Weather service wants volunteers to report rain, snow

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News Checking your rain gage, watching the snow pile up around your house and seeing hail pound your car can now not only satisfy your curiosity, but help the National Weather Service in Goodland.

The office here is starting up a new network to measure precipitation in northwest Kansas in a program called Community Collaborative Rain, Hail and Snow.

Logan Johnson, program coordinator and a meteorologist at the weather office, said right now the service has a co-op network where observers report conditions to the office, but the new network will

expand the data.

To get the project started, he said, the office is looking for volunteers.

"This opportunity is open to all interested volunteers who have an enthusiasm for watching and reday," a weather service announcement said.

The network will measure only precipitation, including rain, snow and freezing rain.

snowfall amounts can vary, and this project is designed to capture more readings from more sites. He said said, "is educating the public." they want volunteers to measure hail, too.

After taking measurements, the of their training.

participants will call in results daily. The data will be used by forecasters and for scientific research. Johnson said the network informa-

tion will help farmers as well. Volunteers will attend a training porting weather conditions every session to learn how to install and read a rain gage provided by the weather service.

The class will not only teach them how to take measurements, Johnson said, but they will learn Johnson said thunderstorms and about different types of precipitation

"A big part of this project," he

Volunteers will take home handouts to help them remember some

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quality," Johnson said, "if we train the observers well."

The service said the network was established in 1998 by the Colo-

"We figure we can ensure data Denver and Fort Collins areas, the network is now set to expand to neighboring states, including Kansas

rado State University and the Colo- tional yet, Johnson said, the weather @noaa.gov. For information on the rado State Climatologist's Office. service now has the programs in network, go to http://ks.cocorahs-Following years of success in the Kansas, Colorado, Nebraska and

Wyoming. Training will be held in late February or early March.

To volunteer, call Johnson at 899-Although the project isn't na- 6412 or e-mail logan.johnson-.org.

Sherman County Expenditures

SHERMAN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS EXPENDITURES FOR THE MONTHS OF OCTO-BER, NOVEMBER, & DECEMBER, FOURTH QUARTER AS AUTHORIZED BY HOUSE BILL 3211-1980.

SALARIES

APPRAISER \$25,487.37; AUTO MOTOR \$13,929.15; HEALTH \$33,740.42; ELECTION \$5,862.01; GENERAL \$194,241.71; NOXIOUS WEED \$4,006.54; ROAD & BRIDGE \$99,121.85; RURAL FIRE DISTRICT #1 \$2,555.00; SOLDIERS MEMORIAL PARK \$2,377.18: SOLID WASTE \$25,921.38; PRAIRIE DOG \$2,711.81; ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT \$13,441.92 TOTAL SALARIES: \$423,396.34

EXPENDITURES:

