

weather report

61°

noon

Thursday

Today

• Sunset, 6:34 p.m.

Saturday

• Sunrise, 6:42 a.m.

• Sunset, 6:33 p.m.

Midday Conditions

• Soil temperature 57 degrees
• Humidity 39 percent
• Sky sunny
• Winds southwest at 12 m.p.h.
• Barometer 30.20 inches
and Falling

• Record High today 94° (1942)
• Record Low today 25° (1985)

Last 24 Hours*

High Wednesday 68°
Low Thursday 35°
Precipitation —
This month 1.03
Year to date 19.23
Above normal 1.86 inches

The Topside Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny, high near 81, low around 44.

Extended Forecast

Saturday: Sunny, high near 83, low near 46. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high near 84, low around 48. Monday: Mostly sunny, high near 81, low around 47. Tuesday: Partly cloudy, high near 75, low around 46. Wednesday: Partly cloudy, high near 75.

(National Weather Service)

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* Readings taken at 7 a.m.

local markets

Noon

Wheat — \$4.19 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.68
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Corn — \$2.44 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.44
Loan deficiency pmt. — 0¢
Milo — \$2.04 bushel
Soybeans — \$2.68 bushel
Posted county price — \$2.68
Loan deficiency pmt. — 13¢
Millet — \$6.50 hundredweight
Sunflowers
NuSun crop — \$11.75
Pinto beans — \$19 (new crop)
(Markets by Mueller Grain, Sigco Sun, Frontier Equity Co-op and 21st Century Bean. These may not be closing figures.)

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Cowgirls finish fifth

Sandy Johnson (left) and Jena McCall played No. 1 doubles at a 12-team tennis tournament Saturday in Garden City, placing fourth. The Cowgirls finished fifth in the tournament. See story, photo on Page 10a.



Tina Hicks (above), a health care technician from the University of Kansas Medical Center, drew blood from Kendall Cooper during free cancer screenings Saturday at the Flatlander Fall Festival. Dr. William Jewell (right), a surgeon from the center, told Fred Studer, owner of Fred's Auto of Goodland, where to put his face to get a view of sun damage to his skin.

Photos by Sharon Corcoran/The Goodland Star-News



People drop pants for skin cancer clinic

By Sharon Corcoran

The Goodland Star-News

“Drop your pants, and let’s look at those legs.”

About 80 people heard those words Saturday as Dr. William Jewell, a surgeon from the University of Kansas Medical Center, did skin cancer screenings during the Flatlander Fall Festival.

The Kansas Masonic Foundation and Kansas Shriners sponsored the screenings, setting up a booth in front of Dr. Sid Unruh’s office at 1015 Main. Doctors, nurses and technicians from the medical center flew to Goodland to do

blood tests for prostate cancer, breast and skin cancer screenings and give out information.

The event was a success, sponsors said, with more people stopping in than was expected.

Eighty-one people registered for screenings, said Ken Baum, a Mason, but there could have been more. They ran out of equipment to do blood tests, he said.

The most they ever had for free cancer screenings, he said, was 120 at Garden City, but they usually average 40. They ran out of stuff and shut down the screenings at 1 p.m., Baum said.

“I took the doctors to the airport,” he said, “and when I got back downtown to the booth,

I counted at least 20 people trying to get in.”

Ruth Oben, a registered nurse, did breast exams and helped with blood draws for prostate screenings. She and Tina Hicks, a health care technician, drew blood and then sent patients on to urologist Jeffrey Holzbeierlein.

A fake breast with a lump lying on a counter next to the line for skin cancer screening drew a lot of attention, as did a model of the sizes of lumps normally found by accident, by regular self-exams, by irregular self-exams and by mammograms. Men were encouraged to touch the fake breast, and Green pointed out that they may be the ones most likely to find

their wives’ skin cancer.

In over half of women who come in with breast cancer, she said, it was found by a partner.

Many who had other screenings also were screened for skin cancer, leaving a long line outside the room Jewell used. Besides a mole check, those who stopped in got a strange look at their faces, as a purple light showed sun-damaged skin in yellow.

Brooke Groneman, outreach director, helped with the screenings. The doctors and staff who helped are from the university hospital’s cancer center.

County reviews costs, options on road projects

By Tom Betz

The Goodland Star-News

Sherman County commissioners reviewed cost estimates and options Tuesday for county projects in the joint city-county list to be put out for bid in January, and wound up hoping the estimates are higher than the bids.

