

Hundreds attend annual fair, learn how to stay healthy

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works to protect water quality with testing and installation of new types of wells.

Dental health was explored at the fair by Dr. Megan G. Pearce of the Goodland Dental Arts clinic, who screened visitors for oral cancer. She said dentists do the screening for patients 18 and older, and they are especially careful with smokers.

The hospital set up booths to check blood oxygen levels and to measure blood pressure.

One health department booth

checked body fat percentages and taught visitors about precursors to diabetes. Another was geared toward breast self exams for cancer and take-home colorectal cancer screening kits. The kits are to be returned to the health department for results.

In a sectioned off room, members of the Goodland Police Department took photographs and fingerprinted children as a part of the Ident-a-Kid program. Parents are given a card with the information to use just in case.

Police Chief Ray Smee said the department gives the cards to the

family so they will have the information even if they move.

The Kansas Highway Patrol was educating fairgoers about child safety seats and general safety issues.

Members of the Regional Prevention Center had booths to educate visitors about Smart Start and how to prevent child abuse and neglect.

The Motivation Achievement Success Youth Group showed up to educate kids on the dangers of smoking. Cris Lovington, former prevention center specialist and sponsor of the youth group, said the group works to demonstrate the

negative effects of smoking.

Even mental health was addressed, with booths from High Plains Mental Health and Heartland Rural Counseling Services.

The fair featured more booths, from Lou and Diana Spinney, the Sherman County Good Samaritan Center, Smart Start, county Emergency Medical Services, the Extension office, Community Partners of Sherman County, Farm Bureau, the Red Cross, Hospice Services, Lincare, Medlink, Big Brothers-Big Sisters of Sherman County, Tender Love Home Care, the Farm

foster care and the Northwest Kansas Family Shelter.

Although some participants said they didn't feel any healthier when

they left the center Saturday, many went out armed with brochures, information and doctor's opinions on how to get and stay healthy.

Sheriff to review permits

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cell areas and that sheet rock and insulation could be used in other areas. Insulation could be added in the ceiling of one or two of the rooms to see what it does for the heating bills.

Butts said the vault and the cell room are the coldest, and he suggested doing the evidence room first.

Butts asked if he could pay for meals for deputies when they are picking up or delivering a prisoner out of town.

In January, the commissioners decided not to pay for meals for county employees when there is no

overnight stay. The Internal Revenue Service is saying meals on day trips are a taxable benefit. Butts said he felt this was not fair to his men.

County Clerk Janet Rumpel said she had talked to county auditor Mark Bauer of VonFeldt, Bauer and VonFeldt about the deputies. She said Bauer agreed that the deputies were different because they were on duty and have to guard a prisoner, so he did not feel those meals were taxable.

The commissioners agreed that meals for the deputies would be reimbursed. However, when Butts asked about meals for deputies attending one-day schools, the consensus was those meals would not be reimbursed.

Extension district may get property tax cap

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did not know about the change. He said he wanted the commissioners to know before the district is officially created.

The commissioners asked County Clerk Janet Rumpel to investigate and see if it is possible for the commissioners to amend or revise the resolution to impose a tax levy cap on the district.

Sherman County levies 1.71 mills for the Sherman County Extension Council, and for this year will raise \$112,518. She said Kansas State University contributes \$17,000 to the extension program.

With the original maximum tax of 2.5 mills, the new extension district could receive up to \$140,000 annually from the Sherman County

taxpayers.

Before approving the resolution Tuesday, the commissioners had County Clerk Janet Rumpel read a portion of the state law establishing an extension district, and setting up the taxing authority.


The law says an extension district "...is a taxing subdivision, and has the power to contract, sue and be sued, and to acquire, hold and convey real and personal property in accordance with law."

The law defines the composition of the district board, and how members are to be elected. Under the section dealing with budgets and tax levy, the law says, "...the extension district may make an annual tax levy upon all the taxable tangible property of the district to be used to plan and conduct the educational

programs of the district...

"...the rate fixed is not to exceed the greater of the rate of 2.5 mills or the rate determined to yield an amount equal to the product of \$75,000 multiplied by the number of counties within the extension district."



However, Belshe said the Legislature had removed the tax lid and repealed the maximum levy.



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