Advance Ins Co \$1,286.95; Alex's Radiator & Repair \$131.00; Dick Allaman \$22.20; Allied Oil & Supply Inc \$4,867.80; Alltel \$1,641.03; American Crane Inc \$3,801.08; American Environmental Consulting LLC \$13,698.33; American Family Life Assurance Co \$1,642.80; American Fidelity Assurance Co \$3,949.92: American Plus Inc \$382.60; Americo LLC \$40.00; APAC-Kansas Inc \$1,000.61; APCO Int'l Inc \$60.00; Carolyn Applegate \$647.64; Aquila \$4,781.49; AR Supplies \$526.70; Raenita Artzer \$83.00; AT&T \$318.96; ATCO Int'I \$759.00; Aventis Pasteur \$246.77; B&B Electric Inc \$773.00; B&K Pumping Inc \$1,547.50; DJ Baehler \$75.00; Dr Baker \$284.00; BankWest \$8.00; Barton Co Community College \$372.00; Kay Barton \$666.10; Bateman Funeral Home Co \$870.00; Becton Dickinson \$45.38; Erick Bergquist \$34.00; Birney Law Library \$193.00; Blossom Shoppe \$19.76; Blue Cross/Blue Shield \$59,105.68; Bowladium Lanes \$30.00; Dian Burns \$9.65; Business Office Systems \$127.95; Butler Co Community College \$204.00; Kevin Butts \$76.28; C L Hurd Construction Inc \$1,070.00; Central Detroit Inc \$4,582.53; Central Plains Labs \$181.35; Cheyenne Co Hospital \$375.00; City of Gld \$12,815.63; City-County Rec \$4,428.77; Clock Medical Supply Inc \$6.87; Cobblestone Floral \$22.00; Colby Community College \$12,372.00; Colby Free Press \$20.25; Colby Wrecking Yard \$1,433.90; Colonial Life & Accident Ins \$108.00; Comfort Inn \$57.20; Commercial Sign Co \$380.00; Computer Info Concepts \$525.00; Computer Info System Inc \$4,107.00; Crissy Conger \$57.14; Conoco/Philips \$615.53; The Consortium Inc \$507.50; Conway Data \$499.37; Kendall Cooper \$1,200.00; Kendall & Jacque Cooper \$150.00; Cover One \$50.69; Cowboy Loop \$126.74; Cowley Co Community College \$180.00; D&D Filter \$676.36; Rhea Daise \$9.00; Dale Hayden Sprinklers Repairs \$35.00; Dan Brenner Ford-Mercury Inc \$949.71; Decatur Co Health Dept \$170.00; Denver Health Medical Center \$3,954.75; Dependable Glass Inc \$1,480.63; Developmental Service of NWKS Inc \$11,242.76; Dinkel Law Office LLC \$645.00; Barb Disney \$75.00; Documents Etc \$903.00; Dodge City Community College \$192.00; Dollar General \$360.00; Marvin Duell \$35.52; Shirley Dupsky \$623.43; Eagle Communications \$377.21; Economic Development Petty Cash \$382.82; Eland Law Office \$860.00; Election Board Workers \$2,896.60; Election System & Software Inc \$2,186.73; Ellis Co Environmental Office \$1,178.99; Evercom Systems Inc \$647.50; Dave & Cheryl Evert \$75.00; Steve & Marcia Evert \$75.00; Extension Office \$7,839.65; Fastpro Int'l \$228.26; Feist Publications Inc \$70.00; Finley Motors Inc \$933.51; First BankCard \$1,297.51; First Nat'l Bank \$97,641.03; Four Points By Sheraton \$73.14; Darcy Frazier \$15.53; Free Fair \$2,213.61; Frontier Equity Inc \$41,247.01; Scott Gilmer \$251.61; GlaxoSmithKline Financial Inc \$606.25; Goodland Area Chamber of Commerce \$350.00; Goodland Cemetery Assoc \$2,626.68; Goodland Family Health Center \$53.00; Goodland Greenline Inc \$6,060.74; Goodland Medical Arts Pharmacy \$889.24; Goodland Nutrition Project \$165.05; Goodland Public Library \$1,274.13; Goodland Regional Medical Center \$24,484.19; Goodland Senior Citizens Center \$2,178.28; Goodland Star-News \$3,002.53; Goodland Yost Farm Supply \$148.58; Lance Goodman \$75.00; Grass Roots Lawn Service LLC \$69.90; Carol Guyer \$61.47; Hampton Inn \$57.75; Dorendo Harrel \$168.30; Hays Daily News \$36.40; Hemocue Inc \$883.50; Herl Chevrolet-Buick Inc \$98.66; High Plains Mental Health \$8,548.63; High Plains Office Supply LLC \$5,117.30; Highland Community College \$276.00; Highland Hotel \$61.36; Historical Society \$750.75; Holiday Inn \$125.08; Homestead Nutrition Project \$382.33; Hospice Services Inc \$2,810.69; Hot Brush \$499.00; Howard Johnson \$55.00; Hutchinson Community College \$324.00; Ideal Linen Supply \$393.43; IKON Office Solutions Inc \$260.00; In the Can LLC \$2,994.10; Independence Community College \$180.00; Infinitec Inc \$16,459.43; J.O.M. Pharmaceutical Services \$791.04; J&K Radiator Repair \$165.00; Johnson Co Community College \$168.00; Jackie Jorgensen \$315.00; July 4th Celebration Committee \$350.00; K-N Communications Service \$169.00; Kanorado Cemetery Assoc \$291.86; Kanorado Coop Assoc \$200.01; Kanorado Senior Citizens Center \$975.34; Ks Assoc of Counties \$585.00; Ks Bar Assoc \$135.00; Ks Dept of Ag \$50.00; Ks Payment Center \$747.66; Ks Public Health Assoc \$75.00; Ks Silver Haired Legislature \$16.22; Ks Withholding Tax \$12,420.79; Kansasland Tire \$7,046.61; Sherryl Ketter \$115.08; KIPHS Inc \$1,200.00; Bill Knitig \$75.00; Knott Just