Commission Chairman Kevin Rasure said all the estimates together are about \$500,000 over the \$12 million available from the bonds sold on Sept. 12 to pay for the city-county road projects.

“Yes, these are estimates,” Rasure said, “and until the bids come in we won’t know where we are.”

Jerol DeBoer, with Penco Engineering of Plainville, was at the meeting to talk about the options and give commissioners his recommendations on 32.7 miles of old U.S. 24, five miles of Road 65 (Eighth Street west of K-27) and a mile of Road 16 from old U.S. 24 to Road 65 past the Sugar Hills Golf Club.

Cost estimates, options for roads

By Tom Betz

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County commissioners reviewed cost options Tuesday for the Sherman County road projects on old U.S. 24 across the county, County Road 65 (Eighth Street) for five miles west of K-27 and a mile of County Road 16 between old U.S. 24 and Road 65.

Jerol DeBoer, engineer for Penco Engineering of Plainville, presented estimates for two options on each project.

The first option for old U.S. 24 was to mill 1 inch

off the entire length to smooth the pavement and then put down a 3-inch asphalt overlay. The estimated cost is \$5,480,190. The second option would be the 1 inch mill and 3-inch overlay on about 30 miles; a 2 inch mill and 4-inch overlay on two miles and a mill; and a subgrade modification and 8-inch pavement on about three-quarters of a mile. The cost would be \$5,917,404.

On Road 65, the estimated cost is \$2,206,465 for a mill, subgrade modification and 7-inch asphalt on

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Rasure agreed he would like to see the mile between Road 16 and Road 17 upgraded.

“Give the contractor the option,” DeBoer advised.

“Should we bid old 24 with the two options?” Rasure asked Way.

“It is your decision,” Way said.

Commissioner Mitch Tiede said they should bid option 2 on old 24, (mill one inch and overlay about 30 miles, do a two-inch mill and four-inch overlay on two miles and a mill, subgrade modification and eight-inch pavement on three-quarters of a mile), and option 1 (one-inch mill and three-inch overlay on all of old 24 — 32.7 miles), as an alternate. Tiede suggested increasing the mill and subgrade modification and eight-inch pavement to a mile.

DeBoer said they would know better before the contractor starts doing the milling.

“You want to make the right de-

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Historical Society being sued for woman’s fall at Handy House

By Pat Schiefen

The Goodland Star-News

A rural Logan County woman is suing the Sherman County Historical Society for up to \$405,000 for an injury she says she received at the society’s Ennis-Handy House, 202 W. 13th, on Aug. 9, 2004.

The suit, filed in July in Sherman County District Court, says that Lesa Beamer of Oakley was touring the historic home when she went upstairs to an attic room and fell, according to her attorney, Melvin J. Sauer of Hays.

The lawsuit is in the early stages

of discovery, said Sauer. Discovery is the process where both sides have access to the evidence and can take statements of witnesses.

The society’s attorney, Joel W. Riggs of Topeka, filed a request asking the most money Beamer could be awarded. In documents filed in Sherman County District Court, her attorney said that would be \$405,000. Her attorney requested a jury trial.

Beamer was touring the home with her mother, the suit says. After she fell, her mother took her to the Goodland Regional Medical Center emergency room, her lawyer said,

and she was released after treatment.

Later, she went to her own doctor in Quinter, who put her right leg in a cast because of fractures to her ankle and leg, Sauer said.

Beamer maintains that she had economic and noneconomic damages due to negligence by the house’s owners in failing to keep the premises in “a reasonably safe condition,” court documents say.

She had to have physical therapy and missed work because of it, Sauer said.

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North Caldwell to close Monday for road project

Caldwell Avenue will be closed north of the airport entrance Monday for a project to mill off old asphalt and overlay the pavement, plus replacing the approaches to the Sappa Creek bridge with concrete.

The county road will be closed from the airport and Butterfly Café to County Road 67, just south of the K-27 intersection.

Caldwell will be closed for six to eight weeks, said Curt Way, county public works manager. People heading to the Sherman

County Transfer station will have to use K-27 to Road 67.

Grasser Construction of Stratton, Colo., is the primary contractor for the \$347,063 project.

“We are pleased to see the work being done this fall, as the project was let to contract in August,” said Construction Engineer Jeff Stewart of the Kansas Department of Transportation in Norton.

The project is part of Sherman County’s five-year-plan projects through the state Surface Transportation Program.