

weather report

23°

noon Monday



Today

• Sunset, 5:14 p.m.

Wednesday

• Sunrise, 6:46 a.m.

• Sunset, 5:15 p.m.

Midday Conditions

- Soil temperature 33 degrees
- Humidity 81 percent
- Sky cloudy
- Winds east 9 mph
- Barometer 30.08 inches and falling
- Record High today 76° (1943)
- Record Low today -22° (1936)

Last 24 Hours*

High Sunday	41°
Low Sunday	24°
Precipitation	.09
This month	.09
Year to date	.18
Normal	.49

The Topside Forecast

Today: cloudy with 60 percent chance of snow before noon with an accumulation of less than one inch, high around 27, low near 11, winds north northeast 11-14 mph. Wednesday: mostly sunny, high around 34, low around 15, winds north northwest 3-7 mph.

Extended Forecast

Thursday: partly cloudy, high near 38, low around 22. Friday and Saturday: slight chance of rain. (National Weather Service)
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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$2.99 bushel
Posted county price — \$3.02
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$1.75 bushel
Posted county price — \$1.70
Loan deficiency pmt. — 25¢
Milo — \$1.43 bushel
Soybeans — \$4.37 bushel
Posted county price — \$4.57
Loan deficiency pmt. — 11¢
Millet — \$6 hundredweight
Sunflowers
Oil current crop — \$11.20 cwt.
NuSun — \$11.30 cwt.
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Confection — \$19/\$13 cwt.
Pinto beans — \$25
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowboys scalp Indians

Cowboys senior Lane Winter (No. 21) tried to score in the first half Friday against St. Francis Indian Joel McAfee (No. 30) at Max Jones Fieldhouse. The Cowboys travel to Lakin tonight to face the Broncos. Photos, story on Page 8.

Hundreds learn to stay healthy

By Kathryn Burke

The Goodland Star-News

Hundreds of people braved a chilly morning Saturday to learn more about their health and how to stay healthy at the Sherman County Health Fair.

The fair, at the Goodland Activities Center, featured everything from blood checks through the county Health Department and the Goodland Regional Medical Center to funeral information from Bateman and Koons funeral homes.

Parked out in front of the activities center, a Lions Club screening vehicle tested both hearing and vision for free.

The recreational vehicle has been converted to hold three sound booths and two vision testing machines.

Eye tests included visual acuity — the same test used for driver's licenses — and eye health. For the hearing test, participants were placed in sound-proof booths where they were tested on a series of beeping noises. The machines tested both ears in high and low frequencies.

Inside the building, a check-in table was set up where visitors were given a bag for any brochures, cards or prizes they wanted to take home.

On a pool table out front, the

health fair committee was holding a raffle for a sports basket. The tickets cost \$1 each and gave fairgoers a chance to win tickets to the National Basketball Association All Star game in Denver, a Denver Broncos football, several sports ball caps and other sports items. Money raised was used to offset the cost of the fair.

