


weather report



58°
 10:30 a.m.
 Monday

Today
 • Sunset, 6:55 p.m.
Wednesday
 • Sunrise, 6:55 a.m.
 • Sunset, 5:06 p.m.

Midday Conditions
 • Soil temperature 34 degrees
 • Humidity 21 percent
 • Sky sunny
 • Winds calm
 • Barometer 29.89 inches
 and steady
 • Record High today 72° (1986)
 • Record Low today -15° (1918)

Last 24 Hours*
 High Sunday 62°
 Low Sunday 31°
 Precipitation none
 This month .09
 Year to date .09
 Below Normal .26 inches

The Topside Forecast
 Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 53, winds out of the north at 5 to 15 mph and a low around 26.
 Wednesday: Mostly sunny with a high near 52, winds out of the west at 5 to 10 mph and a low around 26.

Extended Forecast
 Thursday: Partly sunny with a 20 percent chance of rain or snow, a high near 43 and a low around 23.
 Friday: Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of snow, a high near 38 and a low around 20.
 Saturday: Mostly sunny with a high near 41 and a low around 18.
 (National Weather Service)

Kanorado house searched

By Kevin Bottrell

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The Sherman County Sheriff's Office seized an undisclosed amount of drugs and guns from a house in Kanorado on Wednesday.

Sheriff Kevin Butts said his department and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation served a warrant on a house at 265 U.S. 24 in Kanorado at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday night. The warrant came from a narcotics investigation by the Kit Carson County Sheriff.

Butts said the search took most of Thursday as well. No arrests were made in Sherman County, he said, but personal items, firearms and an undisclosed amount of narcotics were seized from the Kanorado house.

Butts said the house is owned by Antonio Ledesma and Christina Ledesma.

Butts said his department had been involved in the case for about two weeks. The case will now be turned over to prosecutors.



A representative from the Department of Veterans Affairs in Wichita talked to Ken Baum about his dealings with the Veterans Department at the Sherman County Health Fair on Saturday at the Northwest Tech Student Union. Around 370 attended the event and 661 participated in the blood draw.
 Photo by Pat Schiefen/The Goodland Star-News

College recognized by Apple

The Northwest Kansas Technical College has been named an Apple Distinguished Program for its iPad Mobile Learning Initiative.

The Apple Distinguished Program designation is reserved for programs that are recognized centers of educational excellence and leadership.

"Over the past two years we've been leading the way for implementation of the iPad at Northwest Tech," said College President Dr. Ed Mills. "Recognition from Apple is an exciting indicator of the great progress our college has made with advanced technology to prepare our graduates for the workforce."

The selection of Northwest Tech as an Apple Distinguished Program highlights its successes in enhancing and extending teaching and learning with thoughtful and innovative implementations of technology. iPad and Apple TV are bringing Northwest Tech students closer to their learning materials and increasing collaboration between both students and faculty.

Programs at Northwest Tech emphasizes hands-on learning and real-world experience in the field, supported by complete iPad integration in the classroom. Instructors work hard to help students connect mind, hand and heart, and the iPad Mobile Learning Initiative is helping faculty make that a reality.

Health Fair draws hundreds

By Pat Schiefen

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A steady crowd turned up at the Sherman County Health Fair at the Northwest Tech Student Union on Saturday morning.

Tina Goodwin, director of marketing and volunteer services for Goodland Regional Medical Center, said she thought about 370 people attended the fair.

The blood profiles taken two weeks ago were available and Goodland Family Health Center physicians were on hand to review the results. Goodwin said 661 people went through the blood draw process, and those people who did not pick up their results or leave an envelope need to stop by the lab and pick up their results.

She said the blood test results do not "automatically" get sent to the doctors as many people assume.

"I was very pleased with the turnout," Goodwin said, "particularly with the wide variety of health care booths represented. The KU Medical Center free screenings were very successful."

"I am grateful to Northwest Tech for the use of their facilities and the great volunteers from the school who helped with the event. It's the perfect place for an event like this. Not only are the facilities wonderful, but it's a great community collaboration to showcase to very important organizations in Goodland — the tech college and our hospital."