Books \$119.31; Knox Consultant Service \$1,249.50; Koons Funeral Chapel \$452.50; L&M Rental \$2,502.50; L&W Barrett Co Inc \$199.25; Lane Co Health Dept \$1,314.56; Language Line Services \$35.00; Larry's Professional 2-way \$1,152.93; Law Enforcement Systems Inc \$67.00; League of Ks Municipalities \$11.78; Legal Directory Publishing Co Inc \$102.75; Lippincott Williams & Wilkins \$44.90; Lockwood Co Inc \$3,865.20; Lonny's Quality Auto Body Inc \$250.97; Malsom Welding \$3,750.00; Gracia Maricle \$270.00; Marietta L Whalen Rev Trust UTA \$896.29; Michita Marriott \$167.48; Martin Tractor Co Inc \$24,975.09; McClung Appliance Inc \$48.95; McClure Plumbing & Heating Inc \$453.18; Bob McClure \$102.43; McCook City Volunteer Fire Dept \$200.00; McKesson Medical \$539.18; Wm McKnight \$.86; Mechanical Component Co Inc \$358.20; Med-Enterprises \$596.49; Medco Supply Co \$47.65; Medical Arts Clinic \$310.00; Merek Human Health \$1,788.14; Mary Messamore \$201.99; MHC Kenworth \$11,527.84; Michael Todd & Co Inc \$300.63; Mid-Kan Blueline Inc \$71.54; Midwest Energy Inc \$411.24; Midwest Superstore \$356.60; Mike Miller \$5,775.00; Miller's Electronics Corp \$454.30; James M Milliken Chartered \$210.74; Mitch Tiede Terracing \$6,600.00; Mr. Good Rinse \$155.70; NADA Appraisal Guides \$55.00; Nat'l Sign Co \$124.71; Penny Nemechek \$3,036.00; Dr Noordhoek \$2,791.70; Northern Safety Co Inc \$106.86; Norwest Recreation Inc \$317.70; NW Ks Ambulance Service \$16,102.15; NW Ks Area Agency on Aging Inc \$766.85; NW Ks Area Medical Foundation \$717.96; NW Ks Silver Haired Legislature \$16.22; NW Ks Substance Abuse Unit \$3,457.14; NW Ks Technical College \$84.00; NW Ks Travel Council Inc \$450.00; O J Watson Co Inc \$60.50; Oakley Graphic \$4.00; Office Works Inc \$143.43; Orschelns \$1,223.01; Overhead Door of NW Ks \$244.82; Ken Palmgren \$21.46; Parts House \$2,124.21; PDQ Emergency Products \$57.99; Britany Pettibone \$350.00; Jay Pettibone \$27.72; Stan Pettibone \$64.38; Pfizer Pharmaceuticals \$346.73; Phillips 66 \$25.30; Physicians Reference Lab LLC \$363.40; Burton Pianalto \$100.19; Plaza Inn \$122.16; Primedia Business Book Div \$56.95; Prints & the Paper \$739.90; Professional Radiology Services \$298.00; Property Management \$45.00; Psychological Sciences Corp \$125.00; Quartermaster \$50.85; Rasure Lumber Co \$2,260.51; Kevin & Christina Rasure \$100.00; Resource Management Co Inc \$60.90; Retailers' Sales Tax \$125.85; Terry Rieger \$190.00; Janet Rumpel \$175.95; S&J Creations \$144.00; S&T \$6,329.23; Salina Blueprint \$11.50; Iris Scheopner \$42.39; Scheopner's Water Conditioning Inc \$255.00; Kim Schields \$20.00; Darrell Schrader \$77,714.28; Seamhead Sports & Apparel \$44.00; Bonnie Selby \$515.74; Serendipity Flower Shop \$30.00; Sherman Co Abstract Co Inc \$2,002.00; Sherman Co Convention Visitors Bureau \$28,673.54; Sherman Co Economic Development \$12,500.00; Sherman Co Health Dept \$14,073.44; Sherman Co Rural Fire \$260.00; Sherman Co Soil Conservation \$970.99; Sherman Co Treasurer \$9,257.84; Shores Inc \$399.64; Jason Showalter \$133.07; Scott Showalter \$600.00; Melvin Sieck \$23.68; Simpson Farm Enterprises Inc \$575.00; Marshall Siruta \$119.51; Ray Smee \$33.11; Software Spectrum Inc \$81.89; SWB \$7,448.30; Stegman Subway \$71.70; Stephens-Peck Inc \$59.00; Roger Studer \$96.75; Sugar Hills Golf Club \$188.90; SW Mgmt Fund-KDHE \$1,124.11; Sycom Inc \$39.22; TJ's Tires \$95.29; Thomas Co ADAC \$3,457.15; Thomas Co Treasurer \$1,061.30; Lucy Thomas \$100.00; ThyssenKrupp Elevator Corp \$1,148.97; Topside Inc \$580.05; Tri-State Exterminating Co \$73.00; Truck & Tractor Repair LLC \$352.62; UAP Timberland LLC \$8,170.40; Unicel \$5.24; Unique Truck Equipment Inc \$1,486.95; United States Plastic Corp \$1,109.23; United States Postal Service \$4,024.19; University of Ks \$195.00; Van Diest Supply Co \$14,923.45; VFW Post #1133 \$175.00; Vignery & Mason LLC \$3,265.00; Viking Office Products \$809.44; VonFeldt, Bauer, VonFeldt Chartered \$170.25; Walmart Community \$7,660.06; Perry Warren \$2,181.25; Washburn University \$168.00; Waste Connections Inc \$12,494.40; Wear Parts & Equip Co Inc \$10,090.63; Weis Oil Co \$1,807.83; Wells Fargo Financial Leasing \$1,104.30; Daryl West \$10.14; Western Pyramid Public Health \$40.00; Western Times \$3.80; Western Uniform Inc \$1,068.54; WH Scale Co Inc \$915.00; Doug Whitson \$1,794.55; Wilkens Manufacturing Inc \$25.69; Witness Fees \$30.00; Witzel & Rhea Co \$286.69; Workflow \$470.78; Crystal Wright \$117.08; Wyeth Pharmaceuticals \$969.69; Xerox Corp \$168.00; Zimmerman Plumbing Inc \$85.00 TOTAL EXPENDITURES \$796,463.37