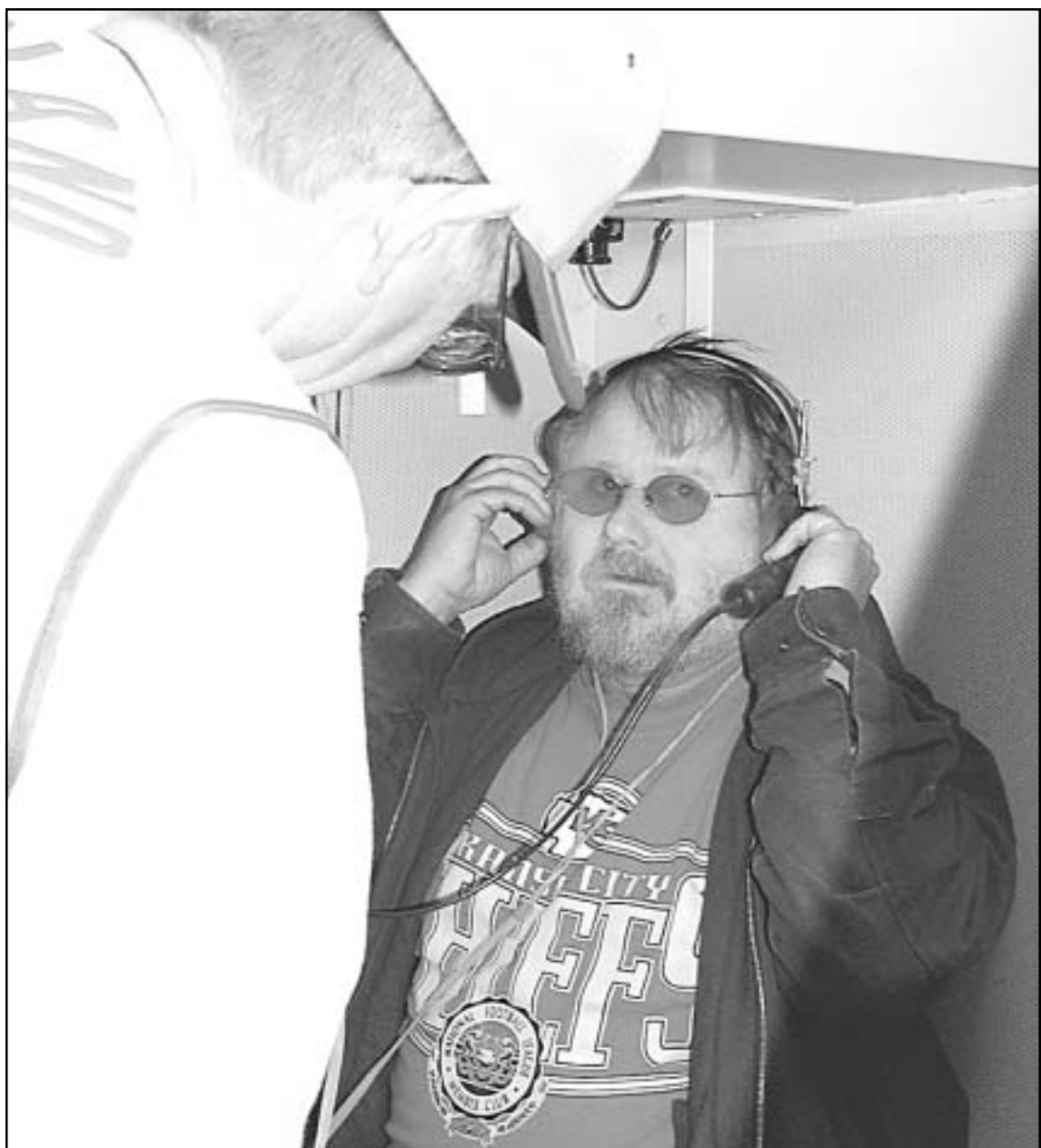
In the main gym, over 30 booths were set up to educate visitors. The longest line was set up in the northwest corner for blood test results.

Brenda McCants, patient relations director for the hospital, said about 480 participants went to the health department two weeks earlier to have blood drawn. Each person later got a sheet of paper with results to bring into the health fair. The results were then analyzed by Dr. David Younger, Dr. Travis Daise or Dr. Mohedine Shafei, in private rooms at the fair.

Booths at the fair were set up for almost every kind of health issue, even a table for ground water.

Ken Crawford, a field technician with the Northwest Local Environmental Protection Group, said ground water can be contaminated, and that affects health. His agency

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Goodland Lions Club member Paul Chaffin (left in top photo) helped Gary Kickler into a booth in the Lions van for a hearing test Saturday at the Sherman County Health Fair. Dr. Mohedine Shafei (right) of Goodland Regional Medical Center explained blood-test results to Mary Ann and Bernard Weishapl. Goodland Police Department Cpl. Bill Fulcher (above) helped Hannah Dechant and her mom Koren add a fingerprint to her Ident-a-Kid card. The fair was held at the Goodland Activities Center.

