailer, tandem duals; Farris 32' enclosed BP trailer W/finished interior; 2010 PJ 77' x 10' utility trailer; 2005 PJ 83" x 14' tandem utility trailer; Several NEW 16' & 18' flatbed trailers.

ATV's BOATS, MOWERS: JD 6x6 Gator, diesel, only 322 hrs, look and runs great; 1986 Lowe Sunbird 24' pontoon boat, 40hp Johnson motor, trolling motor, good cond.; JD 300 garden tractor W/48" mower, roto tiller

MISC. ITEMS: IH 605 irrigation motor; 50 -5' x 20' continuous fence panels; Trailer load of **NEW TOOLS!** Battery operated backpack sprayer; Shop built hyd log splitter; 2 drill fill augers; Full size pu tool box; 600 gal propane tank W/wet leg; 25 steel cattle panels; 4-12' metal feed bunks; Universal Year Round tractor cab; Fairing off Freightliner; 50-6' steel posts; Advance seeder cleaner; 3pt wire roller; Steam cleaner; 3-500 gal fuel tanks; Oil dispenser system; Corn Stove.

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