Child artists need encouragement

Some say great artists are born and not made. That may be true. Pablo Picasso, renowned for his unique style, is quoted as saying, "I used to draw like Raphael, but it has taken me a whole lifetime to learn to draw like children."

The lack of inhibition shown in children's beginning artwork should be encouraged from an early age. Visual arts help improve a child's fine motor skills and encourage individuality, curiosity and patience.

From very early in life, children show a preference for colors and patterns. Infants as young as a few weeks enjoy viewing moderately stimulating patterns. By the second year of life, children begin to enjoy scribbling.

Parents of a one year old can attest to the artistic interest of a child left alone with mashed potatoes and a highchair tray. Scribbling is common in children eighteen months to three years old.



most children begin to exhibit a work in a location low enough to be

sense of reality in their drawings. Parents and other caregivers can encourage artistic expression by exposing children to a wide variety of artistic styles. When choosing books, it is important that the illus- mixed with food coloring and sidetrations show variety.

Encourage your child's imagination by asking him to draw "imaginary animals" or an animal in motion. Helping a child find pictures in scribbles encourages the child's ativity. efforts and imagination.

It is important that an adult or older child never criticizes a young child's art. Rather than guessing what an indistinguishable picture is market. Very little cost is involved By three, the scribbles begin to ask the child to tell you about his in encouraging creativity, and the form crude pictures. By age six, picture. This helps a child's verbal benefits last a lifetime.

in the child's view. Encourage the child to use a variety of textures and art mediums but be certain it is age appropriate.

Shaving cream, bubble solution walk chalk are all good alternatives to crayons and markers. Coloring book pages are acceptable occasionally, but children should be encouraged to express their own cre-

For more ideas on helping your child express his creativity, ask your local librarian. Many very good books on art for children are on the

matters of record

Goodland Police

reported to the Goodland Police Department:

Jan. 17 — Rhonda J. Lovins reported \$410 worth of jewelry stolen at 802 Eastridge.

District Traffic

The following fines were paid in the Sherman County District Court: Dec. 22 — Melissa M. Ransier, 20, Boulder, Colo., \$159 for speed-

ing. John C. Unrich, 36, Brooklyn, N.Y., \$138 for speeding. Kenneth L. Farr, 50, Eudora, straint. \$126 for speeding.