Photos by Kathryn Burke/The Goodland Star-News



Week long celebration highlights college

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

Activities are planned this week at the Northwest Kansas Technical College to highlight National Career and Technical Education Week.

The college celebrates the event the second week of February each year, inviting the whole town to visit the campus throughout the week.

Special activities started Monday, when the Ambassador Leaders, who have been working with first and second grade students at West Elementary school, displayed art work the students designed to show the future.

A retiree luncheon is planned for today in the college cafeteria to recognize those who have served the college and remain supporters of its programs.

The second annual Women in Technology Day will be Wednesday. Seven area schools will participate; girls will have the opportunity to get their hands dirty and hear from women in several male-dominated fields.

Girls have been invited from the Goodland, St. Francis, Cheylin, Weskan, Atwood, Golden Plains and Bethune, Colo., said Patti Purvis, college publications and events

coordinator. She said the school is looking for girls who would make good leaders and hopes they will go back to their schools and tell others about what they learn.

The girls will try their hands at welding and engineering, she said. One presentation will be from a forensic nurse who does sexual assault investigations, Purvis said, and others will include an aviator, who will fly in from Alabama, and a lieutenant with the Garden City Police Department who has been in law enforcement 28 years.

The day is designed to encourage women to pursue careers normally

dominated by men. Dr. Meagan Pearce, a Goodland dentist, will be one of the presenters. The panel also includes an army aviator, graduates of the engineering technology program and a Kansas National Guard truck driver.

Thursday will be Senior Day, featuring an Open House for high school students. The high school kids can shadow tech college students, hear them talk about their education and finish their enrollments, scholarship applications and housing contracts. A drawing for one \$500 tuition award will be held at 11 a.m.

The week will conclude with Student Appreciation Day on Friday. The office and student service staff will provide treats to college students in the cafeteria that morning.

"It is always exciting to host a special week on our campus to recognize the good work of our technical college," said President Ken Clouse. "Because of our enormous need in today's work force for quality technicians and competent employees to serve the technical needs of our society, the college is proud to take time out to celebrate our contributions."

Sheriff to review driving records for emergency permits

Sherman County commissioners want to check the driving records of people asking for emergency vehicle permits for accidents and drunk-driving violations.

Sheriff Kevin Butts said the fire chiefs have asked about new forms the commissioners adopted, and are wondering what guidelines the commissioners are looking at regarding the driving records. The permits allows the person to equip their vehicle with red lights and siren. They are issued to volunteer emergency workers, usually fire fighters and ambulance crew.

The commissioners said thought it would be a good idea to have Sher-

Extension district may get tax cap

A new extension district for Sherman and Wallace counties could take advantage of changes in Kansas law which removed a cap on property taxes, and Sherman County commissioners are asking if they can impose a new lid.

At Tuesday's meeting, Extension Agent Dana Belshe said he had discovered that the resolution the commissioners passed in November to form an extension district includes a statement about a property

tax limit that has been removed by state law.

The commissioners will discuss the issue again at today's meeting, which begins at 8 a.m. at the commissioner room on the main floor of the Sherman County courthouse, 813 Broadway.

Belshe said Tuesday that at the time the extension officials ask the county to approve the resolution, they

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iff Butts review the driving records and make recommendations, the commissioners make the final deci-

sion. The commissioners decided that as a standard guideline, the person

requesting the permit should not have any more than three moving violations in five years, and no more

than one major violation in five years. Approval will remain with the commissioners. The commissioners said they would prefer not to have people with bad driving records holding emergency vehicle permits.

While the sheriff was at the meeting, he told commissioners that Keith Bowman of Bowman's Heating and Air Conditioning has done an analysis of the walls and the heating problems at the Bastille.

Commissioner Kevin Rasure suggested hard fiberglass panels could be used over insulation in the

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