Healthful Solutions owned by Paige Harper and Sole Satisfaction offered messages to people attending the Sherman County Health Fair on Saturday. Also offered were skin screenings, bone densities as well as grip strength testing.

Many of the booths had handouts, and were busy throughout the morning talking to people and answering questions.

One could get a relaxing massage and have their feet checked.

Children could be entered into the Kansas Child Identification program. University of Kansas Medical Center had personnel there

to do skin cancer screenings and bone densities. The county health department gave flu shots.

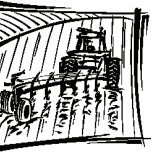
The Goodland hospital had booths from the emergency medical services, Family Health Center, counselors, human resources, birthing center, respiratory therapy and physical therapy.

Other vendors who had booths at the health fair include:

Currier Drug; Big Brothers/Big Sisters; Child Care Aware of NW Kansas; EagleMed; Girl Scouts; Goodland Lions Club; Heartland Lions Eye Bank; Hospice Service, Inc.; Kansas Highway Patrol; KU Med Center — free DRE, Skin Cancer, Bone Density screenings; Meier Clinic; NKESS/Assistive Technology; NWK Domestic and Sexual Violence Services; NWK Prevention Child Abuse and Neglect/Smart Start; Sherman County Health Department; Sunflower Extension District; The Wichita Veterans Center; Weight Watchers; Right Combination Dance Studio; Weight Watchers; Healthful Solutions, Sole Satisfaction, Goodland Farmers Market, High Plains Food Coop; ResCare, Hospice of Northwest Kansas, Midwest Transplant Network; Good Samaritan Center and Assured Occupational Solutions.

The health fair is sponsored by the Goodland hospital, together with the Sherman County Extension Office, Northwest Kansas Technical College and Walmart.

local markets



10:30 a.m.
 Wheat — \$6.52 bushel
 Posted county price — \$6.50
 Corn — \$6.12 bushel
 Posted county price — \$6.23
 Milo — \$5.84 bushel
 Soybeans — \$10.63 bushel
 Posted county price — \$11.40
 Millet — \$11.50 hundredweight
 Sunflowers
 Oil current crop — \$25.90 cwt.
 Confection — no bid
 Pinto beans — \$28
 (Markets by Scouler Grain, Sun Opta, Frontier Ag and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Wrestlers lose 45-30

Despite several good individual wins, the Cowboys wrestling team fell to Burlington last week.

The wrestlers will be in action next at 5:30 p.m. Thursday in Atwood.

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Brass ensemble



Two Brass in Blue trumpeters helped entertain a large crowd on Thursday evening at the Colby High School auditorium. The 14-member Air Force ensemble is part of the Heartland of America Band stationed at Offutt Air Force Base at Omaha, Neb. The concert was sponsored by the Western Plains Art Association and The Colby Free Press.
 Photo by Evan Barnum/Colby Free Press

Remember new rules, says Farm Service Agency

The Sherman County Farm Service Agency has a number of reminders and information items for area landowners.

The state committee has made policy changes to the burning requirement on Conservation Reserve Program acreage, allowing participants to modify their Conservation Plan to eliminate the required burn.

If a maintenance burn has been completed, the Conservation Plan may be modified to consider the completed burn, the required management practice. In order for participants to take advantage of this policy change, they must modify the conservation plan. If no action is taken to modify the plan, the current plan must be followed.

It's time to report acres planted to wheat, barley and oats. Aerial maps were provided to farmers to mark where the crops were planted,

and the completed maps must be returned to the Farm Service office as soon as possible.

The information landowners provide on the maps will be loaded into the computer, so they should take the time to ensure the information provided is accurate.

Regulations also require all farmland to be reported, including native grass pastures and grass areas in fields that are not hayed or grazed, but are left standing. Failure to report these acres could result in ineligibility for disaster programs. If a rented native pasture is in another county, those acres will need to be reported to that county's Farm Service office.

The Farm Service Agency is trying to finish reporting all fall seeded crop acreages by the end of February.