Phillip P. Houseman, 35, West-The following crimes have been minster, Colo., \$160 for no Kansas Springs, \$150 for speeding. registration.

Kalyan C. Dasari, 27, Dallas, minster, \$159 for speeding. \$315 for speeding.

Christopher W. Green, 20, Little- Colo., \$120 for speeding. ton, Colo., \$132 for speeding.

rence, \$120 for speeding. **Dec. 23** — Eloy R. Duran, 20,

Aurora, Colo., \$132 for speeding. Clint L. Field, 20, Castle Rock, Colo., \$360 for no liability insur-

ance. Richard M. Lukasiewicz, 42, Parker, Colo., \$80 for no child re-

Nicki M. Reno, 30, Colorado Joshua D. Slocum, 20, West-

Madlyn D. Tombs, 58, Aurora,

Dashdavaa Bordukh, 31, Over-

Robert M. Heidrick, 32, Law- land Park, \$168 for speeding. Elizabeth M. Craig, 44, Law-

rence, \$138 for speeding. Kimberley R. Arnold, 22, Engle-

wood, Colo., \$222 for speeding. Dec. 28 — Natalie A. Beck, 24, Topeka, \$138 for improper parking.

Scott A. Tidwell, 31, Brighton, Colo., \$120 for unlawful acts with

Okla., \$120 for speeding. Keane E. Jarvi, 36, Boulder,

Colo., \$132 for speeding. Benjamin J. Kinsella, 35, Den-

ver, \$150 for speeding. Michael D. Orr, Jr., 34, Highland

Ranch, Colo., \$120 for speeding. Christopher M. Poole, 21, Fort Smith, Ark., \$240 for speeding.

Jay P. Ringhofer, 37, Aurora,

Colo., \$150 for speeding. Nancy J. Saunders, 33, Engle-

wood, Colo., \$144 for speeding. Jason C. Wolfe, 28, Colorado Springs, \$90 for speeding.

Nathan A. Shoaf, 20, Louisville, Stephen S. Hull, Jr., 51, Edmond, Colo., \$108 for speeding and \$10 lins, Colo., \$270 for speeding. for no seat belt.

Isaac A. Nettles, 30, Brewton, 30, Springboro, Ohio, \$132 for Ala., \$180 for over weight limit on speeding. wheels and axles.

for speeding.

John Lawrence, 23, Los Angeles, Calif., \$300 for speeding.

26, Grand Junction, Colo., \$126 for speeding.

Thaddeus K. Inniss, 49, Las Vegas, Nev., \$255 for speeding. Jason M. Lycan, 25, Thornton, Colo., \$150 for speeding.

a vehicle. Jared G. Williams, 21, Fort Col-

Dec. 29—George E. Reinke, Jr.,

Armando Vallearellano, 36, Jose D. Tapia, 31, Denver, \$186 Boulder, Colo., \$144 for speeding. Seth T. Mattock, 29, Denver, \$126 for speeding.

Angela L. Stone, 44, Highland Dec. 27 — Andrew G. Duprey, Ranch, Colo., \$132 for speeding. Dena B. Prochorcmik, 29, Fort Collins, Colo., \$132 for speeding. Charlotte E. New, 26, Eastergate, England, \$255 for speeding.

Roger J. Schindele, 44, Cape Girardeau, Mo., \$114 for speeding.

S&T PAID \$1,444,302.72 in **Property Taxes**

S&T Telephone Coop Association and S&T Communications, LLC paid \$1,444,302.72 in property taxes to the following Northwest Kansas Counties for the year 2004:

CHEYENNE	\$213.37	SCOTT	\$4,179.21
GOVE	\$84,739.38	SHERIDAN	\$39,821,43
LANE	\$224,238.33	SHERMAN	\$328,447,10
LOGAN	\$89,793.28	THOMAS	\$662,112.82
NESS	\$179.37	WALLACE	\$1.622.76
RAWLINS	\$8 955 67		, ,

These property taxes, together with the dollars we spend on services, payroll and upgrading our plant facilities, help support the local economy.

S&T would like to thank our patrons for their trust and support in our endeavors to provide them with the best state of the art technology.



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201 E Long 1318 Main Dighton KS Goodland KS 620-397-2111 785-890-7400

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